

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6TH, 2004
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Paul Didier, Melinda Clark, Judy Barga, Brenda Stephens, Georgiana Weaver and Becky Phillis all present. The following guests were present: Craig Poe, Jason Winner from Fanning/Howey, Don Sleppy, Ted Richardson, Russell Landwehr, Shirley Cochran, Crystal and Angelica Chaney, Gail Chaney, Terry Chaney, Jack Chaney, Vivian Chaney, Peggy and Sonny Feltner and Tim Johnson. Others present were Larry P. Snead of the Police Department, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Bob Chaney Service Superintendent and Paul Wagner Solicitor.

Judy moved to approve the June 8th and June 16th, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes, Paul seconded. Roll Call: Judy, Paul, Melinda, Georgiana, Brenda and Becky, all yes. Motioned carried.

Citizens Comments:

Don Sleppy was concerned about whether the recent parades in the Village had received the proper permits and were handled properly in regards to State Route requirements. The Mayor asked Larry P. Snead to check into the proper procedures and report back.

Ted Richardson and Russ Landwehr were present to ask the Village to remove a huge tree in an alley between their properties before it falls down. Paul Wagner expressed his opinion that even if it is an alley it appears to be an easement which would be the property owner's responsibility unless it was deeded over to the Village. Paul presented several options to Village Council and the residents. After much discussion, Melinda moved to give a conditional approval to Bob Chaney to take down the tree, if Mr. Wagner, thru a title search, finds it is the Village property. Motion died due to lack of a second. Judy moved to have the Village pay 50% up to a \$1000.00 for removal of the tree provided the property owners (Ted Richardson and Russell Landwehr) each pay 25% seconded by Georgiana. Roll Call: Judy, Georgiana, Becky, Paul and Melinda all yes, and Brenda no. Motion carried 5-1.

Larry P. Snead reported that after interviewing several candidates he was proposing Crystal Chaney to be hired as a part – time police officer. Therefore the Mayor recommended Crystal Chaney to Council. Paul moved to hire Crystal Chaney as a part – time police officer, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Paul, Melinda, Brenda, Judy, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Motion carried. The Mayor proceeded to swear in Crystal Chaney as a police officer for the Village of Pleasant Hill.

Don Sleppy informed the Council that since squirrels have been causing a problem in Pleasant Hill that from June 2nd thru July 2nd there have been 27 squirrels, 9 rabbits and 8 chipmunks removed from Pleasant Hill by his services.

Tim Johnson who lives at 200 South Main Street was wondering if the Exterior Maintenance Ordinance 957 could be reconsidered because several properties are in need of major repair. Also, the Noise Ordinance 953 needs to be enforced and would like a proactive approach by the officers to reduce this noise problem through out the Village.

Jason Winner of Fanning/Howey explained that with the State Route 718 project they have 2 rounds applications in and have applied for \$400,000 worth of funding and the applications are due again on July 15th which if awarded will be for year 2006. They are using ODOTS program as a match to get Issue 2 funding since they are coming thru town on State Route 718 in 2007. After some discussion with ODOT they are willing to push their State Route 48 resurfacing back to 2009 or 2010 to allow the Village to raise funds thru Issue 2 money again in order to improve the street. Brenda moved to propose postponing the State Route 48 project to 2009 or 2010 so we can raise funds, seconded by Judy. Roll Call: Brenda, Judy, Becky, Georgiana, Melinda and Paul, all yes. Motion carried. Village Council reviewed the projected costs and the funds that were available for the Long Street project. Judy moved to proceed with the engineering on the Long Street project for next year,

seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Judy, Melinda, Georgiana, Becky, Brenda and Paul, all yes. Motion carried. Jason reminded Council for CDBG funding they still need to survey the household income for the entire Village and hopefully we can get it done this fall. Jason will get some sample documents to Georgiana or Tony.

Brenda moved to suspend the second and third reading rule for the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Ordinance 989 by Title to change the holding of 10% (of the original construction cost) as a construction bond or letter of credit for one year after the completion of the infrastructure. Thus amending section 151.034 Regulations Governing Improvements subsection B (of the Village of Pleasant Hill Ohio Subdivision Code), seconded by Georgiana. Roll Call: Brenda, Georgiana, Becky, Paul, Melinda and Judy all yes. Motion Carried. Georgiana moved to adopt as an emergency Ordinance 989 to change the holding of 10% (of the original construction cost) as a construction bond or letter of credit for one year after the completion of the infrastructure. Thus amending section 151.034 Regulations Governing Improvements subsection B (of the Village of Pleasant Hill Ohio Subdivision Code), seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Georgiana, Paul, Melinda, Brenda, Judy and Becky all yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Larry P. Snead gave a summary of the Police department activities the past month. Larry also requested a new copier for his department. Georgiana moved to purchase an Epson Stylus CX640 copier for \$199.98 with a \$20.00 rebate, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Paul, Melinda, Judy and Becky, all yes. Motion carried. Brenda asked the police to inform Richard Guittar of his violation of the noxious weed Ordinance and several other property owners who have trees over hanging on the sidewalks. Council also, stressed they did not want people riding in the cruisers unless they are in training.

Bob Chaney reported that they had been very busy with the water and sewer areas this past month with the old water tower coming down, various leaks and the improvements being made at the sewage plant. They hope to work on potholes and alleys this month. Bob would like Council to make a change to Ordinance 946 to include alleys as well as streets for the requirements of residents to trimming their trees and shrubs. Bob and the Mayor will meet with the Kosiers to discuss the flooding of approximately 6 acres of beans and whether it was caused by anything the Village did. The VFW has expressed some interest in moving the Robert Swietzer memorial out to the cemetery and Judy will follow up on that idea.

Mayor's Report:

The JFD is not interested in moving the pool table and it looks like it will cause a major ruckus. Therefore, Mr. Wagner will review the agreement to see what options the Village has to reclaim the room and building. Also, the Mayor informed the JFD that they do have the ability to put on a levy to raise funds for a building of their own and it was not received well.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Georgiana moved the Third reading of Resolution 2004-11 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Georgiana, Brenda, Becky, Paul, Melinda and Judy, all yes. Motion carried. Brenda moved to adopt Resolution 2004-11 Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation, seconded by Judy. Roll Call: Brenda, Judy, Becky, Georgiana, Melinda and Paul, all yes. Motion carried.

Brenda moved the Third reading of Resolution 2004-12 of Levying a Special Assessment for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of Lighting the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and the Tommy Lewis Memorial

Park of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Miami County, For the Year of 2005 (\$12,000.00), seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Brenda, Paul, Melinda, Judy, Georgiana and Becky, all yes. Motion carried. Melinda moved to adopt Resolution 2004-12 of Levying a Special Assessment for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of Lighting the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and the Tommy Lewis Memorial Park of the Village of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Miami County, For the Year of 2005 (\$12,000.00), seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Judy, Brenda, Georgiana and Becky, all yes. Motion carried.

Paul moved the Third reading of Ordinance 987 the Village Budget for Year 2005, seconded by Brenda. Roll Call: Paul, Brenda, Becky, Georgiana, Judy, and Melinda, all yes. Motion Carried. Brenda moved to adopt Ordinance 987 the Village Budget for Year 2005, seconded by Judy. Roll Call: Brenda, Judy, Paul, Melinda, Georgiana and Becky, all yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Brenda reported that Zane Fessler had indicated an interest, for his Eagle Project for Boy Scouts, to repaint and repair the 4 entrance signs for the Village. Bob was given the okay to proceed with Zane.

Finance – Mayor would like the Cemetery rates reviewed.

New Business:

Council reviewed the proposal from Sanderson CMI of approximately \$14,000.00, for Village income tax software and the appropriate hardware. Paul moved to purchase the hardware and income tax software from CMI, seconded by Becky. Roll Call: Paul, Becky, Georgiana, Brenda, Judy and Melinda, all yes. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

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

Brenda moved the First Reading of the Exterior Property Maintenance Ordinance 990, seconded by Georgiana. Roll Call: Brenda, Georgiana, Paul, and Melinda, all yes, Judy and Becky both no. Motion carried 4-2.

Tony presented a request from Dave Wilson in Kentucky asking the Village to release his outstanding speeding warrant from 1996 so he can get his Kentucky drivers license. Mr. Wagner informed Council and the Mayor that nobody in this body has the authority to do that since the Mayor's Court had been abandoned and Tony was to tell Mr. Wilson to get a Lawyer and try to figure this out himself.

Judy moved to adjourn. Becky seconded. Roll Call: Judy, Becky, Melinda, Paul, Brenda and Georgiana, all yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Mayor/ Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler