

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
MAYOR MATTHEW E. BRETT PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Porter, Binder, Carroll, Dishong, Koons, Kostura.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Fiscal Auditor Lechman, Solicitor Ondrey

VISITORS: Barbara Stiebeling, East Bel Meadow Lane; Anne Nafziger, Bell Road; Bennett Eagle, Fox Trail; Reed Flynt, Royal Oak Drive;

Mayor Brett called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Fiscal Officer Romanowski read the roll. Koons moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council meeting, seconded by Dishong. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Steibeling stated that she was listed as bringing up circus safety concerns at the October 13, 2014 Council meeting but it was Faith Pescatore that made these comments. Kostura moved to approve the amendment to the regular meeting minutes of the October 13, 2014 Council meeting, seconded by Binder. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

VISITORS: There were several students from a Chagrin School class that attended the meeting and introduced themselves.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Mayor, Street Commissioner, Street Committee and ODOT met last week to discuss extending the Bell Road project into 2015 due to poor weather possibly leading to an inferior final product if it was to be completed now. Fiscal Officer stated the extension will require the village to encumber expenses into 2015. She also explained that if the project is extended and 2015 expenses exceed \$500,000 of federal money, the village will need another one year audit for 2015. Kostura asked if the Village could have Karvo pay for that audit if it is necessary since it was their responsibility to complete the project in 2014. Mayor said the Village can look into that option.

Mayor gave an update to the Lantern of South Russell and Chagrin Lakes pond issues. The Lantern of South Russell would like to correct the muddy water issue after the project is complete. Mayor said that he and the Solicitor are going to put together a process for using a deposit to correct damage from any projects.

Mayor said he and Council toured the renovated Police Department duty room prior to the meeting. The officers don’t have a big room to complete their work but the changes make the duty room more effective.

Mayor gave an update to the service bay expansion and stated that the temporary wall has been removed and the floor is installed. The insulation, drywall and heat installations are scheduled for this week. The glass block windows will be installed soon as well.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: The Fiscal Officer reviewed her monthly report.

The Fiscal Officer reported that income tax collections for the month of October were \$204,706.21 with a year to date balance of \$1,499,488.54.

The Fiscal Officer has been working on the 2015 Budget and is looking for its approval at the next meeting.

FISCAL AUDITOR'S REPORT: Fiscal Auditor distributed his report. The fund balances match to the penny with the Fiscal Officer's reports. Money was moved from CDARS to the Star Plus account and that will be reflected on the November financials.

The balances went down by \$650,000 this month, which is the first time balances went down for the year.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Not scheduled for this meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: Not scheduled for this meeting

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Not scheduled for this meeting

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Not scheduled for this meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Solicitor is working with the Planning Commission to come up with a recommendation if Mr. Flesher wishes to proceed with his subdivision plan. There are many challenges to the current plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Carroll had no report.

Porter stated that the Utilities Committee has reviewed the contract with EnerCom to seek better gas rates for the Village. Their recommendation is not to approve the contract.

Binder stated that the Safety Committee met and discussed the park and issues with the dogs. Chief had mentioned that he feels the violations are dramatically underreported. Binder would like to discuss this more when the Chief is able to elaborate more on the issue with Council.

The Turkey Trot will be held Thanksgiving morning. The Police Department will assist Chagrin Falls Police Department with this event.

Security camera systems were discussed by the Safety Committee for the Village campus as well as the proposed curfew ordinance. The ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Dishong will need articles for the newsletter soon so they can be included in the upcoming holiday newsletter.

Dishong and the Fiscal Officer have received a proposal from tEkk3, a website company out of Newbury. They can set up the website and make it more user friendly and also create a Facebook and blog. tEkk3 is now allowing customers to pro-rate the costs of website development over 12 months which would cost the Village \$641.50 per month. Dishong said he has a lot of experience in this field and he feels they are a good company. The Mayor said the current website was created in 2000 and needs some updating to include new technology. The Administrative Assistant will be more active with updating the website. There is a fee of \$35 per month, including one hour of support but the updates can all be completed in house. Dishong moved to allow the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with tEkk3 for the redesign of our website and the creation of a Facebook page, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Koons discussed the Leadership class through Cleveland State University. He and the Fiscal Officer gave a presentation at their last class on the Village and its operations.

Koons reported he attended the Dispatch Council of Governments (COG) meeting where one of the issues discussed was the details on how to incorporate the City of Euclid into the COG.

Kostura reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a new cross fitness gym to open behind Snap Fitness. The business owner is a former Army Ranger and this gym shouldn't be a competitor for Snap Fitness but might work well to compensate for more intense exercises that Snap Fitness doesn't provide.

The Planning Commission also discussed Bob Flesher's proposed subdivision. There are a lot of hurdles that Flesher has to work through due to his request of 10 homes on property that only allows for 5 homes.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Kostura gave third reading on a resolution of appreciation for Margaret Tomaro. Koons moved to adopt, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **Resolution 2014-51**

Koons gave second reading on an ordinance amending section 618.13(a) of the Codified Ordinances by permitting mini pigs and regulating the keeping of such animals.

BILLS LIST: Dishong moved to ratify the November 14, 2014 bills list #2 in the amount of \$1,696.29, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Koons moved to approve the November 28, 2014 bills list in the amount of \$12,290.24, seconded by Dishong. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

NEW/OTHER: Porter, Binder, Carroll, Dishong and Kostura had no new business.

Discussion was held on new street signs for Bell Road.

Koons said he saw United States Geological Survey performing the well testing today.

Council briefly discussed the cemetery information and would like more time to review the price list. Council also needs to decide if they would like to limit the bench and memorial garden brick sales to residents only.

Dishong moved to approve the October Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Koons. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

At 8:37 PM, Dishong moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel compensation, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 9:09 PM.

Dishong moved to increase employee compensation by 2.25% and give a \$6,075 increase to Police Chief Rizzo for the 2015 fiscal year in addition to a one-time \$2,000 bonus to Fiscal Officer Romanowski to be paid at the December 15 pay period, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Dishong moved to adjourn, seconded by Binder. Roll call, ayes - all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Matthew E. Brett, Mayor

Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

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