

Council Minutes
September 28, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the pledge.

Those in attendance: April Grunden, Mike Bowling, Judy Koesters, Kristina Boroff, Terry Seibert, Janice Clay, John Siano, Andy Buffenbarger, Jared Ebbing, Dan Crouch, Ron Putoff.

Announcements and guests:

Ron and Jared discussed the historical nature of the school, it is fine to tear it down, but there is some paperwork that needs to be completed. We have to state in a letter why we decided to tear it down. The grant for the walking paths is reimbursable, we pay everything up front and then we are reimbursed. This money will be appropriated for the 2007 year. Jared also discussed some fund raising and future meeting with the Park committee. It would be 60 days before the reimbursement would go through.

The Hydrogeological survey was discussed. We didn't get the grant, but we need to decide if we want to go ahead and have the survey completed. It would be \$8000 to \$10,000 just for the analysis of drilling the well. Do we need to get the well project moving now or can it wait another year or so?

We need to start thinking about doing another income survey, ours has expired, they are good for 3 years. We should do one in spring of 2007 for the next round of grants. In 2009 or 2010 we will be ready to apply for the distress grant again.

The OPWC grant time was extended until April 2007 for the wastewater plant. The plans will be revised due to the several hundred percent increase in the cost of materials. We will be looking at the changes that St. Henry did. We may need to put more than our \$20,000 local share in to finish the project, maybe \$5000 more.

Dan Crouch spoke about the items that we were able to keep out of the Mendon School building. Dan has the keys to the storage lockers. The Lion's Club will be having a tractor pull and all the proceeds will go to the Park addition fund for operating expenses. The senior pictures from the building will be put into an album for safe keeping.

A gentleman was present to question about the property directly behind the Krick house at 109 Main Street. He is interested in buying the house, but not unless the junk will be cleaned up on the Dreiling property. Janice said we are working on this situation and we really want to get it cleaned up as well. Council was told that Mr. Dreiling is now putting his stuff on the vacant lot where the sale barn used to be, does he own this now? There are many questions about the zoning in this area and whether Mr. Dreiling bought this property before zoning went into effect. He has no zoning permit to run a business in that area. Mr. Dreiling has a vacant trailer on the property that is harboring rodents that has no windows and the back is gone and only covered with a tarp. Mr. Dreiling has been given 10 days to fix the problem or legal action will be taken.

There were several junk car and junk violation letters sent out last week. These residents have until October 6 to correct these violations or legal action will be taken.

Barb Hamilton was present to ask Council permission to have the Christmas Walk in the Town Hall this year December 1st and 2nd. Council said this was fine and the wheelchair ramp could be moved during that weekend to get it out of the way.

There was a motion by Terry with a second by John to give the Christmas Committee \$200 to buy gifts for Santa to pass out during the walk, all yeas.

Open burning in the Village was discussed.

There was a motion by April with a second by John to waive the reading of the minutes, all yeas. There was a motion by John with a second by Terry to accept the minutes from August, all yeas.

There was a motion by Mike with a second by John to accept the police report from August, all yeas.

Street Commissioners Report:

Cemetery pricing was discussed. New rates for 2007, open/close graves \$275.00, resident lot purchase \$250.00. Council gave the okay to hire the Fent boys to trim our bushes and shrubs. There was a motion by Mike with a second by April to accept the report for July, all yeas.

Jim Severns asked permission to have two town trees cut down because they are dead. There was a motion by John with a second by Mike to allow Jim Severns to have his 2 trees cut down himself and ask the guys who are cutting them to cut down Bill's tree and look at the ones in the cemetery for no monetary compensation by the Village, they will keep the wood, all yeas.

New Business:

There was a motion by John with a second by April to set trick or treat for Saturday October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00, all yeas.

There was a motion by Mike with a second by John to give part time Village employees \$50 and full time Village employees \$75 for Christmas this year, all yeas. This will be done as a resolution on 3 readings.

There is a problem with several dogs running loose in the Village. Judy recommended sending the people a letter. Council will put a notice in the Photo Star concerning our animal ordinance.

Strawn's yard is a mess. The Village will give warning and then we will mow it at a cost of \$100 per time and this amount will be assessed to the taxes. We will also mow Mathew's and assess it to the taxes.

Legislation:

Council heard the first reading of resolution 2006-09, amending resolution 2002-04 concerning the Fiscal Officer's residency.

Resolution 2006-10, accepting the local govt. and local govt. assistance fund amounts and rates on emergency. There was a motion by John with a second by April to vote on emergency, all yeas. There was a motion by Terry with a second by Janice to vote on passage, all yeas.

Resolution 2006-11, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission on emergency. There was a motion by John with a second by Mike to vote on emergency, all yeas. There was a motion by Terry with a second by John to vote on passage, all yeas.

Judy:

John had a question about a large check that Randy Severns received in August. The Clerk explained that this was for Cemetery monument work the Randy does once or twice a year.

There was a motion by John with second by April to approve the checks from August, all yeas.

There was a motion by Janice with a second by John to approve the Clerk's mileage from August, all yeas.

There was a motion by Mike with a second by John to adjourn, all yeas.

Meeting adjourn.

William Buffenbarger Mayor

Janice Clay President

Kristina Boroff Fiscal Officer