

## Regular Session of Village Council

September 9, 2014

### **Call to Order**

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Erwin. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Roll Call was completed by the Mayor. The following members were present.

Judy Neal – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

York Bryant – P

John Poe – P

Terry Erwin – P

William Thompson – P

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to approve the minutes of the August 12th Regular Session and August 4th, 18th and 26th, 2014 Special Sessions; second by Councilman Bryant. Five yeas, one nay with dissent by Councilman Thompson. Motion carried.

### **Shawn Campbell / Jones Warner Engineering**

Campbell reported the firm executed agreement for the emergency water connection. He advised the plans for the pit by Western Water are being reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency; Jones Warner is reviewing and finalizing plans for the Village connection which will be submitted to EPA. He stated the numbers are preliminary which were provided on the plant replacement. He also looked at other alternatives, Master Bulk Water Purchase Permanent Connection. He advised Warren County is at Zorr Road, approximately 1 ½ miles. They will make a presentation at the next Council meeting for bulk water. Campbell stated he must look at all options. Western Water will provide a proposal also. The Mayor stated the consensus of residents is that we stay in the water business. Bryant stated it is our biggest revenue. Discussion followed. Campbell reported the steel structure is completed. The Mayor asked Village Administrator Smith to read the letter from EPA. Rod Smith stated the floor shoring project at Plant 2 is completed and back in order; the process has been started to remove the filter media which will take a few days due to the bottom few layers being cemented. He advised there will then be a system wide flush between 11pm and 5am; it will take one week. Smith stated an emergency connection was in place at the time the Mayor, Mr. Campbell and he met with the EPA on 8/21/14. He stated a follow up letter is included in Council's packet. Mayor Erwin asked him to read it to all present. He read points 1, 2 and 3, Emergency Alternative Connection, Plant Structural Integrity/Filter Media Replacement and Addressing Rusty Water Complaints. The Mayor advised the letter would be placed on the website. He stated our time to act is now; we must exercise the option. The process will take approximately 3 years.

Campbell stated a funding schematic was presented; we pursued a pre-application with OPW and a 0% interest loan. The application ranked fourth highest priority project in the County. The loan represents a substantial portion, \$1 million at \$0 interest. He stated it will be 2016 when those dollars are available; design and EPA are required which will take 6 to 8 months. Once the decision is made by the Village, Campbell stated we can move forward.

Mayor Erwin advised he would like to include these remarks in the response to EPA. He stated a schedule should be set, a time line which should also be included. Smith stated we must abide by the rules if we want to be in the water business or EPA will take control. Shawn Campbell stated there will be fines. Bryant cited a prior experience with EPA and urged compliance. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Kilburn discussed a 10 car break-in at the Woodlands and ongoing activity which the police are investigating. He also stated Highlawn is freshly paved and buses are having trouble getting around parked cars. Kilburn suggested *No Parking Signs* are needed for Monday through Friday, not on weekends. Mayor stated parking space is limited; we need to move on this quickly. Dave Ducker stated there should be no parking on the street. The Mayor asked for Council's thoughts on the matter. Council members agreed with the

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restricted parking Monday through Friday. The Mayor asked Solicitor Kaspar for his recommendation. Kaspar suggested an Ordinance at the next meeting. Thompson asked for clarification on the Ordinance. Kaspar advised specifics were needed prior to preparing the Ordinance. The Mayor asked the Chief about Welch Road parking; Neal asked if Houston was included. Kilburn stated Highlawn was the immediate concern. Bev Massey discussed the Fire Code and asked if the street was wide enough for cars and fire equipment.

### **Reports / Legislation from Village Officials**

Village Administrator Smith referred Council to his monthly report. He discussed the Zoning Code update process which would begin later in the month and meetings planned by Warren County. He advised the meetings would be posted on the Village website. Smith also advised the Catfish Tournament hosted by Parks and Recreation was scheduled for Saturday, September 13th from 8pm to 12am. He gave the requirements, fishing license and registration at the event. Councilman Erwin added a table would be set up for registration. The second Annual Christmas on Main is planned for November 29, 2014; Smith stated calls are coming in to reserve booths for the event.

The Administrator reported the 2014 Police Department Report was included in his written report and commended the department. He asked that Council review the wide variety of calls to which they respond. The Mayor stated three lives were saved by chest compressions. Smith advised the Mayor's Court Report for August was attached. He also reported the delinquent assessments were filed with Warren County. Smith provided Special Dates, September 8th, 14th, October 4th and 10th, birthdays for Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler, Village Engineer Al Koehler, Village Administrator Rod Smith and Council member Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh respectively.

### **Ordinances/Resolutions**

Kathie Koehler requested a Resolution accepting amounts and rates for the annual 1.7 mil. Standard Bank Reconciliation Reports, Revenue Status by Fund Summary and disbursements were provided. Kaspar read the proposed Resolution.

Motion by Erwin to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #13-14; second by Councilman Poe. All yea by roll call. Motion by Erwin to adopt Resolution #13-14, accepting amounts and rates and certifying them to the County Auditor; second by Poe. All yea by roll call. Motion carried.

Bryant asked about a theft in the 200 Block of Miami Street. The Police Chief responded. Bryant also inquired as to what was done about Alpine Street, asking if the Bond was located. He stated the street condition is bad. The Mayor advised the Bond for the Woodlands is in the Safety Deposit Box. Kaspar stated he would review the contract and make a recommendation on the Bond. The Mayor advised he spoke with owners; they are selling acreage. Bryant stated the value of the property is down. Kaspar advised the contract is based on the Planned Unit Development. The Mayor stated as part of the Homeowner's Association, everyone gets a vote and the Allen's are majority holders of the development. Discussion followed. The Mayor referred Kaspar to Shawn Campbell to have him look at the development. Bryant acknowledged the Street Crew swept and plowed snow there. The Mayor stated we will look at options.

### **Public Forum**

Bev Massey discussed the problems at the Plaza and referred to a photo showing the failing ceiling. She said it is a safety hazard and the entire Plaza has problems with asbestos. Kilburn advised he sent a letter to the owner. Discussion followed. The Mayor stated he was aware of asbestos in the floor tile. Massey stated one tenant is paying substantial rent. The Village Administrator stated Building Inspection falls under the County. The Mayor discussed bringing it in house, perhaps a contractual relationship. Bryant was in agreement. The Administrator advised he would follow up on this issue. Neal reported the United Methodist Church on Welch Road would celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at that location on November 23, 2014 at 10am; Council members are invited to the gold celebration. Massey

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announced Saturday Feed Ohio is soliciting help for the Food Pantry and urged the community's help. Neal stated the Fire Department was also a drop-off site for Saturday. She stated 62 families were served after Labor Day. Bryant advised Morrow to Morrow helped them in prior years. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh asked the Solicitor about the Kroger coupons. Kaspar stated he needed a complete copy of the Trust. Neal stated she spoke with Frank Goodlander and if the Village sends a \$25 voucher for the client, they could buy food at a discount. The Mayor stated we could potentially lower our cost per individual and the fund would go a lot further. Isaacs-Niemesh asked about availability of milk and eggs. Smith stated perishables are not available on a regular basis.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Erwin to adjourn; second by Neal. All yea.

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Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

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Mike Erwin, Mayor