

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10TH, 2007
MINUTES

Mayor Gary Johnston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark, Donna Favorite, Rick Baker, John Schultz and Bob Sollmann all present. Ronald "Bud" Perry arrived later at 7:58 p.m. Others present were Richard "Dick" and Norma Holsinger, Scott Robinson, Joel Via, A.S.A.P. Lawn Care, Kory Krofft, BPA Trustee, Brian May from Fanning and Howey Engineering, Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent, Gary Johnston, Mayor, Paul Wagner, Solicitor, Debbie Cress, Income Tax Administrator, Tony Fessler, Fiscal Officer, and a Miami County Sheriff's Deputy and Buck Landrum from Best Way Disposal arrived later.

The bids for refuse hauling and mowing of Village property were presented to Council. Joel Via, DBA ASAP Lawn Care, was the only bid for mowing and he answered questions about his bid. The Library and Pipers Pine areas were the only items added for mowing. Best Way of Indiana, DBA Best Way Disposal was the only trash hauling bid and Buck Landrum was to arrive later to go over his bid.

John moved to approve the November 12th, 2007 regular meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Bob. Roll Call: John, Bob, Rick, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried. Melinda moved to approve the November 28th, 2007 special workshop meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Rick. Roll Call: Melinda, Rick, Donna, John and Donna and all yes. Motion carried.

A Deputy of the Miami County Sheriffs Department was present for any concerns. Jeff reported that he noticed snowmobiles were going through the cemetery. The Mayor informed everyone that Gary Back was supposed to be working on removing the junk vehicles on West High Street. The Deputy will follow up with Gary Back to see what progress has been made.

Citizens Comments:

Scott Robinson asked Council if they had reviewed his concern about the trimming of his tree. The lowest branch that was cut was 14 feet above the ground and there were 6 branches cut. Scott informed Council that he had trimmed the tree that he thought was the problem because it was under 12 feet, but obviously it was the wrong tree. Council explained to Scott that they will be making changes to the process but at this time there was no relief for his situation. Council explained that the price charged by the contractor was based on the minimum charge to set up and trim a tree.

Brian May, Fanning / Howey Engineering, presented an invoice for \$33,150.00 representing some of the engineering fees for the West Monument Street Phase 1 project that was to be forwarded to OPWC for payment since the Village has already paid there portion (OPWC pays 74% / Village pays 26%). Brian gave Council examples of spacing for street lights for two blocks each way for East and West Monument Street. Donna and the Mayor stated that we need to check with DPL to make sure we meet their standards and with Miami Valley Lighting since they service our current lights. Brian recommended using 14 foot poles.

Brian reported that the State is reviewing the Phase 1 contract. Brian reported that the sidewalks were sent in at 5 feet. Donna moved to have four (4) foot sidewalks with the curb side

getting the extra foot, seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna, John, Bob and Rick all yes, Melinda no. Motion carried 4-1.

Buck Landrum from Best Way Disposal arrived to answer any questions in regards to their Refuse bid. Best Way did present a one and three year bid. If the Village were to go with the three year rates the Village would have to raise their refuse rates sometime in 2009 to cover the contract thru 2010. Melinda moved to extend the Best Way Disposal Contract for three years as bid on December 10th, seconded by John. Roll Call: Melinda, John, Bob, Bud, Donna and Rick all yes. Motion carried. Buck stated that there should be no problems with pickup during the construction on Monument Street. Buck will write an extension contract for the Refuse collection since the contract presented was for one year.

Department Report:

Jeff asked Council to give guidance on Tree Trimming and he will draw up some recommendations for future trimming. Jeff will be obtaining quotes to take out old dead trees and trim trees in the cemetery and present them at the next meeting. Jeff reported that they had some truck problems during the first snowfall but everything has been fixed and is now running well. Jeff informed Council that he has been attending BPA continuing education courses and the classes for obtaining his water license.

The Mayor reported that he looked at Cynda Shuman's tree that was trimmed and it looked nice.

The Mayor explained that the Tree Committee needs one more member according to the Ordinance. Discussion about the Trees Maintenance Ordinance and its purpose followed. The committee will need to start setting up plans on how to inform the homeowners as to what type of trees and where trees can be planted in relation to the street light plans. Dick Holsinger stated he is not interested in telling homeowners what trees they have to put in. Council wanted to have an idea of what type of trees need to be planted. Dick said the Forester can give the Council that information. Dick proposed that the Village should take care of the trees that will be put uniformly throughout the Village in order to make the Village look nice. The major concern is where the money will come from to maintain and plant the trees. Council will discuss the proposed Tree Maintenance Ordinance at a later workshop. The terms of the Tree Committee Members also needs to be determined by Council at the workshop.

The Mayor reported that the BPA recommended that Kory Krofft be appointed to fill the open position on BPA. Melinda moved to appoint Kory Krofft to fill the open seat on BPA per their request, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: Melinda, Donna, Rick, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor recommended that Melinda be appointed to fill the vacant seat on Council. Bob moved to appoint Melinda Clark to fill the open seat on Council, seconded by John. Roll Call: Bob, John, Rick, Donna and Bud all yes, Melinda abstained. Motion carried.

The Mayor proceeded to swear in Kory Krofft, Ronald 'Bud' Perry and Melinda Clark for their elected and appointed positions.

Kory Krofft representing the BPA, explained to the Council that eight households north of the Village limits on State Route 48 that have a deteriorated water line that will be replaced. Kory stated that the BPA was wondering if the Council would consider possible annexation if the property owners would be interested. There is a possibility that these households will also have sewer problems in the future and the BPA wondered if a sewer line that ties into Church Street should be installed at the same time they put in the new water line. The Mayor stated that Fanning / Howey will need to do a preliminary survey of the situation so a cost estimate can be obtained for the project. It was

estimated the survey could cost up to \$5,000.00. The Mayor will check with Brian May for a rough cost. It was reported that Fanning / Howey is behind in the timeline for the sewer system upgrade project and the Mayor will ask Brian what is the revised timeline.

Kory informed Council that the BPA is considering whether they need to have another water main line to the Water tower, currently there is one six inch line. One idea is to tie into the line on West Monument Street to feed the tower if there was a break in the main line. The tie in would be as close to the well fields as possible. This could have an effect on the West Monument Street Project since an extension may be needed. The BPA will talk with Fanning / Howey for their ideas.

Committee Reports:

Council discussed whether Santa Claus would be coming to Pleasant Hill before Christmas. Donna moved to contribute up to \$150.00 for Christmas treats if the Fire Department or the Township would bring Santa in this year, seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna, John, Bob, Bud, Melinda and Rick all yes. Motion carried. Rick will contact all the parties involved.

Safety committee member Bud Perry asked why the emergency warning siren occasionally goes off late at night when there is no emergency. The Mayor reported that Sam Adams is looking into the frequency wave problem.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2007-10 Statement of Principles Regarding Ohio's Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act was not acted upon.

Resolution 2007-15 Public Records Policy was not acted upon.

Donna moved Resolution 2007-16 Appropriation Line Item Changes by Fund, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Donna, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved Resolution 2007-17 Amend the 2007 Certificate of Estimated Resources, seconded by John. Roll Call: Melinda, John, Bob, Bud, Donna and Rick all yes. Motion carried.

Bud moved Resolution 2007-18 Temporary Appropriations for 2008, seconded John. Roll Call: Bud, John, Bob, Rick, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Donna moved the Second Reading of Ordinance 1030 For Public Improvement, seconded by Rick. Roll Call: Donna, Rick, John, Bob, Bud and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved the Second Reading of Ordinance 1031 For Retention and Destruction of Electronic Recordings, seconded by Rick. Roll Call: Melinda, Rick, Donna, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

John moved the First Reading of the 2007 Permanent Appropriations, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: John, Bud, Bob, Rick, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Rick asked if Stan Fessler had ever been informed of what was going to happen to his sidewalk situation. Council had not talked to Stan but the plan calls for a sidewalk along West Monument and it hasn't been changed. Melinda moved to have all sidewalks on State Route 718 shall be as planned and documents submitted to the State of Ohio, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: Melinda, Bud, Bob, John, Rick and Donna all yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Melinda moved to amend Section 800-6 and Section 800-6A of Subdivision Regulations to correct the meter charges to agree with the current procedure of buying the meter from the Village, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: Melinda, Donna, Rick, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to accept Joel Via, DBA as A.S.A.P. Lawn Care, for a three year contract as bid, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: Melinda, Donna, Rick, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried.

Rick moved to go to executive session to discuss the promotion and compensation of public employees with the Mayor and Village Solicitor, seconded by Melinda. Roll Call: Rick, Melinda, Donna, John, Bob and Bud all yes. Motion carried. Time entered was 10:10pm.

At 10:55pm the regular meeting was reconvened.

John moved to give Jeff Derksen and Tim Byrd a fifty cents per hour raise beginning January 1, 2008, seconded by Bud. Roll Call: John, Bud, Bob, Rick, Donna and Melinda all yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to maintain the \$300.00 clothing allowance and have it all come out of the General Fund, seconded by Donna. Roll Call: All Yea. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to pay the November bills, seconded by Bud. Roll call: All Yea except for Donna who abstained. Motion carried.

Finance Committee will have a meeting to prepare a proposal for the transition of Fiscal Officer's position. The meeting is scheduled to be January 7th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council room.

Melinda moved to adjourn. Roll Call: All Yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Mayor / Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer / Tony Fessler