

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.
MAYOR MATTHEW E. BRETT PRESIDING**

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

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

VISITORS: Lee Schiemann, Forest Dr.; Ann Dunning, Morningside Dr.; Dick Baker, Waverly Ln.

Mayor Brett called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer Romanowski read the roll. Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 council meeting, seconded by Koons. Roll call – Koons, ayes - all. Motion carried.

The Mayor turned the floor over to Ann Dunning, Morningside Drive. Dunning stated the Village has received pricing for sewers and she believes Council has expressed that they understand the septic concerns and that sewers are needed. Dunning proposed that Mayor and Council form a committee to address sewers in the following communities; Sun Ridge, Paw Paw Lake, Mapleridge, Silver Springs, Champion Lane and Snyder Road.

Gary Dole from Maple Hill Drive asked Dunning if the pricing includes Paw Paw Lake and she responded that it does.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor reported a lease has been signed for the rental house property for \$1,300 a month beginning October 15, 2013. He stated an open house is planned this week for Council to see the finished updates to the house.

Mayor reminded Council that it is Ted Holt's final week working for the Village in the Service Department and he was previously a patrolman for the Police Department. He stated a luncheon will be held Wednesday at the service Department.

Mayor reported the village held a Tax Board of Review hearing on a case.

Mayor reported a quote came in for \$21,000 to repave all of Deerfield with 1 1/2" of pavement to fix the road issue. He asked Council if they would want move forward with that project this year. Three members did not. Mayor stated the project would wait until next year.

Mayor stated resident Mary Lee Marshall offered to host the South Russell session for Innovative Stormwater Management Practices at her home on Bell Road on October 17, 2013 at either 6:00 or 6:30 pm. An email update for the exact time will be sent.

Mayor reported a complaint was received about European bees. He said Chief Rizzo went to check on the situation and did not see any while he was there.

Mayor reported there is an interest in the potential for a waterline extension on Chillicothe Road and discussions have occurred between Gene Makesh, the Village and the school. He stated the process would include the Geauga County Commissioners and the Cleveland Water Department to extend the waterline. Wolfe made a motion indicating that South Russell would like to see a waterline extended from Route 306 to Gurney school, seconded by Binder. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Mayor reported the extension would be approximately 1.6 miles which is not ideal. He stated the ideal scenario would be to complete an extension in two phases.

FISCAL OFFICER: Fiscal Officer reported there are a couple of amendments to the appropriations to be done later in the meeting. As Tax Administrator she reported the gross distribution for September was \$100,608.73 and after refunds and overhead, the net distribution was \$88,322.65, which is a YTD net of \$1,245,187.33.

FISCAL AUDITOR: Fiscal Auditor reviewed his report with Council and stated it reconciles with the bank statements. He stated the balances are very strong and increased in August. Fiscal Auditor reported ambulance fees were received in August and were weaker than usual but the Village should reach its budgeted amount. He stated two-thirds of the way through the year the Village is doing quite well.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Porter and Binder had no report.

Koons reported the Parks Committee is meeting on Wednesday, September 25th with the 90th birthday committee for the Fall Festival. He stated past officials were sent invitations to the Fall Festival. Koons said the flag pole came from the Multipurpose Trail Committee and they still have approximately \$3,800 available for possible future donations. He stated new signs are being put on both ends of the trails and final blueprints have come in for the Pavilion.

Kostura reported the doors on the Police Department were approved and will be done for \$3,250. He stated the funds need to be appropriated for painting the back of Village Hall and the back of the shed for \$620. Kostura said they have a quote for \$1,700 to replace the siding on the shed, to put in a new garage door for \$1,000, \$400 to install gutters, and \$312 to reseal the windows in Village Hall. He said once the siding is put up, it will cost \$2,000 to paint, and the plans from Anne Dunning need to be appropriated also. Kostura requested Council amend the appropriations \$7,000 to complete the needed repairs.

Wolfe reported the Safety Committee will be meeting on October 10th and will work on the Police Department budget.

Dishong reported the newsletter went out. He stated there is a renewal on the ballot and it is important that the residents know it will not increase their taxes. He will send a letter to the editor in that regard.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Dishong introduced an ordinance to transfer \$100,000 from Income Tax Transfers to the Special Road Fund, declaring an emergency. Dishong moved to waive readings, seconded by Kostura. Roll call - ayes, all. Motion carried. Dishong made a motion to adopt, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2013-36**

Dishong introduced an ordinance to decertify \$200,000 from the income tax transfers and amend appropriations for \$100,000 to increase Special Road Fund expense and increase Special Land and Building Fund expense \$7,000 and declaring an emergency. Dishong moved to waive readings, seconded by Koons. Roll call, ayes, all. Motion carried. Dishong made a motion to adopt, seconded by Koons. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **Ordinance 2013-37**

BILLS LIST: Dishong made a motion to ratify the bills list dated 8/15/13 in the amount of \$5,712.48 seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Dishong made a motion to ratify the bills list dated for 9/13/13 in the amount of \$59,009.03, seconded by Koons. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Koons made a motion to ratify the bills list dated 9/13/13 in the amount of \$59,009.03 seconded by Dishong. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Koons made a motion to ratify the bills list dated 9/13/13 #2 in the amount of \$10,567.48, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Koons reported he went to the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting last week and was very impressed with the professionalism of the Zoning Board and especially with Greg Gamm.

Kostura asked if the gas agreement with the school is operational and Mayor replied it has not been launched yet.

Porter asked if the village received feedback from the Department of Natural Resources regarding well drilling permits and Fiscal Officer replied nothing has been received.

Wolfe read an official statement from the Rec Expansion Committee that said the Chagrin Valley Recreation Center Board of Directors has shifted their focus to maintaining, updating and operating the current facility.

Wolfe stated she will not be at the October 14th Council meeting.

Binder asked if Council could approve projects for 2014 in this fiscal year. Mayor asked Fiscal Officer to look into this.

Discussion occurred regarding the location for the Pavilion and Mayor stated Village Officials determined the current location is best.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, at 8:30 p.m. Dishong made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matthew E. Brett, Mayor

Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer