

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 2004
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll Call: Paul Didier, Melinda Clark, Judy Barga, Brenda Stephens, Georgiana Weaver and Becky Phillis all present. The following guests were present: Les Cochran, Craig Poe, Jason W. Winner from Fanning/Howey, Jamie Clark, Ron Jackson, Charlie Hormel, Kurt Bayer and son, and Jaydee Blair. Others present were William Davis Police Chief, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Bob Chaney Service Superintendent and Paul Wagner Solicitor, who arrived about an hour later.

Paul moved to approve the April 6th, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes, Judy seconded. Roll Call: Paul, Judy, Melinda, Brenda, Georgiana, Becky, all yes. Motioned carried.

Citizen's comments:

Ron Jackson and Charlie Hormel were present to discuss the alleys near their properties and they were assured the Village will be working on them. Ron also expressed his concern and interest in continuing to have a Village representative at the cemetery during burials.

Les Cochran expressed his concern about faded Stop Signs in the Village and they appear to be at varying heights. Bob Chaney will look into it and report back to the council.

Jaydee Blair was present to field any questions from Council and stated he would hope to be starting on the project by May 15th. He also requested permission to place a development sign near the road and have the Village entrance sign relocated. As soon as possible he would like to build one or two model homes near the entrance along State Route 718 before having to pay any tap in fees. Jaydee had paid all the required development fees prior to the meeting.

Jason Winner from Fanning/Howey engineers discussed the progress of the Long Street project. The BPA will be reviewing their portion of the project later this month including the possibility of relining the sewer line instead of replacing the lines. Council decided to only assess the school for their curb and gutter up to the portion that blends into the sidewalk. If the School wants to replace their sidewalk it is up to the school. We are still waiting on whether the Village will qualify for grant money. The Fiscal Officer's Certification of Local Funds was signed stating the Village will have \$100,000.00 in their funds to cover our local share of the Long Street Reconstruction Project. Melinda moved to suspend the three reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Resolution 2004-09 to Authorize Application to Miami County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program for the Funding of the Long St. Drainage and Reconstruction Street Project seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Melinda, Brenda, Judy, Paul, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried. Melinda moved the adoption of Resolution 2004-09, as an emergency, to Authorize Application to Miami County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program for the Funding of the Long St. Drainage and Reconstruction Street Project seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Judy, Brenda, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried. The estimated costs are now \$317,173 with the Village portion being \$234,223 for the project.

Jason presented a contract for the Village to sign for Fanning/Howey engineers to do work for the Village. After much discussion, the Mayor decided not to sign the contract and only the Mayor and Bob Chaney can authorize any work by Fanning/Howey engineers.

Department Reports:

Bob Chaney reported they have been patching the pot holes and graveling the alleys. This month they will be working on the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

William Davis discussed the monthly Police report and the upcoming May 7th mock crash at the school. May 31st the Memorial Day parade will start at 10:30am. Officer Lowery will be resigning June 1st to go work for the West Milton Police force. Discussion followed as to who enforces citations for high grass and bad sidewalks. Bill reported that since it is a civil issue and not a criminal issue the Police can only handle criminal issues, by Law, per the State of Ohio. The process of enforcing ordinances was discussed and no decision was made, but the properties in question will be turned into Tony the fiscal officer.

Jaydee Blair expressed his interest in giving something back to the community in the form of \$500.00 per lot sold in Ash Knoll to the School and he will get with Tony when that time comes.

Mayor Johnston reported that Bob Rudy called to report that he has lowered his price on his lot from \$40,000 to \$ 30,000 if the Village is interested. The Council had no interest at this time because of financial reasons.

Committee Reports:

Melinda on behalf of the Finance committee gave some reports on the status of the Village's financial situation. Several suggestions were made on how to reduce our expenses and areas to watch. Melinda moved to have the Mayor and/or the Fiscal Officer, approve all expenditures and rescind a previous motion to allow \$200.00 per month for the Police Department to purchase office supplies seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Melinda, and Brenda both yes, Paul no, Judy, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried 5-1. Georgiana moved to cancel the Council's Ohio Revised Code Books subscription seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Melinda, Paul, Judy, Brenda and Becky all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda presented a projection of Police department expenses as follows; Year 2002 \$90,000, Year 2003 \$111,000, and Year 2004 projection of \$126,000. There were some discrepancies however; the overall expenses have been rising. Melinda moved Resolution 2004-10 by Title Requesting the Miami County Auditor for Verification of the Police Levy for the November Ballot (currently it is 3.0 mills) seconded by Georgiana. Roll Call: Melinda, Georgiana, Paul and Judy all yes, Brenda no and Becky yes. Motion Carried 5-1.

Georgiana on behalf of the Audit committee reported on their review of the first quarter's financial statements. They will be having another meeting to see if they want to change the ordinance.

Melinda moved to cut part-time hours of the Police Officers to 48 hours per week effective June 1st seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Judy, Brenda, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried.

Solicitor Paul Wagner gave a Library update.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Solicitor Wagner reported on his discussion with Attorney Bob Suerideck about the proposed Ordinance 984 to regulate Adult Business. Ordinance 984 was tabled.

Brenda moved to suspend the three reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Ordinance 985 to Allow the Discretionary Spending of Interest Receipts seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Brenda, Paul, Melinda, Judy, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried. Judy moved to adopt Ordinance 985 to allow the Discretionary Spending of Interest Receipts seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Judy, Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Finance committee decided to meet on May 17th at 7:00pm.

Payment of Bills:

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

Brenda suggested moving the Village wide garage sale to the fall.

Bob reported the water tower may be torn down by July.

Judy moved to adjourn. Paul seconded. Roll Call: Judy, Paul, Melinda, Becky, Brenda and Georgiana, all yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Mayor/ Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler