

A Public Hearing of Council was held on Wednesday, August 8th, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. to review the proposed 2013 budget for the County Auditor. All members of Council were attendance as was Clerk/Treasurer Bolton, Mayor Stacy and Solicitor Hyle. Several department heads were in attendance and approximately four Village residents.

The Clerk reviewed the 2013 proposed budgetary figures and reminded everyone the figures for 2012 and 2013 were estimated figures. All members of Council were in agreement of budget as presented.

The Council Meeting held on August 8, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, Santen, and Randall. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present; as was Solicitor Hyle.

Made By Seconded By

RESULTS

A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes Santen Meister

ALL YEAS

Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt
Pay Ordinance #14- 2012. Santen Meister **ALL YEAS**

Mayor Stacy recognized Bill McCormick of JMA and Bill reviewed the various street projects and reconstructions the Village has undertaken since 1988 to current. Potential future projects were identified by a five-year plan through 2016.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Hyle began his report with a discussion of the Planning Commission's recommendation that variances be issued for future development on Cooper Road. Following Council's discussion and review of the recommendation, **A Motion to Accept the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve Variances Subject to Conditions as Outlined in Appeal No. Cleves 2012-01 on Behalf of Meierjojan Building Group made by Santen; seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.**

Next, a discussion was held about authorizing the bidding process for the Miami Avenue Project. The following action was taken by Council:

RESOLUTION # 35-201 AUTHORIZING BIDDING PROCESS FOR MIAMI AVE PROJECT

A Motion to Adopt Res #35-2012 made by Pastrick; seconded by Randall. ALL YEAS.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

The Clerk reported with Council's approval of the 2013 budget figures she will get this information to the County Auditor before the August 17th deadline. She also reported on the progress of the State Audit of fiscal years 2010 and 2011. This audit has been put on the "fast track" by the auditing firm as we approach the deadline to file. She will provide further updates as she gets them. Solicitor Hyle also reported the Clerk has confirmed with the Board of Elections that all levy issues have been filed for the November election: Electric and Gas Aggregation and a request for a 2.8 General Operating levy.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Ober reviewed the July detail reports and also reported all Fire Hydrant checks are complete and they have provided a list to the Cleves Water Works. He then brought Council up-to-date on the adoption of a county-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan and his plans to attend an upcoming meeting. He will keep Council informed of the progress as he gets more details.

Police Chief Renner reported on the detail stats for July. He also informed Council two part time officers are going to move to Auxiliary status – Dawson and Lunkenheimer. He then would like to official move the two Auxiliary Officers who have been providing the additional coverage for the school to part time status. **A Motion to Officially Accept Officer Goddard and Blanton as Part-time Police Officers at a Pay Rate of \$14.00 per Hour made by Nichols; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

The Chief also reported on an incident behind a piece of equipment stolen from the property of the new school developers and our department's efforts to retrieve this stolen property. The equipment was tracked down in Madison, Indiana and the equipment was returned. In the process, a trailer stolen from Delhi was also retrieved. The investigation is on-going. Other topics brought up by Chief Renner included: Gravelrama Parade on 8/22 and parking restriction for the parade; A Craig's List scam against a Ridge Avenue resident; Notice from the State of Ohio concerning a new hub for the State Highway Patrol in the southwest part of the State and we are likely to see increased patrol on Route 50 and lastly he reported about his participation on an Advisory Board concerning the Hamilton County dispatch fees and legislative efforts to consider taxing cell phone users a small amount to cover the cost of 911 dispatching fees. If this plan were to go into law, this would save local municipalities lots of money in dispatch fees.

Street Commissioner Duncan began with a report on street signs and sign regulations and his desire to obtain a current up-to-date Ohio Uniform Traffic Code Book. He hopes to establish a program of replacing our out-of-date signage early next year. As he did last year, he would also like to replace 10 more STOP signs with the current reflective signage. He expressed how pleased he is with his Committee and their continued efforts to save money. He is still dealing with sink hole issues in Coleman Woods on a storm drain easement near Rosewyn. Our Engineers have reviewed the drawings and believes this sink hole is located on a Village easement making it our responsibility to fix. Mr. Santen indicated he did not believe we are responsible for this issue, he believes the owners of the properties are. This prompted a discussion and the solicitor indicated he would review the map and advise.

Mr. Duncan also indicated he has received price estimates for fencing and blacktop for our back lot as well as he has had a survey done of our property. At this time Mayor Stacy reported on news he heard back from the State regarding the environmental testing in the back lot. Terracon has to do another drilling in one area closer to where the underground tank was located. There should be no additional cost for this final test. We have a deadline of October 1st to report findings back to the State. Other issues touched on by Mr. Duncan were the installation of new air conditioners in the Municipal Building and MSD and drainage issue repairs performed at the municipal building.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Santen, *Community Planning Chair*, had nothing additional to report at this time.

Megan Randall, *Public Works Streets Chair*, reported street lining is done. She also gave an update as to the "Likes" and "hits" we have been receiving on our Facebook page and the Police Facebook page. Ms. Pastrick asked Megan if she had an IEP of our Village log and Megan indicated she would check to see if she could convert what she has.

Ms. Meyers, *Parks Committee Chair*, reminded everyone the Park Committee would be meeting next Tuesday, 8/14 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Meister, *Public Works Water & Utility Committee*, indicated an update on the various water projects was given at the Board of Public Affairs meeting. They are also looking into a possible \$50,000 grant to help protect our aquifer by developing a water source protection plan through the Miami Valley Conservancy District. Next Water Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. Next Communication Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Nichols, *Safety Committee Chair*, reviewed several items on her minutes from the last Safety Committee Meeting: Additional coverage for school property; security camera purchases; and cell phone contractual issues with Sprint having purchased Nextel and problems with phones and coverage. Ms. Pastrick asked about the need for additional security cameras and asked if we could look at just purchasing one at this time. Ms. Nichols indicated we could. Clerk asked about cost of cameras and Ms. Nichols reported about \$100 each.

Jan Pastrick, *Finance Committee Chair*, reminded everyone the next Finance Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 8/15 at 7:00 p.m. She indicated the skate park ramp equipment has been repaired and she asked the Clerk to release the final payment to the vendor. She and Ms. Nichols attended the “We Thrive” bus tour this morning and felt it was interesting to see what all the communities had done with their grant funds. While on the tour, she spoke with a woman from the Hamilton County Regional Planning who indicated there may be funds available for various kinds of projects within the Village and Ms. Pastrick indicated she would like to setup a meeting with her to discuss opportunities for the Village.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stacy began his report by expressing his disappointment that a business owner in the Village has gone to such great lengths to disseminate material to the public that is untrue in an effort to induce panic among the community about a bar going in close to the school. A discussion was held about this and the Mayor distributed a copy of an email he obtained a copy of which cites in the subject line the superintendent of the school and the Mayor push for a bar near to the school. Mr. Santen asked if the Village has options to dispute the inaccurate statements in this email? A discussion was held and the solicitor discussed various options to the Village. Ms. Meister said she was angry about the lies in the email and the implications of wrong-doing on Council’s part. Several different ideas were discussed and the Mayor seemed to indicate he would get with the superintendent of the school district and see about a joint “Letter to the Editor” for the Western Hills Press.

The Mayor indicated he had spoken with a rep from the Regional Chamber of Commerce and received an update on our electrical savings and the progress of this savings being applied to all of our accounts. He was told by the chamber it was in the works. He then informed Council of a recent meeting held between a representative of the Chamber with himself, Bev and Linda Bolton concerning a savings on gasoline in conjunction with Shell Oil Company. We will see a sizeable savings in year one with a more modest savings after one year. But even with the State tax savings we should see about a fifty cent per gallon savings. We had some problems with the Fleet services we had with BP years ago, but feel confident this representative will assure we won’t have those same problems with Shell Oil Company. We plan to keep our account with BP open as well.

Mayor Stacy asked Council if they would like to pick a date to hold the dedication of the tree and rock for Jack Rinninger Sr. and a tentative date of Sunday, November 11th at 2:00 p.m. was chosen because it is Veteran’s Day. The Mayor will check to see if this date is good for the family.

Lastly, the Mayor asked Council to try to follow through with their various projects and not put too much of a burden on the Clerk's Office. The Clerk should be included in project details that affect finances, but should not be relied upon too much to facilitate various projects due to the increased work load in the office.

A Motion to Adjourn made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton