

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 28TH, 2008

Mayor Gary Johnston called the workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark – absent; Donna Favorite – present; Rick Baker – present; John Schultz – present; Bob Sollmann – present; Ronald (Bud) Perry - absent. Others present were Gary Johnston, Mayor; Debbie Cress, Income Tax Administrator; and Tony Fessler, Fiscal Officer, arrived later.

The Council and the Mayor reviewed and discussed a list of design items for the Monument Street – Phase II project that had been submitted by Brian May. The Council reviewed the current E Monument layout as to street width, condition and location of current sidewalks, curb lawn, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, etc., and discussed possible changes. The Mayor made notes on his and Council's discussion and additional questions, e.g. street lights and trees.

The Council and the Mayor discussed the function of the Street Tree Commission. They agreed that they would like to have a list of recommended trees appropriate for planting in the curb lawn and spacing requirements, taking into consideration street lighting and other factors. It was agreed to present to Council that the property owner would have the responsibility for the purchase and maintenance of trees planted in the curb lawn, with the location to be approved by a Village representative.

The need for backhoe repairs and maintenance, estimated cost of \$5,000, was discussed. The Mayor agreed to investigate options – repairing, purchase, sharing equipment with the Township, renting from/to the Township.

The Council and the Mayor discussed closure of the south cemetery entrance during the W Monument St reconstruction, and any operating changes and notifications that would be required.

The Mayor presented a worksheet listing streets that need total reconstruction and ones that need minor repairs. He stated that those needing minor repairs would be part of the normal street maintenance and repairs schedule and budget. He stated that he would like to have Council's input/agreement with the listed projects, and prioritization of these projects. He noted that this is needed for the long term financial forecast he has requested Tony prepare. It was requested that adding parking at the fire station be added to the list.

The Council and the Mayor discussed the future use of the 2 N Main St property. Potential uses for the current building and the cost of rehabbing for these uses were discussed. The Mayor stated that taking down the building and clearing any debris is estimated to cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The need to obtain permits for this activity brought up: none from Bob Bowman, Miami County Building Regulations, but the Mayor agreed to contact the Health Department to see what they require.

The Mayor and the Council discussed having a survey done about the Pleasant Hill Monument: whether a survey should be limited to "should the Monument be moved" or include potential relocations sites, who should be surveyed – include township residents, etc. Tony offered to contact outside sources about preparing a survey, but no interest in his doing this was expressed.

Council discussed the need for adopting a record retention policy.

Donna reported on the organizational status of the Pleasant Hill Library/Museum: they were combined 8 years ago, and for financial/funding purposes, it is currently being proposed that they be separated.

Tony provided an update on the Newton Township property purchase for the park.

The Mayor called for adjournment, Council voted "yeas". The meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.