

The Council Meeting held on October 24, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Stacy with the Pledge to the Flag. Members of Council present: Meister, Meyers, Nichols, Pastrick, Randall and Santen. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present as was Solicitor Hyle.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Santen	Nichols	ALL YEAS
Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 18- 2012.	Santen	Nichols	ALL YEAS

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Hyle gave a brief report concerning a lawsuit filed by a past employee against the BWC and the Village of Cleves. It is standard procedure to include the Village on the lawsuit, but the Bureau of Workman’s Comp and the Attorney General will argue this lawsuit. He had another Resolution for another Water Works expansion loan for Phase II of Elizabethtown. Following discussion, the following action was taken by Council:

RESOLUTION # 40–2012 Authorizing Elizabethtown Expansion Phase II Loan

A Motion to Adopt Res #40-2012 made by Meister; seconded by Meyer.
(Pastrick, Yea; Nichols, Yea; Meister, Yea; Santen, Ney; Randall, Yea; Meyers, Yea.)
Resolution was Adopted by a vote of five to one (5-1) in favor.

Solicitor Hyle also reported we have received a lower bid of \$5200-\$7200 for the removal of the dirt in the back lot of the Municipal Building so our costs for the final phase of this cleanup will be lower than expected. He finished by informing Council of an official notice the Clerk received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning a request for a liquor license transfer. The Solicitor explained the Village could request a hearing if they had any concerns or objections to this transfer. A discussion was held about this liquor license transfer request to transfer to Nature Nook Floral Center, LLC from Melanie Sue Investments Inc. Following discussion Council indicated they believed the license should never have been issued in the first place to Melanie Sue Investment’s Inc. because they have never done business as Nature Nook as their original license application indicates.

RESOLUTION # 41–2012 Request Hearing on Advisability of Issuing a Permit

A Motion to Adopt Res #41-2012 made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.

CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT

The Clerk mentioned her recent Clerk’s Training and several topics brought up for the Clerk’s to bring back to their Council. Some items of special interest were: Auditor of States recommendation that every entity begin keeping a public records log; House Bill 66 concerning notification of public employees of how to report possible fraud; and the recent changes in the OPERS pension and health care plans.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ms. Meister, Public Works Water Committee Chair began by recapping top issues discussed at the recent Board of Public Affairs Meeting: Project Updates; Water leak problems at Harrison & Ridge and Martha Streets; College Street leak problem fixed; Hydrant repair update and the next meeting being held on November 13th at 4:00 p.m. As for Communications Committee, the new website is up and running and Mayor Stacy indicated he is receiving good feedback about it.

Bev Meyers, Park Committee Chair, began by informing everyone there was no Park Meeting in October but the November Meeting will be held as scheduled. She also mentioned the recordkeeping log kept to track date proceeds during the two major sports seasons. She also mentioned the water runoff issues surrounding the Canal Tunnel and the Solicitor mentioned he would talk with her after the meeting.

Ms. Nichols, Safety Committee Chair, had nothing special to report at this meeting. Next Safety Meeting scheduled for November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Pastrick, Finance Committee Chair, wanted Council to know the next Finance Meeting is being scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. following the elections. The Agenda will largely depend on the results of that election. She is also planning to get the status of the “Safe Route to School” grant from Three River’s to see if they could use any assistance. The person working on that Grant for the schools has left and she wants to be sure this grant moves forward. She also indicated the name of the new school has been decided – The Three River’s Educational Campus. The school will have two wings named Taylor Secondary for grades 7 thru 12 and Three River’s Elementary for grades PK to 6.

Ms. Megan Randall, Street Committee Chair, reported the curb repairs on College Street were done today. Morgan Creek clean up is being planned for November 5th. We are having problems with the State concerning levels of responsibility for themselves and the Village as it relates to various problems on Route 50. The Mayor is pulling together the various documents on the agreement and will be passing them on to Frank. Ms. Meyers reminded everyone the Mayor at the Village of North Bend had to shut Route 50 down for a time in order to get the State to fix a section of Route 50 in their Village. Next Street Meeting scheduled for November 1st. The Mayor indicated he was concerned about the poor condition of the guardrail on College Street.

Mr. John Santen, Planning Committee & Commission, mentioned problems he was still having with the Water Works centered around a water leak problem at his house. He would love to see the Village obtain one of those speed control cameras to help us enforce speeding issues in the Village. A short discussion was held about this. The Mayor suggested this issue be taken to the Safety Committee.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stacy reminded everyone the Dedication for Jack Rinninger’s Memorial Garden is scheduled for Veteran’s Day at 2:00 p.m. He wants to have a Proclamation put together in his honor and light refreshments to be served afterward.

He has scheduled his first business owner’s meeting for tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. He and Ms. Pastrick met Monday night with several key business owners to discuss revitalization of the business district. They had Village residents with connections to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and KOI there as well for their input.

He is also meeting with JMA concerning Phase III of Miami Avenue improvements and how these improvements will affect the business area as far as lighting and sidewalk repairs go. Phase III is supposed to cover N. Miami from Laird to Mt. Nebo.

He would like to see Council put together a Mission / Vision Statement for the Village.

Ms. Pastrick has done some research into signage issues and Ordinances to better help us serve our businesses. She believes the Village could sponsor a sign board to help advertise our businesses and actually put this sign board on Route 50. She had pictures of a similar board along Route 50 in New Richmond. A discussion was held about the possibilities of this kind of signage on Route 50.

The Mayor recognized Lisa Renstellar, owner of Another Bar who was in attendance. She voiced her thoughts about how much she liked the idea of a sign board to help businesses and she invited everyone down to see the improvements she's made to her bar.

Another resident in attendance, Bill Roll, was also asked if he had anything to present to Council. He asked about the lawsuit filed against the Village and the Solicitor assured him the Village will not have to pay out anything regarding this BWC claim, we are just listed as a matter of procedure. He also asked what would happen if the levy were to fail. A discussion was then held about those issues. Definite cuts in service would have to be made.

Other residents, Steve and Tiffany Myers, brought Council up to date on the Village website and Christmas in the Village website and event updates.

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

Mayor Danny Stacy

Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton