

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9TH, 2007
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Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: Ronald "Bud" Perry, Bob Sollmann, John Schultz and Donna Favorite all present, Rick Baker and Melinda Clark both absent. Others present were Jeff Derksen Service Superintendent, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Gary Johnston Mayor, Paul Wagner Solicitor, Debbie Cress Income Tax Administrator, Larry Morton, Linda Brown, Chester Wolfe and Don Cress.

John moved to approve the March 12th, 2007 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: John, Donna, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda Clark arrived at 7:02pm.

Citizens Comments:

Larry Morton, Supervisor for the Community Service Projects through the Miami County Municipal Courts Adult Probation, proposed to have his adults, who are working to pay their fines off, paint the fire hydrants and curbs around the Village. He will be able to supervise the crew on weekends if there are seven adults working. If there are more than seven he would need somebody to help supervise them. The Village would need to supply the brushes, paint, drop clothes, etc. and the adults will have safety vests and are covered by the County in regards to workers compensation insurance. Jeff Derksen will be the Village contact for Larry and John Schultz will check with the Fire Department to see what color(s) to paint the hydrants.

Linda Brown, who resides at 211 East Monument Street, expressed her frustration with how the water problem that is flooding her basement, at her property is not being resolved by the BPA and/or Village as she would prefer. According to Linda the water problem started when the new water line was put in out to the new tower and it has gotten worse since the new gas line was put in at her house. Since this situation is under the BPA's authority the Mayor will contact Stan Fessler, President of the BPA, to see if these concerns can be worked out to satisfy all parties.

Chester Wolfe, who resides at 119 South Main Street, expressed a concern about the noise from vehicles and motorcycles coming out of the Sunoco Station and joy riding down Main Street on Saturdays and Sundays. The Mayor suggested that his concerns be expressed to the Miami County Sheriffs Department. Chester was informed to also tell the Sheriffs Department about the parking violations that he has observed within the Village.

Chester stated to the Council that he would be interested in being Zoning Inspector and he did have some experience when he lived in Greene County he did construction work and was an agent for Incorporation Valley Wood and he did some of this type of work, but that was 30 years ago. Chester believed that Richard Holsinger would also be a good candidate if he wanted the position.

Don Cress, who resides at 117 West Hill Street, was present to hear Council's interpretation of the Cemetery Rules in Section 9 about removal of items such as solar lights and shepherds hooks in the cemetery. He was opposed to the removal of about 20 shepherd hooks, including his, on March 20th in the cemetery. Don would like to see a Cemetery Committee to administer and interpret the rules. Village Council proceeded to review the old cemetery rules and the proposed revisions. Some cemeteries like Troy, who have cemetery personnel, allow shepherd hooks that are located right next to the foundation and hang over the monument as long as they do not interfere with the mowing and burials. After much discussion Melinda moved to do the First Reading by Title of Ordinance 1025 replacing Ordinance 1016. The motion died for a lack of a second. Jeff, Tim and the Mayor will draw up wording for the Ordinance and present it to Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor, for preparing Ordinance 1025 for the next meeting.

Mayor, Gary Johnston, reported that Bart Denlinger of Keystone Homes has completed the necessary grading in plat 1 of Ash Knoll and it looks very nice and should help the flow of surface water.

Committee Reports:

Safety – Bud reported that the elevator has offered to allow the old fire siren to be installed at the elevator since 3 phase electric is already there as long as it is used only for emergencies and he will not be responsible for the equipment. The Mayor reported that the Fire Department is interested in a noon whistle so the elevator probably won't work, but he will pass this information on to the Joint Fire District.

Beautification - John reported that Donna and he came up with the following ideas to improve the appearance of Village: Improve the flower boxes at the edge of Village, new business signs at the entrance of the Village, paint the fire hydrants, paint and repair the base of the Monument according to ODOT standards, clean the leaves and gravel along the curbs on Williams and North Church Street. Another item is the way the trash containers are handled within the Village. The Mayor will prepare a letter to be put on trash containers that are not being handled properly and present it at the next meeting. The beautification committee will prepare a list of violators

Donna reported that if a tree committee is to be formed for planting trees around the Village there have been several individuals who have indicated to John that they would like to serve on the committee. This committee would try to apply for grants, follow the Ordinances and confer with Jeff about what the urban forester has suggested. Council agreed to have John and Donna pursue the individuals in preparing suggestions for Council.

Melinda moved to spend up to \$250.00 for flowers to be planted around the Village and Monument before Memorial Day, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Library Board Representative – Donna reported that the Museum hasn't been opened for about 3 years, so they are meeting the morning of April 16th to decide how to separate the Library Board and Museum Board. Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor, suggested that Donna review the Court Orders and Village files before any action by the Library Board and she agreed.

Department reports:

Mayor, Gary Johnston, reported that the Fire Association reported to the JFD Board that they are pursuing the sharing of the cost (about \$10,000.00) to have a diesel pump installed at the School facilities to allow the School, Fire Department, Township and Village to use the same diesel fuel tanks. Village Council quickly stated they are not interested in the project.

Old Business:

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 not give one of the original companies the bid information in time to have it for this meeting. Council agreed to wait.

Council was presented more examples of drop boxes for utility bills and income tax payments that can be drop through the outside wall. The total will probably cost about \$1,100.00 if it has to go through the wall or be a self standing unit.

Melinda reported that cost of a new copier range from \$340.00 to \$1,300.00 and she presented stats on the various copiers. Melinda recommended the Dell Copier for around \$340.00. John moved to purchase the 1815DM Dell, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: John, Bud, Bob, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Melinda will find the best place to order it from.

Mayor, Gary Johnston, asked Council about the zoning inspector position. Donna reported that Kay McKinney from Covington told her that they have a man that does inspections on call and they pay him \$10.00 per inspection. Also, the duties would have to be defined. Chester Wolfe has shown interest but their may be others interested. Donna suggested we provide Chester a zoning

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book for him to look over to see if he is really interested and pay a person on a per inspection fee. John was concerned about his actual duties and the Mayor said it would involve applying for permits, inspecting property, fence and sidewalk Ordinances, etc, Council would have to help give the zoning inspector some guidance. The Mayor will talk to Chester about possible duties.

New Business:

Council asked Jeff to get 2 port-a-johns and place them at Sunoco and Store and Lock. Jeff will also contact Goodwill to see if they will provide a truck and check with the Church of the Brethren to see if it can be put in their lot. Tony will put an ad in the Stillwater Advertiser and in the Troy paper as community announcement.

Melinda moved to install a wall mounted Drop Box for a cost not to exceed \$1000.00, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: Melinda, Donna, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Jeff presented several quotes on replacing the dump truck bed on the large truck. Bud moved to accept the Kaffenbarger bid for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a new bed, installation of the bed and salt spreader, seconded by Bob. Roll Call: Bud, Bob, John, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

The Fire Department installed a DSL line so the internet doesn't tie up the phone lines and the Village has access to it. The JFD would like to share the cost with the Village since it benefits both parties. Bud moved to share the monthly cost with the JFD, seconded by John. Roll Call: Bud, John, Donna, Melinda and Bob all yes. Motion carried. Donna asked to advise the BPA to inform Council on issues such as this before they have installed it and then ask for the Council to pay for it.

Mayor, Gary Johnston, reported that Jeff Derksen, Tim Byrd and Debbie Cress had all been satisfactorily reviewed since the last meeting and there were no negative evaluations. Bob moved to increase Tim's hourly wage by \$.50 effective at his 6 months anniversary date, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Bob, Bud, John, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Jeff will receive his increase after obtaining his wastewater license. Donna moved to increase Debbie's hourly wage by \$1.00 retroactive to her 6 month anniversary date, seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna, John, Melinda, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer, Tony Fessler, reported that Debbie has been doing very well learning the utility and Income tax programs which can be done in about 20 hours per week, but in order to learn the accounting program and take the minutes for BPA, working with the web site, etc., she needs additional hours. Donna moved to increase Debbie's hours per pay period by eight hours so her hours will be 48 hours every two weeks, seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna, John, Melinda, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Donna moved to adopt the following posted office hours for the public, Monday 8:00am to 4:30pm, Tuesday 9:00am to 1:00pm and Friday 7:30am to 4:00pm, Wednesday and Thursdays will be by appointment, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Donna, Melinda, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported that by next months meeting Council will have a quote on a new air conditioner and the installation of it in the wall between the meeting room and the garage.

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

Council members were all given a letter by Peg Fast, 225 N. Johnston Road, regarding various Cemetery concerns. After some discussion the Council members will talk to Peg to get some ideas of how to address those issues and inform her as to what the Village is intending to do with the funds available.

Melinda moved to adjourn, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John and Donna all yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Mayor/ Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer/ Tony Fessler