

The Council Meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 was called to order by Mayor Stacy at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. All Members of Council were present with the exception of Nancy Nichols. Frank Hyle and Clerk/Treasurer Bolton were also present.

|   | <u>Made By</u> | <u>Seconded By</u> | <u>RESULTS</u>  |
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| <b>A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes</b>                             | Santen         | Meister            | <b>ALL YEAS</b> |
| <b>Motion to Pay Warrants &amp; Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ordinance # 1- 2013.</b> | Santen         | Meister            | <b>ALL YEAS</b> |

**A Motion to Excuse Nancy Nichols from this meeting was made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

At this time, Mayor Stacy asked Council to support his recommendation of Harold Duncan for Street Commissioner and he then swore Harold Duncan in again as Street Commissioner for 2013.

He then asked Council to support his recommendation of Jan Pastrick for Vice-Mayor or President Pro Temp of Council. **A Motion to Adopt Resolution # 3-2013 – Appointment of Jan Pastrick to President Pro-Temp of Council was made by Santen; seconded by Meister. ALL YEAS.**

Lastly he asked that Council Committee chair and members stays the same. There was no objection from any member of Council.

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Frank Hyle asked Council to review a Resolution prepared to allow the Clerk/Treasurer to request an advance of our real estate taxes from the County. Following discussion, **A Motion to Adopt Resolution # 1 – 2013 – Authorization for the Clerk/Treasurer to Request Advance Receipt of Real Estate Taxes from the County was made by Santen; seconded by Pastrick. ALL YEAS.**

Council then reviewed legislation concerning trees and shrubbery planted in the right-of-ways and methods to control related nuisances. A discussion was then held about this issue and due to some questions and concerns needing to be addressed, it was decided this legislation would get held up for the time being allowing some of these issues to be addressed.

Solicitor Hyle reminded the Mayor our hearing concerning the liquor permit application for Nature Nook is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

The Clerk reported to Council on the status of the year-end accounting procedures and the rollover procedures for 2013. The 2012 Year-end Financial reports were sent to the State Auditors. Our accounting software is officially recording transactions for 2013 and the Clerk is preparing to send the year-end fund balance and revenue budget information to the County in order to receive our 2013 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assist us in our final appropriation preparation.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Chief Renner** began with his December detail report. All of our officers have taken a course on Human Trafficking as part of their continuing education requirement. He then introduced Jeff Klei, Tactical Team Commander, who then presented the history of our Tactical Team since its inception in 2002. He reported 100

missions have been run to date. In one mission they helped get one of Indiana's Most Wanted off of the streets and believe they have successfully removed multiple firearms and illegal drugs off of the streets. He explained the tactical vehicle was donated in 2005. All repairs are also donated. Village only covers the cost to insure the armored truck. If the truck was no longer needed in Cleves, it would have to be re-donated. He indicated he understood Council was considering eliminating the Tactical Team and vehicle due to budget constraints. He would like Council to reconsider this decision in light of the recent school shootings and the completion of the new Three River's school in Cleves this year. At this time Ms. Pastrick, Ms. Randall and Ms. Meister had various questions for Commander Klei and his responses indicated we currently have five (5) trained tactical team officers; our tactical team has not been on any missions over the last couple of years but our team is trained to work with other neighboring teams; and we can store the truck inside but it will not fit in all of our garage bays.

**Fire Chief Ober** reviewed his December monthly stats as well as yearly totals. He commented 25% of our fire details were car wrecks. He also reported he would be attending Campus Security Training and Crisis Training getting ready for the completion of the new school. Mr. Santen asked if his staff is required to take flu shots and the Chief responded they are not.

**Street Commissioner Duncan** had very little to report other than the three Village's worked together to remove all holiday lighting in the three Villages.

## **COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Megan Randall, **Public Works Streets Chair**, reported Jennifer Vatter from JMA attended the last Street Meeting and recommended Council consider an Ordinance to "opt out" of our current participation in the Hamilton County Soil & Conservation District. She explained JMA would assist the Village in the filing of the mandatory Annual Report that would need to be filed every year. There will be further meetings on this with JMA. The Harrison Avenue project did not get funded in Round 1 and JMA will try again to get this project funded as soon as possible. The Committee is discussing and reviewing streetscape options on Miami Avenue and bids were opened for the Porter Street Box Culvert project. Harold reported we have used 65 tons of salt to date.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, which she chaired for Nancy Nichols, all officers are currently being fitted for new bullet-proof vests and will be attending special training in preparation for the new school. Ms. Pastrick attended an OKI meeting concerning the "Safe Route to School" program. It was reported the first day of school in 2013 is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Meyers, **Parks Committee Chair**, indicated the next Park Meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Santen, **Community Planning Chair**, mentioned the Planning Commission is closer to republishing our Zoning Manual and Map.

Ms. Meister, **Public Works Water & Utility Committee**, has nothing for the Communications Committee which is not due to meet again until January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Public Affairs meeting held in December included an update of the expansion projects by the engineer. The new hydrant installed on Harrison Avenue was hit again. Next BPA meeting scheduled for January 15 at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Stacy informed Council he once again had to send an email to Jim Wasserbauer about the Water Works employees who continue to smoke right in front of the building too close to the entrance of their office.

Jan Pastrick, **Finance Committee Chair**, hoped everyone had received a copy of the press release that was issued today outlining the recent cuts due to the failure of the operating levy. We also hope to have new healthcare quotes before the next Finance Meeting next Wednesday. She continues to work with local business owners with revitalization efforts in the business district.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stacy was pleased to report we have received the "All Clear" on our Municipal Building back lot. He attended a revitalization meeting the other night with Jeff Rexhausen from the UC Economic Center. The possibility of a market study for the business district is being recommended and under consideration but may not be feasible due to the cost of the study and our recent budget concerns. He hoped all had seen the recent press release issued by the Village concerning our budget cuts.

At this time he pressed Council to continue to move forward with their discussion and consideration of the implementation of an income tax. He has called many other Villages and researched their various income taxes and the impact of these income tax revenues on their budgets. Most have been able to reduce their dependence on levy millage. Solicitor Hyle recommended to Council they go with RITA if they decide to implement an income tax. The decision to provide relief for residents paying an income tax elsewhere is a big decision. An entire income tax code would be enacted and it would take about six months to get everything finalized and RITA on board. Ms. Pastrick asked again about getting a more solid number on revenue generation. Further discussion was held about the pro and con's of implementing an income tax. The Mayor indicated he was in support of an income tax.

A meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> with Duke to review our current street lighting service and possible reduction of streetlights to help balance the budget. He is still waiting to hear from Cincinnati Bell concerning possible savings on cell phones.

The Mayor acknowledged Ms. Kate Fenton with a communication update on the progress of the new school. She mentioned several item of interest: Spring Fling on February 1, Mattress Sale February 24<sup>th</sup>, Reverse Booster Raffle on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and the upcoming drama productions of Annie at the Middle School and Young Frankenstein at the High School. New school is 70% complete and on schedule. To date, \$250,000 has been raised for the Field of Dreams. They continue to submit for grants to help fund the athletic fields. They are asking for pictures stories from alumni and donors to help explain the reasons for their donations.

Lastly, the Mayor asked the Police Chief about the traffic signal cameras and Chief Renner indicated he has received information from Opti Tech and there would be no cost for the cameras. Further information on this topic will come at a future date.

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

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Mayor Danny Stacy

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Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton