

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2004

MINUTES

Village Solicitor, Paul Wagner, swore in Gary L. Johnston as mayor.

Mayor Gary Johnston proceeded to swear in Melinda Clark and Paul Didier as Village Council members.

Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll Call: Paul Didier, Georgiana Weaver, Melinda Clark, Becky Phillis, Brenda Stephens, and Judy Barga. All present with the following guests present: Jamie Clark, Nick Diehl, Stan Fessler, Don Brining, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Kosier, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Poe, Mr. and Mrs. Les Cochran, Norma Holsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Vance, Terry Stephens, Kurt Bayer, Don Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bayer, and Danny Turner. Others present were William Davis Police Chief, Paul Wagner Solicitor, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, and Bob Chaney and Jeff Derksen of the Service Department.

Judy moved to approve the December 2, 2003 Minutes Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Judy, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, Georgiana, Paul all yes. Motioned carried.

Citizen's comments:

Norma Holsinger asked about the 718 project, which is schedule for 2007. Mayor said it was in the beginning stages. She also asked why the Monument is not decorated with wreaths for Christmas. Don Brining said it was considered a desecration of a monument under the State Law. William Davis also said the monument was not to have signs on it. Norma responded that many graves have wreaths on them, so she doesn't feel it desecrates the monument. Most all other citizens were there to express concerns about development projects in the Village. The mayor presented the proposed plans to the Cochran's, Kosier's, and Poe's, about the detention ponds and drainage suggestions. Craig Mescher from Fanning and Howey arrived and explained the plans further. Craig proceeded to present and discuss the Piper Pine Development Plat Plans. If approved the construction plans will come within a year. The Village Planning Board had approved the final preliminary plans on Monday. Brenda moved to approve the Piper Pine Development Plat Preliminary Plan. Judy seconded. Roll Call: Brenda, Judy, Becky, Georgina, Melinda, Paul, all yes. Craig then reported on the traffic study, which did not warrant a traffic light. He also stated that new school flashers would cost the village approximately 10 to 15 thousand dollars. Georgiana moved to Table the discussion on the traffic study. Judy seconded. Roll Call: Georgiana, Judy, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, Paul, all yes. Craig proceeded to discuss the long street project, and the household income survey (which after taken should be good for a 3 year period) for grants. We will need to get back approximately 247 surveys out of the 440 households for all the Village projects. For CDBG grants and Issue 2 money, the median household income has to be below \$45,200 and currently the latest census shows income at \$45,700. Also, the Village utility rates must be 2.6% of the median household income of the Village in order to qualify for the Issue 2 money. The survey must be done by March for the Long Street project. Craig reminded everyone that all information from the survey is confidential. Craig presented a contract from Fanning and Howey for engineering services, with the cost for each step of the projects. The preliminary design cost is \$9,000, but the contract includes all the cost. Melinda moved to accept the cost for the preliminary design. Becky seconded. Roll Call: Melinda, Becky, Brenda, Judy, Paul, Georgiana all yes. Motion Carried. Craig further discussed items the council should consider when the State comes to resurface State Route 718 (Monument Street).

Stan Fessler said the BPA board recommended to the Mayor that Don Brining fill the vacant BPA position. The Mayor then recommended Don Brining. Judy moved to accept Don Brining to fill the vacant BPA position. Paul seconded. Roll Call: Judy and Paul, both yes Georgiana no, Melinda yes, Becky and Brenda no. Three no's and three yes's. The Mayor abstained because he thought the council should be more unanimous than 3 and 3. Stan then gave the BPA Board's second recommendation, Kory Kroft, which the Mayor presented to the Council. Brenda moved to accept Kory Kroft to fill the vacant BPA position. Becky seconded. Roll Call: Brenda and Becky yes, Judy no, Melinda and Georgiana yes, Paul abstained. Motion carried 4-1.

Department Reports:

Bob Chaney reported they had six burials in December and 3 water main breaks. They have also done work around the sewer plant and the water tower was activated on December 26th. The Village is currently using both towers with EPA's okay until later this year.

Bill Davis passed out the monthly totals for December and the year. On Saturday January 3rd his department will be giving out free gunlocks to the public, they have over 300 to be given out. Officer Snead will be taking training to be certified as a BAC data master, which is for operating the breathalyzer test when arresting someone for Driving Under the Influence. All officers will be attending a training class on Meth awareness in conjunction with the Miami County Sheriff's department. All of this training is at no cost to the Village. Bill also, gave officers Snead and Lowery a certificate of appreciation for their service this last year. Bill also presided designs for signs for their door and above the window at the building. The cost should not exceed \$300. Georgiana moved to authorize the police department to not exceed a cost of \$300 dollars out of the General Fund for their 2 signs. Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Judy, Becky, Melinda, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgiana moved to spend up to \$200 dollars out of the General Fund for the entrance awning as presented by Bill upon the Newton Township Trustee's approval. Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Judy, Becky, Melinda, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried. Bill discussed his pursuing of additional part time help and additional hours of coverage.

Paul Wagner reported that he will research the requirements to be met in order to be eligible for health insurance in the Village. Mr. Wagner presented Resolution 2004-1 Employing a Village Fiscal Officer in the Village of Pleasant Hill. Georgiana moved to suspend the three reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Resolution 2004-1, seconded by Paul Didier. Roll Call: Georgina, Paul, Melinda, Becky, Brenda, Judy, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgina moved the adoption of Resolution 2004-1 as an emergency, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgina, Brenda, Judy, Becky, Paul, Melinda, all yes. Motion Carried. Mr. Wagner presented Ordinance 978 Approving the Residency Outside The Village of Pleasant Hill by the Village Fiscal Officer in Accordance with Section 733.262 of the Ohio Revised Code. Georgina moved to suspend the three reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Ordinance 978, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Melinda, Paul, Becky, Brenda, Judy, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgina moved the adoption of Ordinance 978 as an emergency, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgina, Melinda, Paul, Judy, Brenda, Becky, all yes. Motion Carried. Mr. Wagner was asked about what he found out on the handicapped parking sign rules for residents. Mr. Wagner will report his findings at the next meeting.

Elections and Appointments:

Brenda nominated Georgiana as Council President Pro-Tem, seconded by Becky. There were no further nominations, Roll Call to close nominations: Brenda, Becky, Paul, Melinda, Judy, all yes, Georgiana abstained. Motion Carried. Georgiana accepted the office of Council President Pro-Tem.

Georgiana moved to approve the appointment of Kory Krofft as the Village at Large Representative to the Joint Fire District and accept Don Deeter's resignation as the Village at Large Representative, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgina, Melinda, Paul, Becky, Brenda, Judy, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgina moved to appoint Gary Johnston as the Council and Mayor representative to the Joint Fire District, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgina, Brenda, Judy, Becky, Melinda, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried. Mr. Wagner will report at the next meeting on the legality of having the Mayor as the Council's representative. Judy will remain the Planning Commission Representative till her Council term is over. Judy moved to keep Georgiana as the Library Board Representative, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Judy, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, Paul, all yes, Georgiana abstained. Motion Carried. Council will discuss Committee Appointments and give them to Tony to have ready for the next meetings approval.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Paul moved the first reading of Ordinance 977 the Permanent Appropriations for Year 2004, seconded by Judy. Roll Call: Paul, Judy, Georgiana, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, all yes. Motion Carried.

Georgiana moved to suspend the three reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Resolution 2004-02 Adopting a Premium Only Plan for the Village of Pleasant Hill, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, Judy, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgiana moved the adoption of Resolution 2004-02 and pay the \$250.00 set up fee from the general fund, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Melinda, Paul, Becky, Brenda, Judy, all yes. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Brenda reported that Santa visited with about 75 children at the park and everything went well except we should have had the snow removed better and the area needed more salt for safety purposes.

Gary reported about his visit with the Joint Fire District about meeting in the JFD room for Council meetings. It looks as if everything will work out, however the Fire Department will not part with the pool table. If more furniture is needed it will be the cost of Council and possibly the Council may have to pay for some of the electricity cost of the room. Gary did request that Tony keep the schedule of the meetings in the room in cooperation with the Fire Department and the JFD. Gary did check with the Newton Township Trustees to have the meetings at the Township Building however, the rate to rent the building was \$25.00 a meeting and that is not feasible for the Village.

Tony reported that the health insurance did go into effect on January 1, 2004 with Anthem and employees should have short-term disability.

Council will have a special meeting to go over the Personnel Policy and other issues that may come forward to put on the agenda.

New Business:

Judy moved to have the Village Council meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the JFD room, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Judy, Brenda, Becky, Melinda, Georgiana, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried. Georgiana moved to pay the entire workers compensation bill to get the discount, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Judy, Paul, Melinda, Becky, all yes. Motion Carried.

Georgiana moved to keep the 2004 mileage reimbursement rate at 32 cents a mile, seconded by Becky. Roll Call: Georgiana, Becky, Brenda, all yes, Judy no, Melinda yes, Paul no. Motion Carried 4-2.

Tony proposed to have the office hours Mondays 8:00am to 5:00pm, Tuesday 1:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm. There were no objections.

Brenda moved to pay the Police out of the General Fund for any amount over what's available in the Police Levy Fund, seconded by Becky. Roll Call: Brenda, Becky, Judy, Melinda, Georgiana, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried.

Brenda moved to pay the bills, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Brenda, Melinda, Becky, Judy, Georgiana, Paul, all yes. Motion Carried.

The special meeting was decided to be on Wednesday January 21st at 7:00pm the Mayor's birthday.

Judy moved to adjourn, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Judy, Melinda, Georgiana, Becky, Belinda, Paul, all yes. Meeting Adjourned at 10:25pm.

Mayor/ Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler