

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2005
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Roll Call: Paul Didier, Brenda Stephens, Becky Phillis, Georgiana Weaver and Melinda Clark all present. Judy Barga was absent. The following guests were present Jason Winner from Fanning/Howey, Robin Plessinger from Rumpke, Jamie and Casey Clark, Charles and Jane Tackett, John and Barbara Marchal, John and Matt Ferguson and Francis Uhrig. Others present were Bob Chaney Village Superintendent, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Gary Johnston Mayor and Paul Wagner Solicitor.

Melinda moved to approve the July 5th regular meeting, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Georgiana, all yes. Motion carried.

Reports:

Jason Winner from Fanning/Howey Engineering presented drawings on Long Street for Village Council to review and make changes so that they can be approved at the next meeting so it can be put out for bids. The Village was approved for the CDBG Formula for \$50,000.00 (\$40,000.00 for Village and \$10,000.00 for BPA) and there was only \$140,000.00 available for CDBG for Miami County. The plan for Long Street is to take out the current curbs and gutters and dig down about 14 inches and replace with new. Also, they will replace the water lines and some catch basins and add some new catch basins. They will not do any work crossing Monument Street since that will be resurfaced in a few years. Trees between the sidewalk and curbs will be removed because of the damage they have done over the years to the curbs and gutters. The fire hydrant at the school will be replaced with an 8 inch water line and the hydrant behind the Church of God will also have a new line. Jason would like to bid the project in early October and award it in November after the CDBG money becomes available. Construction could then begin around February and March and they will accommodate the School traffic flow. The estimated cost of the project is \$265,000.00 to \$285,000.00 and the County will award and hold the contracts because of the CDBG Formula money. The engineering cost of \$32,000.00 is included in that cost of which \$14,500.00 has already been paid. The one thing the Village must watch when assessing property owners is that the low and moderate income owners along Long Street cannot be assessed for their curb and gutters.

Jason reported that Pipers Pine is progressing well and the base asphalt is already in.

Jason reported that he had sent another punch list to Jaydee Blair on items to be done in Ash Knoll. They have prepared an asphalt schedule for section 2 of Ash Knoll that will start in late September and section 1 of Ash Knoll was put on hold until construction is completed. They are asking Jaydee Blair to extend his letter of credit for another year because of the 10 to 12 items not completed.

Jason reported that there were 280 household surveys turned in. The Village low to moderate income came in at 59% which was great for applying for grants, the level we needed to be over was 51% (previously the Village was at 45%). This should allow the Village to apply for grants for 3 to 10 years depending on the next census. This should also allow the BPA to be able to apply for the CDBG Water and Sewer Formula money which could really help in upgrading the Village sewer line and plant in the next 3 or 4 years.

Jason reported that the Issue II applications for Monument Street phase 1 and phase 2 were sent in. Phase 1 would get awarded in July of 2006 and phase 2 would be awarded in July 2007. The initial

score looks good the Village will probably get dropped out of the District Level Funding and fall into the Small Environment which is where we can get the real money we are looking for. ODOT will be providing matching money (they are paying for 3 inches of asphalt) and with the issue II money the Village should be able to fund the project by zero interest loans and current funds. The projected cost for phase 1 is \$875,000, with grants of \$646,929, the Village may be able to get an issue II 0% 20 year loan for \$105,000 and thus the actual cash contribution for phase one would be \$123,071. Phase 2 estimate is \$875,008, with grants of \$687,505 and issue II 0% 20 year loan of \$100,000, the Village cash contribution would be \$87,503. Fanning/Howey will have estimated engineering costs of phase 1 (preliminary surveys, drawings and grant application) \$65,000, phase 2 (final design documents, bidding and awarding) \$75,000 and final phase construction administration and close out. Preliminary surveying is already started in the Village. Jason presented an engineering contract for the preliminary work of \$16,500.00. Jason reported that if all property owners were to be assessed for curb and gutter it would be about \$30,000 to \$40,000, however low and moderate income property owners cannot be assessed for their curb and gutters on CDBG formula money.

Melinda reported that the Community Recreation Board met and would like to go forward with preliminary plans in order to see how much land needs to be purchased and Newton Township has already agreed to pay ½ of the engineering costs up to \$3800.00. Brenda moved to pay ½ of the engineering fees for the preliminary design by Fanning/Howey, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Brenda, Melinda, Paul, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion carried. Jason will meet with Melinda and/or the Newton Township Trustees to look over the land and layout of where the proposed park would be.

The Mayor Gary Johnston and Solicitor Paul Wagner reviewed the engineering contract for the preliminary work on phase 1 of the Monument Street project and deleted a few minor sections. Brenda moved to approve Fanning/Howey phase 1 engineering costs for Monument Street in the amount of \$16,500.00, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Brenda, Melinda, Paul, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion carried.

Robin Plessinger of Rumpke was present to express her appreciation of being considered for quoting a price for 2006 trash pickup but they could not match Best Way Disposal's offer on extending their contract. She explained that the State of Ohio has imposed a OEPA tax of \$3.50 per ton on landfills and transfer stations in the State. Miami County is fighting the charge but Rumpke has to add it to all of their quotes and the Village needs to be aware that Best Way may have to add that in the future (approximately 2 tons a week goes out of Pleasant Hill per Robin). Melinda moved to accept the extension of the Best Way Disposal contract for no increase in year 2006 and no more than a 3% increase for year 2007, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Most residents were present to discuss Ordinance 1004 Creating a No Parking Zone on Williams Street from State Route 718 to Hill Street. Much discussion followed against Ordinance 1004 expressing the concern of speed, safety and how it will affect the parking for the residents along Williams Street. Also, they presented 2 letters from resident who couldn't attend that expressed the same views. Georgianna moved to table Ordinance 1004, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Georgianna, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Reports:

No Sheriff's Department Report.

Village Superintendent Bob Chaney reported that the little 4-way stop signs to be put on the signs was required by the ORC and ODOT is still looking at signs for pedestrian crossing near the post office. Bob presented photos and procedures on how the department was handling the tall and noxious weeds around town. ASAP Lawn Care Service agreed to mow the lots for a minimum of \$50.00 a lot. Georgianna moved to assess the property owners for the cost of mowing their lot in accordance with Ordinance 996 plus the Miami County for collection and delinquency fees, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Georgianna, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Melinda all yes. Motion Carried.

Bob reported that they will continue to paint curbs and crosswalks this coming month and they will be flushing the fire hydrants in August. Also, the Village entrance signs are to be painted Saturday August 6th by Zane Fessler and Boy Scout Troop 146 for Zane's Eagle Project. Freds Signs will be repainting 2 Pleasant Hill signs and making 2 new Pleasant Hill signs and they will repaint the Ohio emblem. Zane may have some funds left over to go towards the cost of Freds Signs work. Bob will look into replacing the flower boxes around the monument since they are falling apart.

Mayor Gary Johnston reported that Bob Gurklies had passed away on July 29th, and he was a member of the Planning Commission and past Village Council member. There is now an opening on the Planning Commission and if Council or anyone else knows of someone who would serve please let the Mayor know.

Mayor reported that Wagner Paving will be paving the Ash Knoll area as mentioned in Jason Winners report and the Mayor would like to pave the area on High Street from the Ash Knoll development to Locust Street. Melinda moved to have Wagner Paving pave High Street from Ash Knoll Development to Locust Street for a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 with the funds coming out of Permissive Motor Vehicle Fund and the remainder from General Fund, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Georgianna moved by Title Ordinance 1005 to increase the Permissive Tax on Vehicles by \$5.00, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgianna and Melinda both yes, Paul no, Brenda and Becky both yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Brenda moved to suspend the three reading rule for the safety and welfare of the Village of Pleasant Hill for Ordinance 1006 giving consent to the Director of Transportation of ODOT to complete the resurfacing and other roadway related items on State Route 718 within the Village Limits, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Brenda, Melinda, Paul, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion carried. Georgianna moved to adopt as an emergency Ordinance 1006 giving consent to the Director of Transportation of ODOT to complete the resurfacing and other roadway related items on State Route 718 within the Village Limits, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Georgianna, Melinda, Paul, Brenda and Becky all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved Resolution 2005-07 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 2006, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Becky and Georgianna all yes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Melinda reported that she has started working on the Quarterly Village newsletter and sometime in the month of August she will drop off a draft to Council members and would appreciate any changes given to her before the next meeting so she can present a final draft at the September meeting.

Becky reported that the committee reviewing Cemetery Rules and Regulations will report at the next meeting.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

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

Melinda moved to pay NYSA Summer Soccer and Summer Baseball \$750.00 each, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda and Paul both yes, Brenda no, Becky and Georgian both yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Fiscal Officer Tony Fessler reported that Lieutenant Steve Lord of the Sheriff's Department came over and reviewed all the police evidence that was in our possession and will be destroying the evidence pursuant to a Court order. Also, the Covington Police Chief Lee Harmon came and took some supplies that they may use before they become obsolete. Lee had mentioned that if at all possible they would like to have the police bicycle and may be interested in a police cruiser and radios. The 3 guns, radios, cruiser lights and cruisers still need to be dealt with.

Georgiana moved to donate the ammunition to the Sheriff's Department and return the police bike to Covington Savings and Loan and begin the process of selling the police cruisers, lights, radios and other items, seconded by Becky. Roll Call: Georgiana and Becky both yes, Melinda no, Paul yes and Brenda no. Motion carried 3-2.

Council Members suggested that the Village begin the process of changing the former police office into a Village Council room for future meetings.

It was reported that the Service Department would like to have the old police radios for the trucks, but there may be a substantial cost to change the radios over, so it will be decided at a later meeting after we get more information.

Melinda moved to adjourn, seconded by Paul. Roll Call: Melinda, Paul, Brenda, Georgiana and Becky all yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor/ Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler