

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.
MAYOR MATTHEW E. BRETT PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Koons, Porter, Binder, Dishong, Wolfe and Kostura

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Solicitor Ondrey,
Street Commissioner Johnson

VISITORS: Judy Maloni, Foxhall Dr.; Bob Hunt, Chagrin Falls Schools;
Ted Kruse, Bell Rd.; Lori Wetzel, Stone Rd.; Ryan Schloss,
Mapleridge Rd.; Ryan Correa, Mapleridge Rd.; Mike Cardaman,
Jacobs Dr.; Mike Cardaman, Jacobs Dr.; Lee Schiemann, Forest
Dr.; Alyssa Rizzo, Michael Rizzo, Chris Rizzo, Rhonda Rizzo,
North Meadowwood Dr.; Carrie Rizzo, Rick Rizzo, Munn Rd.;
Jason Hall, Gopp Ave.; Nick Diccico, Lander Rd.; Ben Garlich,
Orchard Ave.; Bob Brown, Waterford Dr.; Julie Slattery-Brown,
Waterford Dr.; Mary Miller, Deerfield Dr.; Kim Breyley,
Middlefield; Dave & Kim Dickson, guest; Michael Kleinknecht,
Hemlock; Deborah Taylor, Oakridge Dr.; Jim Wetzel, Burton;
Scott Lillash, Myra Dr.; Michael Hogan, Woodside Rd.; Gustav
Stern, Paw Paw Lake; Rick Pausch, East Blvd.; Roger Weiss,
Country Ln.; Sherri & John Bryan, Southwyck Dr.; Linda & Gregg
Dickson, Parkland Dr.; Ty Somersheid, Bell Rd.; Janine Bauman,
E. Orange St.; Katharine Rex, Carriage Dr.; Devon Murphy,
Hunting Trail; Craig Bauman, E. Orange St.; Sue & Jim King,
Lakeview Ln.; Robin & Bernie Hyland, Cottonwood Trl.; Ann &
Craig Blake, Fernwood Rd.; Greg Pike, Whitetail Dr.

Mayor Brett called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Fiscal Officer Romanowski read the roll. Dishong moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 council meeting seconded by Binder. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Bob Hunt, Superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools addressed council and thanked both council and safety officials for their support and visibility after the Sandy Hook tragedy. He said the schools will be working hand-in-hand and communicating regularly with safety officials.

Outgoing Police Chief Wetzel addressed the audience and stated that the candidate chosen for Police Chief was the best candidate for the position and he is confident in what Mike Rizzo brings to the future of the department.

Mayor pointed out the turnout for the Police Chief's swearing in was stunning. He commented that it is great to see the support of the department, other departments and the community. Mayor stated that Mike's file contained many commendations and letters of thanks throughout

the years, and that Mike has done an outstanding job in the interim process of working with Chief Wetzell during the transition.

Mayor presided over the swearing in of Michael Rizzo as the new Police Chief of the Village of South Russell. The Mayor presented Chief Rizzo the Police Chief badge and photos were taken.

Mayor indicated the Park Committee was next on the agenda. Mayor expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Committee. He stated that since the dog issue heated up last fall, he asked the Park Committee to look at the issues and make a recommendation to Council. He said the final determination would be Council's, and there will be no decision tonight. Mayor turned the meeting over to the Park Committee.

Ted Kruse addressed Council and stated he had been on the Committee with Lee Schiemann for six years and they are original members of the committee. He stated the South Russell Park is not a dog park. The park is for everyone. He said he is personally an advocate for no leash, although not everyone knows what keeping your dog under control means. Kruse stated the Committee weighed the pros and cons and felt it was time for a compromise. He introduced Lee Schiemann to go over the possible solutions.

Lee Schiemann reviewed the summary report of the Committee's thought process that was distributed to Council. Schiemann stated that due to the number of confrontations heard through the last few months, and feedback received, it was clear status quo was no longer acceptable.

Schiemann said three criteria were established to evaluate solutions recommended by the committee: 1) Safety, 2) Village liability and 3) Community Responsibility. He presented potential solutions along with an explanation for each to Council.

Ted Kruse stated this was not an easy decision and was not unanimous; however the majority of the Park Committee voted and recommends that Council pass an ordinance for odd/even days with leash/no leash requirements. He explained this recommendation was not an easy decision, but felt this was the fairest solution for all to use the park. Kruse said the ordinance should clearly spell out penalties and fines for non-compliance. He explained the Committee feels dogs should be leashed at all times in and around the parking lot area. He also stated that the Committee feels that strict rules and regulations should be formed and random enforcement would be sufficient. Kruse noted good signage on both sides is needed.

Mayor clarified the recommendation of the Park Committee that they recommend even/odd days with a leash/no leash requirement. Mayor expressed his appreciation to the Park Committee for the work they have done with the leash issue in the South Russell Park. Mayor asked the Safety Committee to take the lead with Council to evaluate the recommendation given by the Park Committee. The Mayor said he has asked Council to present their recommendation by the end of March and he would like to be in a position that the Village is prepared to implement whatever is decided by Council. The Mayor believes that keeping the status quo at the park is not an option based upon the feedback received.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor reported the Farmer's Market had their annual meeting last Wednesday and they will open one week earlier this year. He said Trash Day was moved. Mayor stated an organizational meeting will be held at the Patterson Center on February 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. He addressed an agreement emailed to Council for vote.

Mayor stated the last week of March is spring break for Chagrin Falls Schools. He suggested changing the Council meeting dates for March and May due to scheduling conflicts. Dishong made a motion to move March Council meetings to March 4, 2013 and March 18, 2013 and May Council meetings to May 7, 2013 and May 20, 2013 and Koons seconded the motion. Roll call, ayes- all. Motion carried.

Mayor reported the police department lieutenant position recruitment process is moving along and a decision has been made to use PRADCO as the local assessment firm. Mayor said if the Village chooses to continue to use their services the appropriations will need to be amended. The Employer's Resource Council (ERC) is going to be the Village's resource for human resources. Fiscal Officer stated that ERC is a good resource for HR needs.

Mayor reported patrolmen interviews are scheduled for tomorrow. Mayor sent a message to Council regarding the rental property. He said the renters moved out last year and we are currently evaluating the following options; repairing and re-renting, parceling off and possibly selling the house, or removing the house. Mayor would like to be in the position to make a decision at the next Council meeting. Lastly Mayor updated that the Regional Dispatch Group will be taking a tour of the UH Hospital site in Bedford in early February.

FISCAL OFFICER: Fiscal Officer had no report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Ondrey had no report.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

BILLS LIST: Binder made a motion to approve the bills list dated 1/31/13 in the amount of \$16,909.03, seconded by Dishong. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor requested a motion to approve the Farmer's Market Agreement. Dishong made a motion to approve the Mayor and Fiscal Officer entering into an agreement with the Geauga Fresh Farmer's Market, Binder seconded the motion. Roll call, ayes- all. Motion carried.

Koons reported that Parks Committee is meeting with Joyce Bond at 11:30 a.m. on January 29th and with Pete McDonald from the Land Conservancy next week. Koons is meeting with the pavilion donor to discuss; how long naming rights would be for, acceptance of other donations, the design process, and the August completion date.

Wolfe inquired as to whether anyone has discussed the dog issue with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Mayor said there has been some dialogue.

Binder stated the Safety Committee meeting needs to be moved from February 14, 2013 to February 7, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

Mike Hogan announced he has been appointed by the Chagrin Falls School Board as the liaison for South Russell Village.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, at 8:38 p.m., Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dishong. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matthew E. Brett, Mayor

Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer