

## PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR

February 9, 2009

Mayor Gary Johnston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Ronald "Bud" Perry – present; Rick Baker – present; John Schultz – present; Robert "Bob" Sollmann – present; Donna Favorite – present; and Melinda Clark – present. Others present were; Brian May from Fanning/Howey Engineering; Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor; Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent; Gary Johnston, Mayor; Carol Fessler, Fiscal Officer; Tony Fessler, Income Tax Administrator; Terry Wackler, Newton Township Trustee; Stan Fessler, BPA President; Pat McBride, Superintendent of Newton Local School; a deputy from the Miami County Sheriff's office; Nicki Reese, Community Development Program Manager for the Miami County Department of Economic Development; 7 members of Boy Scout Troop 146 with their leaders – Joe Thompson, Russell Tackett and Mark Cheatwood.

Melinda moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular meeting with two minor changes regarding wording; seconded by John. Roll Call: Melinda – yes; John – yes; Bob – yes; Bud – yes; Rick – yes, Donna – yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department representative was present for any concerns. The Mayor reported to the Sheriff's Department that State Route 718, east of town, will be closing completely within the next month due to the resuming of work to the road. Council had no questions.

### Citizens' Comments:

Several members of Boy Scout Troop 146 were in attendance along with their troop leaders to watch the council proceedings.

### Committee Report:

Nicki Reese reported on the park project. She had contacted the State to clarify the terms of the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. Originally, it was understood that the grant could be used for grading and seeding the whole 33 acres. But when Nicki contacted the State, they reported to her that seeding is not covered. The State wants tangible activity, like building a shelter house, athletic fields or seeding around the shelter house or athletic fields. Nicki's proposal is that since there is already grant money for the soccer fields, to get those finished by August 31<sup>st</sup>. They would then use their \$60,000 grant to build a shelter house close to the fields and seed the area around the shelter house. This information has also been given to the Township Trustees and Andy Shuman is working up plans for the shelter house with restrooms, which will be presented to the Trustees at their meeting Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the plans are done, the Mayor will present these to council for approval. The Mayor informed council that the choice is either to build a shelter house or give the money back. Nicki reported that there still has to be an archeological study per the grant requirements. The bidding for the project can begin in late March or early April, break ground in May and the project completed by summer time. A motion was made by Melinda to allow Nicki Reese the authority to choose the company she feels would be best qualified to complete the archeological study, Donna seconded the motion. Roll Call: Melinda – yes, Donna – yes, Rick – yes, John – yes, Bob – no, Bud – no. Motion passed 4–2.

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Bob Sollmann voiced concern regarding Resolution 2009-06-Park Agreement. The council discussed the structuring of the Park Advisory Board. Rick moved to table the Resolution 2009-06-Park Agreement until next month's council meeting. Donna seconded. Roll Call: Rick-yes, Donna-yes, Melinda-yes, Bud-yes, Bob-yes, John-yes. Motion carried to table Resolution 2009-06. After lengthy discussion by council, Melinda moved to put Resolution 2009-06 back on the meeting table. Rick seconded. Melinda-yes, Rick-yes, Donna-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-no. Motion carried 5-1. With Resolution 2009-06 back on the table, Bob moved to approve it as written. Donna seconded. Roll Call: Bob, no-Donna-yes, Melinda-yes, Bud-no, John-yes, Rick-yes. Motion passed 4-2.

Bud reported for the Joint Fire District that the emergency siren is not operational due to lack of power at the grain elevator. DP & L sent an engineer to the elevator to investigate the situation. The siren is a three phase system. The elevator is one of the few buildings in the village that is wired three phase. Rick Baker informed Bud that his building is wired three phase but there is no place to mount the siren. To connect to the County 911 system is \$7.00 a month. Bud asked for additional time to put together some numbers in regards to the cost to reconnect the boxes at the elevator.

The Joint Fire District asked Bud to approach Village Council in regards to putting gravel into the spot where the old water tower was located. The fire department is already using the spot as parking but would like to gravel it. The department has a member willing to donate the equipment and labor to grade the lot but would like the village to furnish the gravel. Bud moved to approve no more than \$600 for gravel to help in making a parking lot. John seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Rick-yes, Donna-no, Melinda-yes. Motion passed 5-1.

Bud presented an annual report regarding the fire squad. The mayor asked Bud to provide the report to Carol and she would give a copy to council members.

Donna reported on the Library Fund. She reported that the fund is down to approximately \$8100. There is work on the museum area that the Library Board would like to accomplish, so they would like for Village Council to freeze taking anymore out of the Library Fund account until they have a better idea what the improvements will cost. Melinda moved to pay future bills regarding the library from the General Fund instead of the Library Fund. John seconded. Roll Call: Melinda-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-yes, Donna-yes, Rick-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

### Reports:

Brian May of Fanning and Howey gave a short update on the sewer plant project. He gave some explanation on Resolution 2009-05-WPCLF Loan for upgrading wastewater facilities. Terms of the loan would be 0 % interest for up to 20 years.

Bud moved to accept Resolution 2009-05, Donna seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes, Donna-yes, Bob-yes, John-yes, Rick-yes, Melinda-no. Motion passed 5-1.

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Stan Fessler, Pleasant Hill Board of Public Affairs President, presented the engineering agreement between the Village and Fanning and Howey to administer the wastewater facilities project. The agreement spells out what each entity's duties will be at each phase of the project. Bud made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement presented, John seconded. After additional discussion, Roll Call: Bud-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Rick-yes, Donna-yes, Melinda-no. Melinda stated that she voted no because she had not seen any plans or projections about the effect on rates. Motion passed 5-1.

Brian also presented an engineering agreement from Fanning and Howey for \$5500 for design work done on the East Monument Street parking lot and lighting. Donna moved to approve the engineering agreement between the Village and Fanning and Howey. John seconded the motion. Roll Call: Donna-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-yes, Melinda-yes, Rick-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Pat McBride, Superintendent of Newton Local Schools, reported on the new school project. Bids for the building project at the school will be opened February 25<sup>th</sup>. March 27<sup>th</sup>, the school will have a ground breaking ceremony. The school would like to extend an invitation to the council members, mayor, township trustees and the general public to attend this event. Pat also reported that construction traffic would be entering by Locust Street during the construction project. He stated that the school is willing to pay to return the street back to its current condition. At a previous meeting, there had been discussion in regards to upgrading the street. Council agreed to help offset the cost of the upgrade.

Melinda has asked Brian May of Fanning and Howey to provide the council with an estimate on cost to put new asphalt across State Route 48 to connect the two new sections of Monument Street.

Brian told the council that Jeff Derksen, Village Superintendent, had asked him to create utility maps for water lines, sewer lines and storm sewer. Brian stated the cost would be approximately \$1500 total for the three components to the maps. Brian stated that the council portion for the storm sewer would be \$500. The BPA would cover the cost of the water and sewer lines portion. Melinda moved to approve \$500 to update the utilities map. Bud seconded. Roll Call: Melinda-yes, Bud-yes, Bob-yes, John-yes, Rick-yes, Donna-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

### Department Reports:

Jeff Derksen, Village Superintendent, reported that on February 10<sup>th</sup>, the water service along N. Main Street from Monument to north of the village will be disrupted for repairs to the water main. This information has been posted around the village and on the village website. This will cause a boil advisory until further notice.

Tony Fessler, Income Tax Administrator, told the Council it is time to renew membership to the Ohio Municipal League at a cost of \$468. The league provides meetings that council members can attend and email newsletters. Melinda moved to not renew the membership to the Ohio Municipal League. John seconded. Roll Call: Melinda-yes, John-yes, Donna-yes, Rick-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

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Tony reported that the Village has their assessments ready to be mailed out on the West Monument Street project. Tony stated that the Resolution of Necessity allows for thirty days from receipt of the assessment bill before payment is due. After thirty days, if the resident hasn't paid, the Village Fiscal Officer can have the bill put on the resident's real estate bill. Tony informed Council that this option would mean that the bill wouldn't be put on the resident's real estate bill until September.

### Ordinances and Resolutions:

Donna moved the First Reading of Ordinance - 1046 Assessment for East Monument Street Improvements; seconded by Rick. Roll Call: Donna-yes, Rick-yes, Melinda-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Bud moved to adopt Resolution 2009-04- Entering into a Contract with RITA Authorizing the Income Tax Administrator and Mayor to Sign Agreements; seconded by John. Roll Call: Bud-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Rick-yes, Donna, yes, Melinda-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Donna moved to adopt Resolution 2009-02-Transfer of FEMA funds to General, Street Maintenance and Cemetery Funds. Rick seconded. Roll Call: Donna-yes, Rick-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes, Bud-yes, Melinda-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Rick moved to adopt Resolution 2009-07-Accepting the Annexation of 15.157 Acres. Donna seconded. Roll Call: Rick-yes, Donna-yes, Melinda-yes, Bud-yes, Bob-yes John-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

There was discussion regarding pavers for Tommy Lewis Park. Jeff is going to contact the company to find out more information on a completion date.

### New Business:

There was discussion regarding Jeff Derksen's health insurance. The Village's group policy will be terminated, because of participation requirements. The Insurance Company isn't allowing him to be covered under a group policy. After discussion with Paul Wagner, the Village Solicitor, Tony stated that the easiest way to cover Jeff's insurance is to change the personnel policy for the insurance coverage. Bob moved to approve up to \$4000 for insurance premium reimbursements for a full time employee per year, to be determined by submitting his/her paid bills. Bud seconded. Roll Call: Bob-yes, Bud-yes, Melinda-yes, Donna-yes, Rick-yes, John-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

John moved to adopt Resolution 2009-03 authorizing the Village to prepare and submit an application to participate in the NatureWorks Grant which could be worth approximately \$18,228.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Village. Melinda seconded. Roll Call: John-yes, Melinda-yes, Donna-yes, Rick-yes, Bob-no, Bud-yes. Motion passed 5-1.

Bud moved to accept the contract with Ron Puthoff to apply for the NatureWorks Grant with the understanding that the contract will not exceed \$1250.00 and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the Village. Melinda seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bud-yes, Melinda-yes, Donna-yes, Rick-yes, John-yes, Bob-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

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Melinda brought to the attention a complaint received from a resident on High Street regarding the snow plow tearing up a portion of their property. The Mayor told the council members that if they should receive complaints to tell the resident to contact him and when the weather is warmer, he will investigate.

Rick moved to approve payment of January bills, and acknowledge presentation and review of the January Primary Bank Reconciliation, Payment Summary, Payroll Register Summary, Fund Summary, Appropriation Summary, and Revenue Summary; Melinda seconded. Roll Call: Rick–yes, Melinda–yes, Donna–yes, John–yes, Bob–yes, Bud–yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Melinda moved to adjourn; seconded by Bud. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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Mayor / Gary Johnson

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Fiscal Officer / Carol Fessler