

The Council Meeting held on July 11, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, Santen, and Randall. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present; Solicitor Hyle was not.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	
<u>RESULTS</u>			
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes YEAS	Santen	Meister	ALL
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance #12- 2012. YEAS	Santen	Meister	ALL

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

In the absence of the Solicitor, Mayor Stacy gave the following report. Two items of legislation were being presented for consideration. A resolution referring zoning matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission pertaining to an “Adult District” and an Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting regulations on chronic nuisances. Ordinance #13-2012 was not originally drafted as an emergency Ordinance, but the Mayor asked Council to consider adopting it as one. Following discussion, action was taken by Council as outlined below:

RESOLUTION # 31-2012 REFERRING ZONING MATTER TO PLANNING COMMISSION

A Motion to Adopt Res #31-2012 made by Santen; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE # 13-2012 APPROVING REGULATIONS ON CHRONIC NUISANCES

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
<u>RESULTS</u>		
A Motion to Introduce ORD #13-2012 ALL YEAS	Nichols	Santen
A Motion to Suspend Rules, Read by Title Only ALL YEAS	Santen	Nichols
A Motion to Adopt Ord #13-2012 ALL YEAS	Nichols	Randall

Lastly, Mayor Stacy indicated the solicitor mentioned in his report the competitive bidding threshold on street issues is \$30,000.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

The Clerk deferred to Jan Pastrick, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to review the preliminary budget information.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Ober reviewed the June detail reports and reported on a few minor fire details. Mayor Stacy indicated to the Chief he had contact information for the Board of Public Affairs members and he would pass it on to the Chief so he could stay in contact with them over the fire hydrant repairs.

Street Commissioner Duncan indicated he would like to speak with Jan about issues concerning Howell Street. Looking at the bids submitted for the back lot and Howell Street, he believes we

will need more blacktop poured than indicated on the bids – 1 ½” on road, 2” on back lot. The drainage problems will need to be fixed before repaving. He also indicated some concerns about the original drawings for Howell Street and questions about snow plowing needs. Discussion was held about these issues. Ms. Pastrick asked if we could put together some kind of official notice of when Howell Street goes one-way. The Mayor indicated he has a meeting with JMA on July 16th at 4:15 about Howell Street and explained he strongly recommends we maintain our original plans in order to provide the greatest amount of parking spaces possible. Mr. Duncan finished by indicated Clift Contractors will be starting the Morgan Creek cleanup next week.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Meister, *Public Works Water & Utility Committee*, had nothing new to report at this time. Next Board of Public Affairs meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 9:00 a.m. and the next Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for July 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Meyers, *Parks Committee Chair*, mentioned next Park meeting is not until August, but plans are in the works to expand parking for fall soccer activities into some unused grass areas. She is looking into and making contact with people who can assist us in obtaining grants for restoration of the canal tunnel. She has not made contact with the railroad yet, but intends to as soon as possible. The Mayor asked if she has been in contact with the Regional Chamber of Commerce about our gas & electric bills and she indicated she has not but she will contact them.

Nancy Nichols, *Safety Committee Chair*, asked Council to please review the minutes she distributed from the last Safety Committee Meeting. Some highlights from the meeting were: 15 fire hydrants are still in need of repair; Fire Chief reported some progress made on rental property problems; “No Bikes” rule in new skate park will be enforced; additional patrol of school property has begun and she’s requested a copy of CAGES maps concerning a jurisdictional issue. The Mayor indicated he believes as far as the issue of jurisdiction for the park in the Village of North Bend would be we are the owner’s of the property, but our Police do not have jurisdiction for Police coverage. He will check this with Frank. Lastly, new radar detectors have been purchased and the next items the police would like to purchase are bullet proof vest upgrades for the officers.

At this time Mayor Stacy asked to report on Chief Renner’s behalf since he was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Mayor Stacy reviewed the details surrounding the shooting reported on the TV news Saturday on Cooper Road. It appeared the whole incident was a drug deal gone bad on property located underneath the bridge along the Great Miami River with people accessing the property in Cleves off of Cooper Road. No one was shot, but shots were fired. Both of the owners of the properties involved have given their permission to our Police Department to patrol their properties. The entrance to this property off of Cooper Road has been closed off. Ms. Meister expressed concern because she saw a couple of our officers that evening patrolling this area on quads without wearing helmets.

Megan Randall, *Public Works Streets Chair*, reviewed the Street Committee Meeting minutes and reviewed the following issues: Liens will be placed on several parcels of property where our Maintenance Dept. has performed cleanup work; new tires on the 450 needed soon; and street striping to begin soon. She also mentioned the water leak on Harrison Avenue has been fixed and she is looking into obtaining a sculpture for the skate park from the National Endowment for the

Arts. She then reported on the numbers of “Likes” and “Check Ins” we’ve had on our Facebook page. She is also helping the Police with their Facebook page. At this time, the Mayor informed Council he had received a call about the controller at Mt. Nebo traffic signal and we are going to have to replace a controller soon at a cost of about \$2400. Mr. Santen asked if the storm drain problem at Laurelwood and Greyleaf has been addressed because the sinkhole behind it is getting very bad.

Mr. Santen, *Community Planning Chair*, had nothing to report at this time.

Jan Pastrick, *Finance Committee Chair*, reviewed the levy issue discussed in the last Finance Committee Meeting. Certified figures have been provided by the County Auditor leaving the decision of Council as to which General Operating Levy millage to go to the residents with. The choices being a 2.5 mill or 2.8 mill. The need for this levy centers around the Fire and EMT Services Contract with Miami Township as well as safety-related capital expenses like police cruisers. The Village budget currently does not provide additional monies for some of these much-needed capital expenses. Preliminary 2013 budget figures for the General Fund were reviewed at Finance Meeting and following this information, Finance recommends Council consider the 2.8 mill certification be considered. Following discussion of Council, each council member was asked which millage option they preferred and they decided to have the solicitor provide the legislation to ask the Board of Elections to place the 2.8 mill request on the ballot in November. Ms. Pastrick also reviewed the current computer inventory listing. She reminded everyone the ribbon-cutting for the new skate park is being held on Saturday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m. She is stressing skate park is “Free” following information we received some of the neighborhood kids might be trying to charge people to enter the skate park. She and Ms. Nichols attended a grant writing seminar concerning safe routes to schools and we may qualify for some monies because of the construction of the new school. Three Rivers School District has also looked into this grant and it was decided we would get with the school district to see if they have already begun efforts to apply for this grant. There are many funds available for this program which could even be used for repair of sidewalks with no local match required. A “School Travel Plan” needs to be established and the school district may already have this completed. Applications are due in January.

The Mayor indicated he is working with JMA to begin the bidding process for Phase I of the Cooper Road to Miami Avenue project.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stacy began by congratulating everyone for all their hard work on what we have been able to accomplish to date – we have gotten a lot of things done. He then expressed he strongly believes we need to maintain the restriction on bikes in the new skate park and explained why he feels this way. A discussion was held and it was decided at this time the restrictions against bikes in the new skate park would be enforced. Small wheeled scooters will be allowed. Skateboards and in-line skates also allowed. Ms. Bolton reminded everyone we will still need to look into providing a bike rack. The Mayor assured everyone we could actively pursue another grant to enhance our current BMX track at CCP with additional apparatus for those BMX riders who wish to utilize ramps etc. for trick riding.

Chief Ober added his busiest life squad located on E. Miami River Road passes into Cleves at Miami and Cooper while performing 65% of the Township runs. We could perhaps use this information to help us in our efforts to secure grant monies for sidewalks and improvements for the ‘Safe Route to School’ grant.

Mr. Duncan asked if the Mayor had contacted the North Bend Mayor yet about the funds they secured when the large transports went through this area last month. The Mayor indicated he had not yet contacted him.

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

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton