

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

June 2, 2008

Mayor Gary Johnston called the workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark – present; Donna Favorite – present; Rick Baker – absent; John Schultz – present; Robert (Bob) Sollmann – present; Ronald (Bud) Perry - present. Others present were Tim Byrd, Assistant Service Superintendent; Gary Johnston, Mayor; Debbie Cress, Fiscal Officer.

Tim presented quotes for and answered questions about the proposed summer paving program; locations identified as needing repairs are E Hill St, Brethren Dr, and High St, and the installation of a parking lot at the fire house. Council requested that he obtain quotes for repairs needed at the corner of Church and Franklin streets and Seneca Dr.

Council acknowledged receipt of proposed ordinances 1036 and 1037. Gary reported that he had drafted Ordinance 1037 (fence regulations) based on review of other entities' regulations. Bud questioned why fence regulations are not part of the zoning ordinance; Gary stated that fence regulations were taken out of the current zoning ordinance and because of their nature and the potential for changes, fence regulations need a separate ordinance. After discussion and questions, Bob agreed to further review and make recommendations on the proposed ordinance. Council and Gary discussed the status of ordinances enacted prior to the abolishment of Mayor's Court and the need for updating. Council expressed their desire to review ordinances; Gary noted that books containing all the Village ordinances are available at the Village Office, and that ordinances enacted after the abolishment of Mayor's Court are available on the Village website.

Gary reported that Charlie Hormell has been notified that he needs to immediately have the underground storage tanks on his property located at his expense so that the storm sewer installation for the W SR718 project can proceed.

Debbie presented a summary of the Village's contributions toward employee insurance which shows that despite a 27.7% increase in premiums, the Village has not increased the amount it is contributing (up to \$500) per employee per month. Melinda summarized the options as: pay for each employee's coverage; try to find less expensive rates for the same coverage; try to get into a pool. Council asked Debbie to investigate changing the carrier to obtain a lower rate.

Melinda reported that Jeff passed his water test. Melinda also reported that the Shoups' have signed the contract for purchase of the park land. Melinda recommended that Council reach an understanding with the Newton Township Trustees about the structure of any governing board and operating procedures before entering into any joint ownership or lease of the park land. Council discussed the proposal to use asphalt grindings from the E SR718 project for the park parking lot.

Council discussed the location of the new school – part in, part outside of the Village. Council requested that Gary contact Newton School Superintendent Pat McBride about the school's intention regarding annexation, provision of services, and the park land.

Debbie called to Council's attention the information from the Board of Public Affairs about the OneCall Now Emergency Notification System. She reported that the BPA had asked her to convey to Village Council the BPA's recognition of the importance of communication to Village residents, and that they are investigating improvements to that communication. Council requested that Debbie ask the BPA for a copy of the contingency plan that deals with the types of problems that have occurred.

Gary provided an update of Finrock Construction's progress on W SR718.

John and Donna agreed to contact and sit down with Brian May about the progress on plans for the building removal and parking lot at 2 N Main St.

The Mayor called for adjournment; Bob made a motion to adjourn, Melinda seconded, Council voted "yeas". The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.