

The Council Meeting held on April 25, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick and Randall. Mr. Santen was absent. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present as was Solicitor Hyle. **A Motion made by Meister to Excuse Mr. Santen; seconded by Meyers. ALL YEAS.**

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Meister	Pastrick	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 7- 2012.	Meister	Pastrick	ALL YEAS

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Hyle reported he has worked on some Independent Contractor Agreements for the Village to consider for use when they decide to use independent contractors for the Village. He also brought Council up-to-date on the OPERS issue with Robert Mecklenborg. He asked Council if any of them still had any desire to appeal the OPERS’s last decision concerning Mr. Mecklenborg’s pension buy-back request. Council agreed they did not wish to appeal. He is still working on the new TIF resolution and it will be ready soon. He then asked Council to review legislation he has prepared on several items. Upon review, Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION # 12 – 2012 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT W/HAM CNTY FOR MIAMI IMPROV
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #12-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Meyers. ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION # 13 – 2012 ACCEPT ALTERNATE FORMULA FOR LGF MONIES
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #13-2012 made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION # 14 – 2012 ACCEPT UPDATE OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #14-2012 made by Pastrick; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION # 15 – 2012 AUTHORIZE WATER WORKS SERVICE AGREEMENT
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #15-2012 made by Meister; seconded by Meyers. ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ms. Meister began by reviewing items discussed at the April 17th Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Project update by Engineer and an application for a grant for the source water projection plan. She indicated she had taken a request by the BPA for an increase for an employee to the Finance Committee Meeting. At this time, the Finance Committee is not considering raises for any employees, but did suggest we obtain up-to-date job descriptions and pay ranges for our positions here at the Village. The Mayor suggested Council try to be careful and fair to all employees. The next BPA meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 4:00 p.m.

As for the newly formed Communications Committee, they have held another meeting and have placed the project of updating our website as a priority. Resident and committee member, Steven Meyer has volunteered to spearhead this effort. Ms. Randall asked about who owns the Police Dept. Facebook and Chief Renner indicated he believes Officer Delk. Next Meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Stacy informed Council Steven Meyer will be taking up-to-date pictures of Council members and officials before next Council Meeting for the website.

Ms. Meyers began with reporting on the success of our first “Fly A Kite” day. The Plant Exchange is planned for May19th at the Gazebo. She suggested the Village consider a running reader board as an effective way to get the word out to the public about our events. The regrading of the ballfields is complete and they appear to be draining much better than they used to! Soccer games do not seem to be attracting concession customers so the concession stand will be moved closer to the baseball fields where we are more likely to increase sales. Signage

to help control parking problems in the Park is being considered. She finished with an update about the landscaping memorial project in memory of Jack Rininger Sr.

Ms. Nichols had nothing special to report at this time. Mayor Stacy indicated the canine drug dog program has been suspended at this time. Spring power shifts are back in effect and we are using auxiliary officers as much as possible. He also mentioned he has informed the Police Chief he wants to see all of the officers in full official uniform at all times with the exception of the bike patrol officer who may wear appropriate uniform gear for riding the bike. Ms. Pastrick asked about the suspension of the canine drug dog and the Mayor indicated it may be reintroduced in the future, but he would like more accountability of the overall actual costs of using and training the dog and what is actually brought into the Village by the use of the dog.

Ms. Pastrick mentioned the Finance Committee Minutes were emailed to everyone prior to tonight's meeting and touched on a view highlights discussed by the Committee not previously mentioned. The Clerk contacted the County Auditor for more information concerning our inside millage and what procedures may be in place to increase our millage. This issue has been brought up a couple times in the past during budgetary discussions and the Committee felt it should be checked into to determine if it is a viable option for the Village. Barring another municipalities voluntarily decreasing their inside millage, this issue can be put to rest as a credible source of increased revenue for the Village. The other issue discussed is what to do about a possibility of going to the voters for a safety levy to offset the cost of fire and police protection. Currently, the fire levy fund is covering this contract, but these funds will be depleted with the first installment payment for our fire contract in 2013. Currently, the general fund does not have the extra \$118,000 needed due to the two mill general operating levy that was allowed to expire in 2011. This issue will be further discussed with deadlines approaching to certify for the November elections.

Lastly, Ms. Pastrick reported on the progress of the "We Thrive!" grant project – a skatepark in the Village of Cleves. Discussion was held about the most likely site for this park being the parking lot the Village owns alongside Howell Street. We have several different scenarios for maintaining additional parking spaces and the third option seems to be the one with the most support. This scenario would include making Howell Street a one-way street in order to secure approximately 10 parking spaces for the public and patrons of the Senior Center. Completion date is hopefully June 30th.

Ms. Randall indicated the Clerk should be receiving a letter soon from JMA concerning the Harrison Avenue renovations. Street Commissioner Duncan has received word from the County they will be charging the Village \$2000 to offset the cost of renting a backhoe for the salt dome each winter season. Every municipality currently using their salt dome in Cleves will be asked to contribute to the rental cost of this equipment based on their usage. Resurfacing of Montieth should start next week or around the first of May.

Ms. Meyers has met with the Regional Chamber and they are exploring all the cost savings possibilities for the Village if we were to join the regional chamber. The biggest savings to us may be with our electric bills. Bev has scanned our current bills and forwarded them to the chamber rep so she could estimate our possible savings. Other areas of possible savings are in the cost of gasoline and health care premiums.

Ms. Meister said she saw another email from John Santen concerning the current rules our Water Works is following concerning water leaks and how they are being billed. There is still debate about whether or not the Ohio Revised Code allows for differing procedures for billing when a leak of this magnitude is discovered. There is a discrepancy between what the BPA indicates the ORC 743.04 mandates and what other water works in Ohio are currently doing. Frank Hyle said he would check into it further and report back to Council.

Solicitor Hyle asked if Council wishes him to setup the legislation making Howell Street one-way as an emergency Ordinance and members of Council indicated they did.

Ms. Pastrick said she understands there are some issues concerning our zoning code and privacy fences and we should consider changing our zoning code to address these issues and clarify our code as it pertains to privacy fences. The process for changing the zoning code was explained and the Clerk, Ms. Bolton, indicated it may be a good time for the Planning & Zoning Committee to review the entire Zoning Ordinance established in the 1960's and modernize and update the entire code at the same time.

Ms. Randall informed everyone she has the video draft together for our submission to "Desperate Landscapes" for our municipal building. Ms. Nichols wanted to commend our Maintenance Department for their hard work on the memorial landscape for Jack Rininger.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stacy had nothing to report on that had not been previously touched on.

A Motion to Adjourn made by Meister; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton