

Regular Council Meeting
January 8th , 2008

The meeting of January 8th , 2008 was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert C. Bickley.

Roll call: present- Dickman, Fox, Jenkins, Kovesdi, Maloney and Wolf.

Motion by Fox to nominate Dave Jenkins as Council President for the year 2008. Jenkins was the only nomination, nominations closed. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. Jenkins was voted Council President.

John Fox thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as President of Council for the past 10 years, stating it was a pleasure to serve the Village and Council.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Wolf to approve the Minutes of December 11th , 2007. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Jenkins to approve the December 28th , 2007 Council Bills in the amount of \$45,490.65. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Dickman to approve the December 28th , 2007 Utility Bills in the amount of \$71,349.62. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Pat Schwan from Richland Engineering addressed Council on the proposal for pedestrian facilities for South Main Street from the elementary school to Old State Road. Motion by Fox, seconded by Kovesdi to authorize the Administrator to go forth with the study in the amount of about \$6500.00. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. Richland will look into grants, however the money spent before hand will not be a part of the grant.

Brale Heckelman was also in attendance.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The letter requesting re-imbursement from ODOT for money spent making temporary repairs to Rattlesnake Bridge was sent on December 11th , 2007. ODOT responded on December 21st stating it had forwarded the request to its legal counsel for review.

The Solicitor spoke with the OML to see if this situation has presented itself before or if they could offer any suggestions or help.

Safety-The ODOT Sign Replacement Program is complete. Because the museum doesn't attract a large enough number, it didn't qualify for signage. The Administrator is still waiting to hear about placing a sign indicating St. Rt. 601 starts at the intersection.

Finance-Motion by Kovesdi, seconded by Fox to give Village employees a 3% raise retroactive to January 1st 2008. Kovesdi suggested revisiting some of Jenkins ideas on the memo that was passed out in December. Jenkins recommended going through with raises at tonight's meeting and working on the memo suggestions throughout the year, emphasizing it would take time to get a system in place. He also stated some of the ideas may be tough to carry out with a small group. Wolf suggested employee input. Jenkins stated the federal government just gave the military a 3.3% raise and many area schools were awarded raises between 3-4% so his suggestion was 3.5% to split

the difference. Roll call for 3%: Fox-yes, Jenkins-no, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-no, Dickman-yes, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation –In honor of Loren Heckelman’s December 17th retirement from the navy, there was a flag raising at the Administration Building on December 13th. Braley Heckelman, Mayor Bickley and Dan Frederick were in attendance. Representing Boy Scout Troop 214 was Zachary Frederick and Christopher Ketchum. The flag served on the Heckelman’s ships the Carl Vincent and Abraham Lincoln. His first ship, the Bigelow had already been decommissioned .

Parks and Trees-The Tree City USA recertification has been approved, with the award to be presented in Stow on April 30th , 2008.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks, and Storm Sewers –None

Safety –At the request of the Chief, there have been two “Blind Person In Area” signs installed along Church Street. The resident in new on Huron Street.

Finance-Motion by Jenkins, seconded by Kovesdi to amend the motion for raises to include all full time employees, with the Fiscal Officer and Administrator receiving their raises on their anniversary dates, and including part-time employees Julie Stelzer and Melissa Vartorella. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-It was determined the fence at the Administrator’s home is grandfathered in until torn down. The fence was installed before there was a sidewalk. A citizen questioned why it was in the right of way, but Council determined it is not in violation.

There will be a work session on the 19th of February at 6:30 with the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission and Council to discuss what the best way to work the committees.

John Fox will continue to stay on as the Village’s Erie Regional Planning Commission Representative, with Dave Jenkins serving as alternate.

Utilities-A letter was received from Time Warner stating as of January 1st, 2008 the 3 % state franchise fee will no longer be collected, it will be replaced with a video service provider fee.

Green energy was discussed as an article in the Sandusky Register pointed to AMP-Ohio excepting a deal, however, the Administrator , Mayor or anyone else in the Village has spoken to anyone or heard anything about it. This is not the procedure AMP-Ohio uses when entering into a project.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-The blood drive on Thanksgiving went well.

A letter was received from a resident commending the Village on a job well done for the paving on Bank Street.

The Red Cross will be meeting tomorrow, taking nominations for “Hero Awards”.

Parks and Trees-A \$65.00 donation was received for William F. Mattlage's memory. A letter was sent to the Tree Commission in hopes of planting a tree on Arbor Day in his honor. Although Gelpin Trail is not in the Village, it was an area Mr. Mattlage was fond of, and will be looked into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Village received \$300.00 for training reimbursement in 2007 through The Ohio Plan Group.

The Village also received \$500.00 for the Community Cleanup Grant for 2007.

2010 Census Update Map is completed and will be sent back after it is reviewed.

The Village has had 27,637 hours worked during 2007 without any occupational injuries or illnesses.

The Village had the option of applying a video service provider pass on tax anywhere between 0-5percent , motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to continue at 3%. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE TO BE PAID BY ANY VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE CITY: AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Fox to suspend the rules as an emergency with the necessary changes made by the Solicitor. Roll call: Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried. Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only. Roll call: Roll call: Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Dickman-yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 471-01-08

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Jenkins to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Robert C. Bickley

Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno