

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 28, 2008

Mayor Gary Johnston called the workshop meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark – present; Donna Favorite – present; John Schultz – absent; Robert “Bob” Sollmann – present; Rick Baker – present; Ronald “Bud” Perry – present. Others present were Kory Krofft; Jamie and Casey Clark; Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent; Gary Johnston, Mayor; Debbie Cress, Fiscal Officer.

Kory and Jamie, members of the Pleasant Hill Board of Public Affairs, informed Village Council of the bad condition of the water line servicing the nonresident property owners on N SR48. Options were discussed. Kory agreed to draft a joint letter from the BPA and Council to these customers; Jeff agreed to check with the Miami County Health Department on drilling wells.

Kory and Jamie brought to Council’s attention costs on change order number 4 to the W SR718 project that the BPA feels Council should consider assessing to the property owners. The reasons for these changes/costs were discussed.

Kory and Jamie brought to Council’s attention a line item for changes to the water service for Dave Naff Real Property’s building on the E SR718 project. After discussion, the BPA representatives agreed to further investigate this change.

Gary noted that Council members had received copies of a letter from VTF Excavation detailing their waterline and underground utilities installation work and employee experience and a bid from Wagner Plumbing for the Library air conditioner.

Gary and Council reviewed the discussion draft of the tree ordinance proposal provided to each Council member. The need for installation approval requirements and procedures was discussed. It was noted that current Pleasant Hill regulations do not allow trees to be planted in the curb lawn. Council requested that a first reading by title for this ordinance be placed on the next meeting’s agenda.

Gary, Jeff, and Council discussed the current condition of Tommy Lewis Park. Gary agreed to check to see if any of the \$60,000 CDBG grant money can be used for this park. Bud suggested adding this park to the scope of the Park Board’s review (the one that the Township/School Board/Village is considering forming). Melinda suggested checking to see if this park would be eligible for any grants, such as the Nature Works one that the township received. Rick suggested contacting the Boy Scouts or other volunteer/community service groups for clean up. Donna stated that she will ask Peter Montgomery to assess the condition of the trees. Jeff reported that he has a book that shows the original layout of the park and the donations. Gary summed up the discussion: He, Jeff, and Tim will determine the actions needed for clean up (short term solution), while Council will need to develop a long term plan for a low maintenance permanent solution.

Gary and Council noted receipt of notice of the combined Special Meeting of the Newton Township Trustees, Newton Local Schools School Board, and the Pleasant Hill Village Council on Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton School Media Center, 201 N Long St, Pleasant Hill, OH and the agenda for that meeting. Gary will inform Debbie if her attendance is required.

Melinda stated her concern about the back-up situation in the Village Office. Council, Gary, and Debbie discussed the Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator/BPA Clerk position(s) and options. This item was scheduled for further discussion at the next workshop meeting.

Gary and Council discussed that the Library air conditioner quote was significantly higher than expected, and the options. Gary agreed to check into alternate use of the CDBG grant funds.

The Mayor called for adjournment; Melinda made a motion to adjourn, Bud seconded, Council voted “yeas”. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer Debbie Cress