

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR

December 14, 2009

Mayor Gary Johnston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Ronald "Bud" Perry-present; Robert "Bob" Sollman-present; John Schultz-present; Rick Baker-present; and Donna Favorite-present. Others present were Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent; Gary Johnston, Mayor; Brian May, Fanning/Howey; Carol Fessler, Fiscal Officer; Tony Fessler, Income Tax Administrator; Paul Wagner, Village Solicitor; Lt. Mark Stephenson, Miami County Sheriff Department Representative- arrived at 7:35; John Weaver and Kreg Hollenbacker, Village Residents.

Donna moved to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2009 regular meeting; seconded by John. Roll Call: Donna - yes; John- yes; Rick - yes; Bob - yes; Bud-yes. All yes. Minutes approved.

Miami County Sheriff's Department Report:

Lt. Mark Stephenson of the Miami County Sheriff Department reported they are seeing an increase in petty crimes, such as vehicle break-ins. He reported that this is a county wide issue. He suggested that vehicles and homes should always be locked and to make sure valuables are not left in vehicles.

Citizens' Comments:

There are two people who have expressed interest in the open council seat; Kreg Hollenbacker and Paul Laughman. The mayor had Kreg tell the council a bit about himself and why he is interested in serving on Village Council. (Paul could not attend the meeting but had already given Council his credentials.)

Report:

Brian May of Fanning/Howey reported that the Church St. funding has been approved, although the Village has not received the official letter. He then presented the council with Fanning/Howey's engineering contract for the Church Street project in the amount of \$50,000.00. This will be approved when the official funding letter is received. The mayor stated that the Village will be applying for a Block Grant because 2010 is the last year the Village can apply for a Block Grant. The low income survey used to determine eligibility was only good for 6 years and that expires in 2010. Therefore, the Church Street Project will be done in 2011 due to the timing on the Block Grant. The Locust Street Project will then be moved to 2010. The funding for Locust Street will be paid partially from Newton Local School and the rest will be paid by the Village.

Brian then reported on the Sanitary Sewer Study. They have applied for the zero percent OWDA loan for ten years for approximately \$30,000 to do the sanitary sewer study and the design work for the proposed sewer

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line along Lauver Road/Walnut Street. This made the list of funded projects but the State is so far behind on paperwork that the proper process hasn't been done yet. Brian will keep the Village updated but is hopeful that by the end of January we will hear something official.

Department Reports:

Village Superintendent, Jeff Derkson, reported that he had sent out for bids to three different companies for the removal of trees at the cemetery that have fallen down or have died. Only one of the three companies returned a bid: Gunkle's Tree Service submitted a bid of \$2575.00. Bud moved to accept Gunkle's Tree Services bid of \$2575.00. John seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes; John-yes; Donna-yes; Rick-yes; Bob-yes. All yes. Motion passed. The Mayor then stated to the citizens present that if they know of anyone or any group who would like to donate trees for the cemetery to contact the Village. He wanted to make it known that the Village isn't trying to remove all trees from the cemetery but to just remove trees that are dead/dying or have fallen down.

Jeff then reported that the new wastewater treatment plant project has been pushed back for now because the EPA is working on stimulus money projects first.

Committee Reports:

Bud reported for the JFD that since Paul Laughman lost his Trustee seat in the last election; that the new Trustee, Stan Fessler will most likely replace him as the JFD representative.

Bud mentioned that during the Halloween Parade the Fire Department put out electric flares to maintain traffic. But they had two flares stolen and one was run over. They would like to continue to help maintain traffic during the parade but would like the Village to supply them with the old type flares. Jeff stated that the Village has a supply for emergencies that were donated by the Ohio State Patrol. The Mayor asked Jeff to help the JFD procure a box. Jeff stated he would help contact the OSP to get some donated to the JFD. Bud then updated the Council regarding the purchase of a new rescue unit for approximately \$140,000. The JFD is using existing funds to purchase this unit.

Donna reported for the Library Board that she, John Schultz and Tim Byrd put up Christmas decorations at the corner parking lot. She also reported that track lighting has been put in all the rooms at the library except for the history room. Donna told council that the annual Library Christmas walk will be December 17th.

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Ordinances and Resolutions:

Discussion was held on Ordinances and Resolutions.

Bob made a motion to accept the third reading of Ordinance 1053- Defining the Location and Trees Planted within the street right of way within the Village limits. Bud seconded. Roll Call: Bob-yes; Bud-yes; John-yes; Rick-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion passed. John moved to adopt Ordinance 1053- Defining the Location and Trees Planted within the street right of way within the Village limits. Rick seconded. Roll Call: John-yes; Rick-yes; Bud-yes; Bob-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion passed.

Donna moved to suspend the rules on Ordinance 1055-Amend 2009 Appropriations. John seconded. Roll Call: Donna-yes; John-yes; Rick-yes; Bob-yes; Bud-yes. All yes. Motion passed. Bob then moved to adopt Ordinance 1055 to Amend 2009 Appropriations for a revised new total of \$2,271,972.63. Bud seconded. Roll Call: Bob-yes; Bud-yes; Donna-yes; Rick-yes; John-yes. All yes. Motion passed.

Bud moved to approve first reading by Title-Ordinance 1056-2010 Permanent Appropriations. John seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes; John-yes; Bob-yes; Rick-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Rick moved to approve Resolution 2009-24-Employ a Village Solicitor for \$3,900.00 a year. John seconded. Roll Call: Rick-yes; John-yes; Bud-yes; Bob-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Donna moved to approve Resolution 2009-25-Amend Certificate of Estimated Resources for year 2009. The new 2009 Total Resources available is \$2,380,381.90. Rick seconded. Roll Call: Donna-yes; Rick-yes; John-yes; Bob-yes; Bud-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

John moved to approve Resolution 2009-26-Approve Temporary Appropriations of \$258,500.00 for 2010. Donna seconded. Roll Call: John-yes; Donna-yes; Rick-yes; Bob-yes; Bud-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

Bud moved to approve Resolution 2009-27-Contract Public Services to Municipal Corporations for \$336.26 a year, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Bob seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes; Bob-yes; John-yes; Rick-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

At a previous meeting, a representative from Newton Music Boosters approached the council regarding a request for monetary assistance. The council discussed a donation to the Music Boosters. The council felt that it would not be fiscally sound to start a pattern of donating to school sanctioned organizations. The Mayor then proceeded to take a vote of council as to whether they wished to donate to the Music Boosters. All council members present, voted no to donating funds. The Mayor then presented for future discussion whether the Village should be donating tax money to any groups. Paul stated that the key points are justifying

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spending the money to benefit the health, safety and welfare of the village residents.

The new Library Lease-Resolution 2009-28 was presented by Donna. Paul Wagner noticed a few typos and a couple of minor changes he felt should be made. Donna suggested that Paul contact Mark Altier with those changes. Bud moved to approve Resolution 2009-28 with giving the Mayor the authorization to sign once the changes Paul suggested are made. Bob seconded. Roll Call: Bud-yes; Bob-yes; John-yes; Rick-yes; Donna-yes. All yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor presented an invoice for Christmas decorations for the library parking lot. Donna paid for these decorations out of her pocket. John moved to reimburse Donna. Rick seconded. Roll Call: John-yes; Rick-yes; Donna-abstain; Bob-no; Bud-yes. Three yes; one abstain; and one no. Motion passed.

New Business:

The Mayor presented a contract for Independent Contractor-Ron Puthoff for \$35.00 an hour. He is the person who in the past helped us apply for money/grants. Discussion was held and the mayor will contact Ron for clarification on a few questions the council had. The Mayor will report back next month.

Discussion was held regarding the open council seat and the applicants. The Mayor stated he has two resumes for council. Donna mentioned that another person has expressed interest. The council decided to postpone a decision to allow all the applicants a chance to attend a council meeting.

The council members then discussed changing vacation periods from January 1st to December 31st instead of using the hire anniversary dates for all employees. A revision is needed to the personnel policy and that change will be written to the policy and then returned at the next meeting for discussion and vote.

The Mayor then stated that this meeting is Bob Sollman's last meeting as a council member. The Mayor thanked Bob for his time, effort and dedication.

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

Bob moved to adjourn meeting; seconded by Bud. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m.

Mayor / Gary Johnson

Fiscal Officer / Carol Fessler