

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
TAX BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 7:25 PM  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.  
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Porter, Canton, Carroll, and Kostura

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dishong and Nairn

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Building Inspector Heilman, Street Commissioner Johnson, Solicitor Ondrey, Engineer Haibach

**VISITORS:** Marshall Kidd, Chillicothe Road, Mary DeFoy, Fox Way; Rooney Moy, Fox Way; Philip Moy, Fox Way; Patrick Holtz, Fox Way; Bill McDonnell, Fox Way; Phil & Emily Austin, Leaview Lane; Ray Sullivan, Silver Springs; Gigi Kuper-Lewis, Fox Way

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 7:25 p.m., the Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2017 Tax Budget. Fiscal Officer explained the Tax Budget. The Tax Budget Hearing with the County Budget Commission is scheduled for August 23, 2016 at 11:40 am.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Mayor Koons called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fiscal Officer read the roll. Mayor explained to attendees that given two members of Council were absent, there would not be enough members to take action on legislation at this meeting.

Porter moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2016 Council meeting, seconded by Carroll. Kostura had a correction on page 6, under the ordinance to approve replacement of codified pages. Canton gave the reading and moved to adopt. Fiscal Officer will correct the minutes. Voice vote to approve the minutes as amended – all in favor. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

Phil Moy addressed Council and read the letter he sent to them on behalf of himself and Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Holtz, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hoy, Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis and Mr. & Mrs. McDonnell regarding the Bell Station. Moy thanked Mayor for forwarding him a copy of the

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor stated that the Village will be purchasing \$300 worth of gift cards from the Chagrin Valley Womans' Club to purchase flowers and plants for village properties.

Mayor stated the village is looking at costs to replace the split rail fence at the old cemetery. It would cost approximately \$1,500. He asked Council to think about it and after costs are finalized, Council will discuss the topic.

Mayor said there was recently an accident at the corner of Snyder Road and Bell Road. First Energy will be out to repair the damage. He said this may be a good time to spend \$1,700 to put a streetlight at the end of Maple Hill.

Mayor went to Ohio Ethics Law training to learn about what can and cannot be done. He will be at the Mayor's Convention later this week.

Mayor stated there will be a concert at the park on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. After discussing it with the Street Commissioner, they think the best idea is to have the concert at the Bell Road side of the park because there is a pavilion, electricity, and a restroom. The Village will have two policeman park cars either at the Norway First Energy facility or across the street at the staging area for construction. He has no idea how many people will be in attendance. He has invited Augie's Pizza to set up a stand in the parking lot for the event. Mayor explained this is an outreach by the Chamber of Commerce trying to expand the concert series to other municipalities.

Mayor said he had a luncheon meeting with employees to discuss Trash Day. The thought is the Village needs to hire two more laborers and a possible third person to operate a piece of equipment.

Mayor has invited six different people to come to the Council meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> to talk about stormwater issues. There will also be an article in the newsletter inviting residents with problems to come and share their issues with Council. Therefore, the August Council meeting will likely be a long meeting with people sharing pictures and videos.

Mayor said the Village needs to appoint a Building Code of Appeals. This will be a new board that was recommended by the County.

Mayor said the Village will need to have a special council meeting to take action on legislation such as approving the paving program, the Bell Station agreement, 500-foot notification to residents, appropriation amendments, transfers, etc.

Fiscal Auditor reported he balances with the Fiscal Officer on all funds.

Kostura moved to approve the May 2016 Financial Statements as submitted, seconded by Carroll. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER:**

The Village is holding a pre-construction meeting for the 2016 Road Program on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall at 10 am. The lowest bid was Specialized Construction which came in at \$307,646.10. They will discuss the boilerplate parts of the contract as well as what will be involved in paving Fawn Court, Woodland Court, Kimberwick Court, Champion Lane and a section of Garden Park. Specialized Construction has worked in the village for several years. Mayor stated the Village received two bids; Specialized Construction and Ronyak Paving. Another bidder showed up 45 minutes late and missed the opportunity to bid. Engineer stated his estimate for the project was approximately \$340,000, so he felt the bid was very good.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:**

Last month both Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals approved a lot split for Paul Snavely on Bell Road. She explained that the new owner is from Russell Twp. and they have huge horse stables behind this property. There are many horse trails and they want to use the property to ride their horses. She is not expecting a development of any kind. Mayor explained that these 30 acres are across from Ashleigh and that Mr. Snavely is splitting off a small section of the lot in case he wants to build a house down the road.

Porter referred to the Building Inspector's report and asked how she became aware of a garage floor being poured on Maple Hill. Building Inspector said she drives streets in the village checking on things and she saw a concrete truck go down Maple Hill, but they hadn't pulled a permit. She went to the house and found they had no vapor barrier down, so they had to stop the job and get vapor barrier installed before they could finish pouring the concrete.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

Police Chief reported there were approximately 90-100 people present at the Cops and Kids fishing event and it was very successful. This program used to be partially funded by a grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) but the village has to sustain it. Chief asked Council to continue to support this community service program as it is very successful and is a great way to engage the kids with police officers.

Police Chief explained how the soliciting ordinance implemented last year works and said it is working phenomenally. Solicitors come to town and avoid the permit process and start knocking on doors. Then the Police Department gets a call and they find the solicitor and explain the rule which is to go to the police station and fill out an application, the department will do a background check and will issue a permit. So far, only one of the solicitors they have made contact with has gotten a permit. Chief said in his opinion, either they are not legitimate

Carroll reported that the Safety Committee met to review a few items. He will be requesting to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation.

The Safety Committee also discussed two proposed dog ordinance updates which were distributed to Council during the meeting. One of the ordinances is for dangerous dog language as well as control of dogs within the village. Chief said this ordinance defines dangerous dog and once a dog can be labeled a dangerous after a bite or incident, a new set of parameters gets put on that dog. The other ordinance change is the language "dog at large." It mirrors the language from the Village park dog ordinance. This would give the Police Department more to go on rather than waiting for someone to get bitten. The dog warden will normally cite for dog bite situations. His department just had two dog bites from the same residence within two weeks of each other. After the first bite the dog was slated to be euthanized. The owner failed to control it and the dog got another bite in before that happened. The dog warden is coming in and taking care of the charges and prosecuting them as well. Carroll said the first reading on these two ordinances will be at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor said he had a resident call him and informed him he had his sixth incident in the park. The resident carries pepper spray and he sprayed the dog. The owners weren't near the dog and the dog went at the man, so he had to take action.

Porter said he believes that state law designates certain breeds as dangerous. Chief said he believes so, but for the purposes of this one, he doesn't believe the Village has certain breeds defined at the village level. Chief said this is for the purposes of having our ordinance. He said if the dog warden comes in, he will charge at the state level anyway, so the village may not have to change the proposed ordinance.

Carroll said the Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) met and completed the review of the EOP. Updates will be submitted to the Fiscal Officer by June 21<sup>st</sup> to revise the manual. He will be scheduling a tour of the Geauga County Emergency Operations Center for the group sometime after the Republican National Convention (RNC).

Kostura said the Streets Committee met on June 10<sup>th</sup> where they discussed several issues, including personnel, management issues, manpower, winter season manpower issues and summer issues. They also talked about things to expect in the coming future with respect to where the Streets Department is going and some issues with respect to how the Village will have to find personnel to meet the needs required by the Streets Department.

Porter reported that the Building Committee got together last week to discuss personnel issues. There was also an issue that the Public Utilities Committee may have to look into. Porter will set up a meeting with the Public Utilities Committee.

**NEW/OTHER:** Canton, Carroll and Porter had no new business.

Kostura made a motion to approve that 2017 Tax Budget as submitted, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion passes.

At 8:40 pm Carroll made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation, property sale and pending litigation, seconded by Kostura. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

  
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William G. Koons, Mayor

  
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Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer