

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2007  
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Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: Melinda Clark, Rick Baker, John Schultz, Bob Sollmann and Ronald "Bud" Perry all present and Donna Favorite absent. Others present were Jeff Derksen Service Superintendent, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Gary Johnston Mayor, Paul Wagner Solicitor, Miami County Sheriff's Department representative, Debbie Cress Income Tax Administrator, Jason Winner of Fanning/Howey Engineering, Richard Holsinger, Stan Fessler and Kory Krofft from the BPA, Ron Puthoff, 5 members of Boy Scout Troop 146 with their Scout Masters Joe Thompson, Shawn Wehrley and Jill Delcamp and Larry Johnson from Swartzel/Affiliated Insurance Services.

Rick moved to approve the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Bob. Roll Call: Rick, Bob, Bud, Melinda and John all yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Richard "Dick" Holsinger expressed to Council his concern about outside food vendors coming into the Village during the village wide garage sale and hurting the funds being raised by the local non profit groups that serve food and in turn put that money back into the community through their programs. Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor, stated that if the vendors are following rules, regulations and are properly licensed it doesn't appear that the Village can single them out for any violation no matter what good intentions you may have.

Dick stated he is still considering the position of zoning inspector.

Shawn Wehrley asked about the progress on the drainage between plat 1 and plat 2 in Ash Knoll. Jason Winner will follow up with Bart Denlinger since it hasn't been completed. Shawn stated that if a catch basin needs to be put on his property to help the problem he is willing to cooperate.

Ron Puthoff reported that the third public meeting went real well and all the 10 issues were discussed. Ron presented a revised Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) #21 Small Government Commission Application that would increase the amount that the Village will be funding. Since the scoring criteria has changed for this round of grants the aforementioned change will put the Village score at 66 which is a good place to be for this years awarding of funds in May. Melinda moved to amend the Village application to reflect the changes proposed by Ron Puthoff, seconded by John. Roll Call: Melinda, John, Rick, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved Resolution 2007-01 authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Miami County asking them to consider the Village for as much funds as they are able to provide from the local CDBG Block Grant, which would be referenced to the OPWC Grant for the reconstruction of West Monument Street, which benefits everybody in the Village and it will help with the score on the application for the CDBG Distress Grant of \$300,000.00, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John and Rick all yes. Motion carried.

Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor, informed Council that they initiate the projects and the Board of Public Affairs (BPA) than operates and maintains the systems. The BPA can enter into contracts for the operation and maintenance of the projects. Acquisition of any property over \$25,000.00 is to be performed by the Village Council and than BPA can take it over after that in regards to the completion and operation of the property. Paul distributed some sections of the Ohio Revised Code (specifically section 735.07) to members that apply to the current sewer plant analysis. Kory Krofft explained to Village Council that the BPA is not as far along as some folks were led to believe, they are trying to understand what they are capable of doing on their own and where they may need a project

manager. At this time the BPA has not received or entered into any contracts for a study of the sewer system. Paul explained that the BPA has to be involved in the water works contracts and that is not to be confused with sewer projects. Kory explained that BPA has been talking with three unsolicited firms, other than Fanning/Howey, that have been involved in sewer type projects.

Jason Winner proceeded to present a contract agreement for doing a study on existing plant, look at conditions of analysis, design alternatives for upgrades or future expansion of the plant, cost estimate of operational analysis of each alternative and looking at the funding sources that are available for Village Council to consider. The cost would be \$15,000.00. Melinda asked whether Council should get some other cost quotes from other firms on this study before deciding on which firm to do the study. The Mayor didn't feel the bids would be that far off, it is under \$25,000.00 and he is not interested in changing engineering firms at this stage of the project. Bud moved to have Fanning/Howey do the study with Sewer Line Improvements with the money coming out of the Sewer Line, Plant and Improvement fund, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Bud, Melinda, Bob, John and Rick all yes. Motion carried. Kory asked Jason to consider what EPA might require in the next 10 to 15 years in his study.

#### Committee Reports:

Recreation – Melinda reported that there was a meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> of the Community Recreation Board and the Shoup's, property owners, are still interested in selling their land for a park development project. Ron Puthoff is asking the Newton Township Trustees to start the appraisal process so negotiations can start for buying of the land. A Grant has already been approved and several other grants have been applied for and look very favorable.

#### Department reports:

Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent, asked for another month to receive all the quotes on an alternate solution on the drainage problem at Grace and Long Street. He did receive a quote from Star Excavating for \$14,950.00 and is waiting on one from Wagner Paving.

Jeff received a letter back from the Urban Forester on tree replacement and care at the cemetery and some other ideas such as having a tree committee. Jeff and Bob Sollmann have the information if anyone wants to see it.

Jeff reported that the Juvenile Court would like the Village to provide them a general cost figure for replacement of signs so it can be billed to any individuals that are caught destroying Village signs. The Mayor objected to give a general cost, so Jeff and Tony will work up cost on a case by case situation and provide it to the Juvenile Courts.

#### New Business:

Larry Johnson, from Swartzell/Affiliated Insurance Services, presented two insurance proposals from EMC, current carrier, for \$14,630.00 and the Ohio Plan which is a specific plan for public entities, for \$11,932.00 (Council had a third proposal from Travelers for \$14,511 from Brower Insurance) for Council to consider. Larry proceeded to explain, in detail, the plans and the coverage's the Village would have since this is the first time the current Council Members had the Village Insurance Plan sent out for competitive quotes.

Rick moved to award the Village insurance coverage to the Ohio Plan for the cost of \$11,932.00, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Rick, Bud, Bob, John and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Now that the Village and Newton Township are both on the same insurance plan they can have an agreement to be able to share equipment without insurance problems.

The Mayor reported that Harry Vannus was building west of the Cemetery on State Route 718 and was requesting to use Village water services from Lauver Road. The Mayor was asking Council if they were going to require the Vannus family to annex into the Village to receive those services or

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grant them to use our facilities for the higher rates. After much discussion it was decided that the issue is a BPA issue and not a Village Council issue.

Council was presented samples of drop boxes for utility bills and income tax payments. After some discussion other options will be looked at and discussed at the next meeting.

Kory asked for a Council member who could be the main contact for the Webmaster to receive updates and information that could be reported on the Village web site. Council did not make a decision since Donna Favorite was absent and she seemed to be the most likely choice.

Rick moved to split the cost of a back up system with the BPA for backing up the utility and income tax programs, seconded by John. Roll Call: Rick, John, Bob and Bud all yes, Melinda abstained. Motion carried.

The copier is having problems with the duplex portion and Melinda will check out the cost of a new copier for the office which will allow the current copier to be used at the Village garage.

Newton Township Trustees have agreed to replace the windows at the Council meeting room, but not the air conditioner. Council decided to install the air conditioner into the wall adjoining the garage.

Melinda moved to approve the bills, seconded by Rick. Roll call: Melinda, Rick, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

The six month reviews are coming up and Bud volunteered to do the review for the Council along with the BPA representative and the Mayor.

John moved to adjourn, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: John, Melinda, Rick, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

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Mayor/ Gary Johnston

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Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler