

The Council Meeting held on June 8, 2011 was called to order by Mayor Sutton with the Pledge to the Flag. All Members of Council were present. Clerk/Treasurer Bolton was present; Solicitor Hyle was not present.

	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Approve Previous Council Minutes	Santen	Stacy	All Yeas
A Motion to Pay Warrants & Vouchers and Adopt Pay Ord #10 & #11-2011	Santen	Stacy	All Yeas

At this time the Public Hearing of Council concerning a change in the Zoning Code concerning electronic signage in the Village was called to order by Mr. Santen. At this time a discussion was held about the change in the zoning code amending the section on signage and allowing certain types of electronic signage. With no questions or concerns from the public in attendance, Council took the following action:

<u>ORDINANCE # 6 – 2011</u>	<u>Amending of Zoning Code Concerning Signage</u>		
	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #6-2011	Santen	Richardson	All Yeas
Suspend rules, Read by Title Only	Santen	Richardson	All Yeas
A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #6-2011	Santen	Richardson	All Yeas

A discussion was then held by Council concerning a possible revision in section 702 of the Zoning code concerning the parking and storage of miscellaneous vehicles such as trucks, trailers, RV campers and pop ups. It was determined that Council would hold another public hearing to address another change to the Zoning Code in August. They took the following legislative action:

<u>RESOLUTION #14 – 2011</u>	<u>Authorizing Public Hearing to Review Zoning Code</u>		
	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #14-2011	Nichols	Stacy	All Yeas

Other legislative issues discussed concerned the conveyance of property on Main Street and a Procedure & Guidelines for Garbage Collection Services. Following discussion, the following action was taken by Council.

<u>ORDINANCE # 7 – 2011</u>	<u>Conveyance of Real Estate at 165 Main Street</u>		
	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #7-2011	Santen	Haas	All Yeas
Suspend rules, Read by Title Only	Santen	Stacy	All Yeas
A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #7-2011	Santen	Stacy	All Yeas

<u>ORDINANCE # 8 – 2011</u>	<u>Establishing Garbage Procedures &amp; Guidelines</u>		
	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #8-2011	Nichols	Stacy	All Yeas
Suspend rules, Read by Title Only	Nichols	Stacy	All Yeas
A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #8-2011	Nichols	Stacy	All Yeas

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Bolton indicated work would begin on the 2012 Proposed Budget for submission to County Auditor in July and she informed Council she had received the official certificate of the passage of the Operating Levy for our records.

The Mayor reported to Council concerning the issue of the removal of old gas tanks from the back lot of the Municipal Building many years ago and the State does not have record of the appropriate underground testing ever being done. The Mayor introduced Kevin Reid from H.C. Nutting and he addressed Council and explained the procedures and testing the State requires from Cleves for this area which used to house a gasoline tank. Preliminary estimate to install these monitoring wells and to perform the sampling is \$12,500. Following discussion, the following action was taken by Council:

<b><u>RESOLUTION #15 – 2011</u></b>	<b>Enter into Contract to Perform Underground Testing</b>		
	<u>Made By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
A Motion to Adopt Resolution #15-2011	Santen	Stacy	All Yeas

Mr. Jim Handy was acknowledged and addressed Council concerning a car show he wished to hold in the parking lot next to Tommy's owned by the Village. A discussion was held about this and he was instructed to fill out a special event permit to begin the process. This car show is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-9:00 p.m.

Mr. Tom Bender, a resident, questioned the Mayor and Council about the overtime performed by our Maintenance Department on a weekend painting crosswalks and curbs. He wanted to know who authorized the overtime and the Mayor explained he had authorized it. Mr. Bender was not happy this overtime was authorized immediately following the passage of the operating levy. The Mayor explained the Maintenance Department is not supported by general fund levy monies but instead by motor vehicle and gasoline taxes. Mr. Bender indicated he may look into the process to try to reverse the passage of the operating levy.

Ms. Kari Kuh, Three River School Representative, was next recognized by the Mayor to address Council and she began by congratulated the Village on the passage of their levy. She wanted to bring Council up-to-date on school issues and inform them the new school building project is on schedule and on budget. She announced the address for the school will be 56 Cooper Road and the groundbreaking ceremony is currently scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Sutton reported on the storm drainage problems on North Miami with estimates of \$650,000 to \$700,000 to do a major overall of the entire area including storm sewer, MSD etc. A smaller project estimate of \$150,000 has been received to just install storm sewers to this area. He is going to have a contractor look over this area when there is standing water to determine whether or not a more affordable option is open to us at this time.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Police Chief Renner** reviewed the detail reports for May and commented the month of May was a good, overall month for the Village as far as our traffic and crime reports go. Mr. Santen asked about the flag patrol on E. State and Chief Renner explained the contractor on the E. State Improvement Project is hiring and paying for off duty traffic control from our officers when needed. Chief Renner asked the Mayor to swear in Maria Rensing as an Auxiliary Officer for the Police Department.

**Miami Township Fire Chief Ober** reviewed May run totals for the Village. He also informed them his department has begun the necessary fire inspections for our businesses and he is still working with the State concerning the operations of our building next door.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Street Committee Chair Danny Stacy* reported he was in the process of acquiring estimates to repair the roof at the Municipal Building. He mentioned Blondeau project is finishing up and the E. State Road project is in progress. He asked about whether or not Council should consider getting the wooden signs at our main entrances to the Village fixed. Following discussion, Council asked him to contact Broxterman Signs for estimate to repair the existing pictures on the wooden signs.

*Finance Committee Chair Linda Haas* indicated a Finance Meeting had been held prior to the Council Meeting tonight where the Committee discussed reinstating employee salaries to their 2010 levels as early as January of 2012. Another Finance Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to review preliminary budget figures for 2012. Another Finance Meeting to review the final budget will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. and a Public Hearing of Council to review the final budget figures will be held at 6:45 p.m. Lastly, she reported the Park Fund Balance is lower than anticipated due to the three flood events this spring.

*Public Safety Committee Chair Bev Meyers* asked Council to consider appropriating the funds to add additional traffic patrols. She wants to see 12 additional hours per week of traffic patrol in the detoured areas around E. State Road as well as N. Miami by the corporation line. The Mayor also wanted to see additional patrol in the evenings for the summer along S. Miami Avenues and other areas where the young people congregate in the warm weather months. Ms. Meyers indicated she believed both of these requests for additional patrols would not exceed \$6500. Following discussion, **A Motion to Instruct the Clerk to Reappropriate \$6500 from our Investment account line item to Police Salary & Benefits made by Stacy, seconded by Nichols. ALL YEAS.** Ms. Bolton indicated a Reappropriate Ordinance would be ready at the next meeting and these monies would be on that Ordinance.

*Park Committee Chair Dawn Richardson* mentioned the Park Committee Meeting will not be held until next Tuesday and this meeting will be held in the Park at the new shelter. She also reported the Clerk had received a call from a Ms. Julie Thatcher asking if she could donate flower for the pots over at the Park and offering to plant them as well. The Park Committee accepted her offer. A discussion was held about the request of Rivers Unlimited to use our Park as a "home base" for their one-day volunteer river cleanup effort on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held about our willingness to allow them access to the Park at no cost, but some concerns were addressed about our ability to assist them in the removal of tires and a large volume of river trash and debris.

Ms. Richardson asked about the 30 or so vacant properties in the Village and our responsibility to maintain them or demand the owners of the property to maintain them. A discuss was held about the procedures in place and whether or not we have a current process we can follow. It was decided we would look at the various procedures currently in place and see if our Maintenance Department can maintain the load. Contracting out this work was discussed, but we would have to pay for this service up front and possibly wait for years to be reimbursed by the liens we would place.

*Planning and Zoning Committee Chair John Santen* thanked Nancy for chairing the meeting in his absence. Ms. Haas wanted to know why the Planning Commission would give an extension to the owner of property on Mt. Nebo after he had already received one extension? Ms. Nichols explained it was the Planning Commissions belief he deserved more time and our Zoning & Property Enforcement Official Dick Weber had agreed to perform monthly inspections to ensure the property owner's continued efforts to bring this property up to code. A small discussion was held about this extension and whether or not the Planning Commission should have given further extension to the owner.

*Public Works Utility Committee Chair Nancy Nichols* indicated she attended the Water Board Meeting and they reported to her they did not care at all if the Village demolished the old Water Plant Building so long as the Village did not attempt to sell the property which they believe was purchased from usage fees. They also indicated they were not opposed to the moving of the water tap currently located on North Miami and they even discussed the possibility of totally eliminating the tap. One reason for keeping the tap was the fear of damage done to fire hydrants if people attempt to acquire their water from the hydrant in the absence of this available tap. At this time a discussion was held among members of Council concerning whether or not it would be prudent for the Water Works to install a paid meter at this tap or continue with their current honors system. There were questions about how much revenue is actually brought in by bulk water sales and the Clerk promised the Mayor she would provide those figures for their information.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sutton indicated everything on his list for discussion had already been brought up and discussed. Mr. Santen asked the Mayor about where we were with our sidewalk inspection procedures; he wants to get moving on this with the new school coming and the possibility of many kids walking to school.

Ms. Meyers informed Council she had been contacted about a tour coming to our Village from Columbus on July 28<sup>th</sup> and their desire to visit Harrison's Tomb, the Canal Tunnel in Cleves, and the Harrison Symmes Museum.

Mayor Sutton mentioned he is working on the proper notifications to get the old Harmony site grass and weeds cut as well as the site of the new school.

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

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Mayor Shawn Sutton

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Clerk/Treasurer Linda Bolton