

Building Department Meeting
October 21, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall

Present: Chairman Schloss, Porter

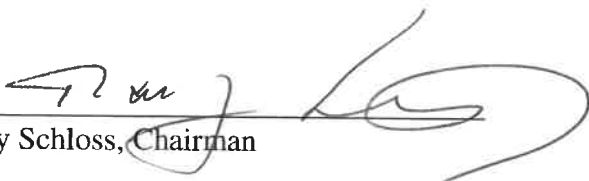
Schloss asked Porter if he had looked at the lighting legislation provided by the Solicitor. Porter said he thought the Village should have a lighting ordinance and added that the Solicitor had provided several potential templates to use going forward. He thought the easiest solution is to limit the wattage of the bulbs rather than using the light meter, but he did not know how practical this was. Schloss said the simplest was from Independence. He asked Porter if they should have the Solicitor research this one and address the wattage. Porter agreed. Schloss said the Committee could then present it at the Council meeting. Porter added that somehow, the Village would need to make it retroactive. Schloss agreed. Porter explained that if all residential and commercial buildings in the Village were required to follow the ordinance, this would go a long way to address resident concerns about too bright lights, in particular Daisy Lane and Dry Insurance. Porter said legally it would be difficult to do. He explained that when the lights are turned off during the day and then turned on at night, this might provide the means to say that now the individuals needed to comply with the Village's ordinance for lighting.

Schloss stated that the current Building Department Secretary/Board Secretary would be interviewed for the Zoning Inspector position. Schloss and Porter agreed to interview Grattino at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. He added that the Fiscal Officer would be present for the interview.

Schloss indicated that there was a problem on the corner of Bell Rd. and Fernwood. He stated that the Police Chief and Dave Hovevar were aware, and that the surrounding residents were furious about the property. Porter asked if this was the property with abandoned cars, and Schloss explained it had been cleaned up a couple of years ago but is now back into the same unacceptable state. The resident cut his bushes so all the residents can see the property, specifically the portion of the property visible from Fernwood, which is the backyard. Schloss would ask the Chief for recommendations but thought the Village would need to send a letter addressing the matter. Porter recommended looking at the zoning code for backyards.

Porter addressed the potential of Geauga County having a satellite office in South Russell if the Village were to go with the county for the Building Official duties. He said it might be a good compromise for people who wanted the service and people who would prefer the county to provide service. It would basically be like having a Building Department, but the county would be running it. Porter explained that the county is paid by the Village as taxpayers to run it, and if the County Commissioners were agreeable, it might be the way to go. Schloss agreed. He asked Porter if they should have a meeting at 6:30 before the Council meeting on October 28 to discuss how everyone feels about the closing of the department and what will be done. Porter agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07.


Ray Schloss, Chairman

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