

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Canton, Kostura, Nairn and Porter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carroll and Dishong

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Engineer Haibach

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Solicitor Ondrey

VISITORS: Sandy Feucht, Cascades Dr.; Michael & Lynn Klonowski, Chillicothe Road; Angie & Brian Berger, Lakeview Lane; Kevin Keesler, Cascades Dr.; Russ Zajackowski, Maple Springs Dr.; Joe Mulloy, Maple Springs Dr.; Hannah Strominger, Kimberwick Ct.; Christine & Jason Mitton, Anglers Dr.; Todd Kruse, Ridgecrest Dr.; Chris Horrigan, Morningside Dr.; Gary Dole, Maple Hill Dr.; Emil Neuman, Chelsea Ct.

Mayor Koons called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer Romanowski read the roll.

VISITORS: The Mayor said the July of 2015 storm brought about a lot of water issues for many people. Village officials along with Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) toured many of the properties that reported issues. Mayor reviewed the various areas of the Village and stated that almost every lake or pond in the Village is manmade. Basically, the streams were dammed up which turned the water flow into a lake or a pond. He stated the storm of 2015 was an exception to the norm, but the Village's goal is to do what it can to address the water issues and will be looking for federal and state grants to assist with costs.

The Mayor said the Federated Life Center is located in Bainbridge Township on the South Russell border, but the water flows from its pond into South Russell through The Lantern's property, over the road and into Chagrin Lakes. A representative from the Federated Life Center has agreed that South Russell can put a cap on its pond drain in an attempt to slow the water flow down. The Village is waiting to get signed approval from the Federated Life Center for the Village to do that work.

The Gurney School fields were built to specification in the 1990's and the water flowed properly. However, over the years the water has made its own path. The CRWP is researching for funding to do a bio-swale or bio-retention pond to catch some of the water. The Village has done dye tests of the storm sewers and they are working properly but they don't catch all the water.

The most severe problem the Village has is the area north of Bell Road, east of Chillicothe, west of West Bel-Meadow. The creek used to be 2 feet wide and now it is about 10 feet wide. The issue for this area is to figure out how to capture the water and slow it down. Possible ideas include building a retention pond, or buying land or houses near Manorbrook and Chillicothe Road to catch the water there or go near Gurney School to catch it there. This is the biggest problem area and the Village doesn't have an answer yet. It will cost approximately \$10,000-\$20,000 to get a storm study done to do the necessary research and find an answer to what can be done to control water in that area.

Lakeview Lane has a water issue with water coming from three different areas. It is washing away the road and the area land. There are some relatively minor things that could be done in-house that should help with this area.

The culvert running under Cascades Drive is 5 feet tall but has eroded away. The Village will spend approximately \$50,000-\$75,000 in 2017 to put in a new culvert to keep the water moving.

The Kensington Green area used to be flat and the water just sat there. Now the water flows towards Chillicothe Road behind Village Hall and goes up and over Chillicothe Road. This is another area where the water needs to be caught and slowed down. The Mayor said the CRWP is looking into grants the Village can apply for to assist with addressing some of these issues.

Handouts were available for residents with solution ideas to address some of the water issues. There is also a free pond clinic put on by the Geauga Soil and Water on March 16th at Centerville Mills from 6-8 p.m.

Mark Jackson from Waverly Lane stated he has been dealing with water issues for 15 years. He said the difference of the February snow melt and the great flood of 2015 was that the residents were able to keep the drains clean in the cul-de-sac. He said he felt the rain gardens would help but that wouldn't do much for the people on Kimberwick.

Russ Zajaczkowski from Maple Springs Drive said he has lived in the Village for 25 years and things have changed in terms of water. Chagrin Lakes is looking at tens of thousands of dollars to deal with erosion. The amount of water has changed and it dumps silt. He said there is a risk that one of the ponds could go and that pond would become a stream to get to the creek that is on the other side. Russ said there have been issues with silt and questioned why The Lantern hasn't cleaned its retention pond.

Sandra Feucht said she is deeply grateful the Village is addressing the culvert on Cascades Drive.

Emil Neuman has lived in South Russell since 1976. He said when Manorbrook was put in, there was a tremendous amount of siltation on Sugarbush lake and the residents had to pay for the dredging themselves. He said every time a backhoe goes into the ground, there will be siltation; it's inevitable.

The Mayor said the Village doesn't have all the solutions, but the report given is what is known currently. He stated Street Commissioner Johnson, Engineer Haibach and Heather Elmer from

CRWP will be present at the March 13th meeting to answer any follow-up stormwater-related questions.

Strominger said it would be helpful if there was a detailed list with problem areas, an action plan, and timeline.

Kostura made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Council meeting, seconded by Nairn. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor distributed his report to Council; there were no questions.

Mayor reported that in April the Solicitor will be forwarding an ordinance regarding lighting as well as an ordinance to add members to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Commission (PC). The Mayor said there are pros and cons to having alternates, but felt this is something that should be considered. Nairn said she felt the problem was that if someone isn't attending all the meetings because they are an alternate and then all of a sudden they have to be present to attend and vote at a meeting, that individual would not have the history of issues.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer informed Mayor and Council that she received a phone call from resident Joanne Cimorell who is asking Council to adopt legislation against the marijuana issue. Mayor said the Chief also felt this is something that should be addressed. Mayor will ask Solicitor Ondrey to draft something.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Haibach said he will be putting together a work authorization to get the 2017 Road Program out to bid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Porter and Canton had nothing to report.

Kostura said the Service Department has run into some computer issues with the new motor in the Expedition and the vehicle doesn't stay running. The vehicle is now at KEI who is repairing the problem and hopefully the Village will have a running vehicle within the next week or so.

Kostura reported the Village will continue to order salt due to the good price it received for this season and the unknown future costs.

Kostura said he wanted to make sure everyone is on board with hiring summer help because he would like to get an ad out.

Kostura informed Mayor and Council that Trash Day is scheduled for April 29th, Senior Pickup is April 26th, and 27th. He asked for volunteers to help work the Trash Day on the 29th.

Mayor asked Council to consider the idea of the Village preparing a handout of upcoming Village news and including a Farmer's Market coupon to be passed out to residents at Trash Day. Nairn asked if a member of the Farmer's Market could come and pass out the coupons. The Mayor said they could, but on a Saturday in April they are working. He felt if the Village is

checking I.D.'s and passing out a handout anyway, they could just include the Farmer's Market info. There was brief discussion on the issue. The Farmer's Market is not sure they even want to do it.

Nairn made a motion to increase Sgt. Viezer's pay to sergeant's salary due to his probationary period being completed 2/13/17 and increase Officer Zippay's class from 2nd to 1st class effective March 1, 2017 and adjusting his salary accordingly, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Canton introduced a resolution strongly opposing the State of Ohio Governor's proposed 2017-2018 budget, which proposes centralized collection of net profit tax returns and other provisions related to the municipal income tax which will cause substantial loss of revenue needed to support the health, safety, welfare, and economic development efforts of Ohio municipalities, and declaring an emergency.

BILLS LIST:

Kostura made a motion to ratify the 2/14/17 Bills List in the amount of \$79,975.27 and approve the 2/27/17 Bills List in the amount of \$38,966.80 for a total of \$118,942.07, seconded by Nairn. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

NEW/OTHER: Kostura and Nairn had no new business.

Porter reminded Council about the flag ordinance that was passed in 2016 that requires by the end of April that Council select two flags to be flown at the various intersections, the armory and the cemeteries. He stated his current thoughts are to fly the Army and Navy flags and looks to make that proposal at the next Council meeting.

Canton said on February 16th he attended the CRWP meeting.

At 8:39 p.m. Porter made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition and personnel issue, seconded by Nairn. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Nairn moved to adjourn, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



William G. Koons, Mayor



Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer