

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2007  
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Roll Call: Ronald "Bud" Perry, Bob Sollmann, John Schultz, Rick Baker, Donna Favorite, and Melinda Clark all present. Others present were Charlie Hormell, Don Cress, Richard "Dick" and Norma Holsinger, Tim Byrd Asst to the Service Superintendent, Gary Johnston Mayor, Paul Wagner Solicitor, Tony Fessler Fiscal Officer, Debbie Cress Income Tax Administrator, Deputy from the Sheriff's Department, Craig Mescher from Fanning and Howey Engineering and Ron Puthoff from Community Development Services, Inc.

Donna moved to approve the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting minutes, seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna, John, Rick, Bob, Bud, and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

There were no Citizens Comments at this time.

Reports:

Craig Mescher from Fanning and Howey informed the Village Council that the project engineers for the Monument Street State Route 718 reconstruction project will be Brian May and himself since Jason Winner recently left the company. Craig reported that Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) officially funded Phase 1 of the project, which is from State Route 48 to the west end of town. The total amount awarded was \$673,932 of which \$202,180 is a zero percent interest loan. Craig explained the grants and projections for 2008 and the expected timetable. He noted that the reconstruction of Church Street, possibly in 2010, could receive a zero interest loan and he will work with Miami County Engineer Doug Christian to see if they can make it happen. Craig reported that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has a Transportation Enhancement Funding program, 80% - 20% funding for street lights, pavers, etc; that takes a 4 year application process so he will apply for it with the State Route 48 project, which is expected to occur in 2011. It was noted that some of Monument Street could be eligible for street lights in the application, so Craig recommended incorporating the conduit into the current Monument Street State Route 718 project so the lights and pedestals could be installed more easily at a

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later time. Craig stated that he hopes to have Phase 1 plans by the August meeting, once some of the details are decided by the Village as to street width and drainage ideas. Craig agreed to check the width of state routes through other cities to help Council in making a decision. Melinda asked about some of the items being included in Phase 1 other than paving. Gary stated that reducing the hill at the cemetery is in the original plan, with sidewalk replacement to be determined later. Gary stated that it is unknown how the storm sewer situation will be resolved, so the open ditch/sidewalk situation also has not been resolved. Craig stated that he would like to have the project out for bid by the end of the year and he would like to have Council's decisions about street width, and how far they'd like to extend the street, by the first of September. Tony explained the expected time line as follows: at the July meeting Council will talk about drainage and other items, so Craig can start the specifications for the plan, then in August determine the widths and trees, for Craig to incorporate into the plan, then in September Craig present the plan for Council's consideration to put out for bid.

John reported that the independent Tree Committee met and appointed Dick Holsinger president and Donna Hormell as secretary. The Urban Forester has agreed to attend a monthly meeting, with topics of interest being the cemetery, maintaining trees throughout the Village and making recommendations to Village Council as to the size and species of new trees to plant. It was agreed that the Tree Committee will need to give their recommendations to Village Council by the August meeting.

The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for citizen input into the decision making process in regards to trees and other projects in the Village.

Tony presented financial projections thru the end of 2008 based on the projected regular income and expenditures, and then added the impact of the grants, loans and the expected costs of the various proposed projects.

#### Department Reports:

Tim Byrd, Assistant to the Service Superintendent, reported that paving on Grace Street will begin at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow. He reported that he has painted three hydrants yellow, and asked that Council make sure that is the color they desire. Tim informed Council that the school kids had scraped all of the Main Street hydrants. Donna reported that there are three school organizations that require students to complete community service work. Tim agreed to contact the school in the fall to schedule activities that they can assist with. Tim will also contact Larry Morton, Supervisor of the Community Service Projects, to see when the Village can be worked into their schedule. Bud asked about the status of straightening street signs; Tim reported that they are checking with the County and other

sources to use their equipment to pound the posts in. Council requested that the air conditioner be installed in the Village Council meeting room as soon as possible. Melinda asked about the street sweeping program. Tim reported that he runs the street sweeper on Wednesdays and Thursdays as time is available and the street sweeper is in need of some repairs. Tim also reported that he had passed out three of the garbage can notices, and has not seen a problem with those trash cans since then.

Rick made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property. Bud seconded. Roll call: Rick, Bud, Bob, John, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Others requested to attend: Tony Fessler, Debbie Cress, Paul Wagner, Craig Mescher, Ron Puthoff. Executive session began at 8:25 pm.

Melinda moved to come out of executive session at 9:00 pm, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to allow the Mayor and a person of his choosing who is knowledgeable about building structures to review the property at 2 North Main Street to get information about its possible purchase, seconded by Bud. Roll call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Ron Puthoff presented a revised Distress Grant worksheet listing the expected activities, their projected cost and funding sources. He noted that all of this is still subject to some changes. Council and the Mayor discussed the Curbs and Walks activity and how it fit into Phase 1 of the Monument Street SR 718 Reconstruction. Craig reported that some communities do a sidewalk grading process, which impacts the amount of the sidewalk assessments. Council agreed to discuss this further along in the design process. Donna made a motion to have the next Community Distress Grant meeting at 7:00 pm. on June 28 at the Village Council Room, seconded by Rick. Roll call: Donna, Rick, Melinda, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Ron explained the need to have in place an Anti-displacement Policy for the Village, which states the things the Village will do if it purchases property with outside funds. Ron provided the plan, a resolution adopting that plan and stated that it would be included with the Distress Grant application. Ron reported that another resolution is needed that the Village commits the \$20,010 funding for the Village portion.

Charlie Hormell asked if any decision had been made in regards to the use of the 2 North Main Street property if it is purchased. The Mayor reported that no determination has been made at this time since Council doesn't even know if it is feasible to purchase.

Since no Council members volunteered, the Mayor agreed to attend the opening ceremonies of the Miami County Bicentennial Celebration on July 6 and represent the Village by presenting an item (yet to be determined) for the county wide capsule.

#### Committee Reports:

The Mayor stated that he wants to make it clear to everyone that the park program that is going forward, at this point in time, belongs to the Newton Township Trustees. The Trustees have received grants, requiring matching funds, for about \$137,000 to buy land for a park. The Village previously agreed to share equally in the Grant writing costs but that is the extent of the Village commitment at this time.

Donna moved the Second Reading of Ordinance 1025 Cemetery Rules, with a correction to make Section 10 as agreed to at the last meeting, seconded by John. Roll call: Donna, John, Rick, Bob, Bud and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Bob requested that the definition of monument row be clarified before the next meeting.

Rick moved the Second Reading of Ordinance 1026 Repeal of Ordinance 997, seconded by Donna. Roll call: Rick, Donna, Melinda, Bud, Bob and John all yes. Motion carried.

Rick moved Resolution 2007-02 The Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for Community Development Block Grant Funding Programs, seconded by John. Roll call: Rick, John, Bob, Bud, Melinda, and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Rick moved Resolution 2007-03 To Commit Village Funds to Match CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program for Fiscal Year 2007 In The Amount of \$20,010, seconded by John. Roll Call: Rick, John, Bob, Bud, Melinda and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

#### Old Business:

The Mayor reported that the Zoning Board met and decided that they did not see a need for a zoning inspector at this time. The members of the Zoning Board will take care of issues themselves.

#### New Business:

Melinda moved to have the Annual Public Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. July 9 at the Village Council meeting room, seconded by Bud. Roll call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to give \$750 toward the bill to Ernst Sporting Goods submitted by Youth Summer Baseball League, seconded by Bob. Roll call: Melinda, Bob, Bud, Donna, Rick and John all yes. Motion carried.

Rick explained the reasons behind his need to resign from Village Council and expressed that he would like for Village Council to find a replacement by the end of the year.

Tony asked Village Council what meeting dates they wanted to put on next years band calendar. The consensus was to continue having meetings on the second Monday.

Bud moved to approve payment of the bills, other than warrant 3684, seconded by Melinda. Roll call: Bud, Melinda, Donna, Rick, John and Bob all yes. Motion carried.

Donna moved to pay warrant 3684, seconded by Melinda. Roll call: Donna, Melinda, John, Bob and Bud all yes and Rick abstained. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor/ Gary Johnston

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Fiscal Officer/Tony Fessler