

Council Minutes
March 27, 2007

Those in attendance: April Grunden, Kristina Boroff, Janice Clay, Mike Bowling, Sara Busacca, Judy Koesters, Andy Buffenbarger.

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

There was a motion by April with a second by Sara to waive the reading of the minutes, all yeas. There was a motion by Mike with a second by Janice to approve the minutes, all yeas.

There was motion by April with a second by Mike to approve the police report, all yeas.

A resident of South Main Street asked about the Village vacating the alley between his house and where the sale barn used to be. Council advised him to get a signed consent from both property owners and copies of the deeds and bring them to the clerk. Council will need to find out if the village needs access to this alley for utility reasons. Judy will prepare a 1st reading for the next meeting in case we are ready to proceed.

Street Commissioner's Report: The Mayor said he would talk to the refuse hauling company to see if they could collect the trash on the streets instead of using the alleys. The garbage truck is one reason that the alleys get so bad, if we can keep them on the streets, the alleys should last twice as long. Council hopes that village residents will understand that they may need to bring their trash to the front of their house instead of the back in order to help preserve our nice alleys. Council will alert the public if this change is made with garbage placement. There was a motion by April with a second by Sara to approve the Street Commissioner's report, all yeas.

Zoning Board: Two members of the zoning board were present at the meeting, they had no new business to discuss. Their officers stayed the same. There are some vacant positions on the Board that need to be filled.

New Business:

The Community Garage Sales have been set for May 19; therefore Council has set Community Clean Up Day for Saturday, June 2. As always, this is a free service to village residents only, you must present a utility bill stub in order to use the dumpsters. This is a first come first serve event, when the dumpsters are full they event is over. Signs will be posted to inform residents of things that are not permitted to be thrown in the dumpsters. There is no pick up service for this event; you must bring your items to the clean up area. Watch for further information.

The Village has a 2.5 mil levy that expires at the end of this year. After much discussion, Council decided to place this levy on the ballot as an additional levy instead of a renewal levy. Please understand that you are already supporting this levy, it is not a new levy, and it has been in the village for years. Placing it on the ballot as an additional levy simply updates the levy. The valuation will still be 2.5 mils as it is now, the only difference is that it will be based on current property values instead of the property values that we had when the levy was first issued. Please show your support for this levy, the

money it generates helps to pay for things like resurfacing the alleys, the clean up day, police protection, engineering work for upgrades to streets and parks, and other various things to keep the village running that are a direct benefit for our entire community.

The Board of Public Affairs recommended to Council that they approve the purchase of a new pick up truck to replace the Chevy. After reviewing the specs, there was a motion by Mike with a second by April to purchase the new truck as recommended by the Board, all yeas.

Council gave the Lion's Club permission to use both parks and the lot beside the Town Hall for the Easter Egg hunt this year. They were also given permission to close the street during the hunt for safety reasons.

There is a rat problem on South Main Street. The health department was called in, and the Village will be sending a letter urging the residents to get the trash cleaned up.

The Drieling property was discussed, a notice will be sent.

The upgrade is taking place to make 9-1-1 available to cell phones.

The General labor/Cemetery Groundskeeper wages were discussed, not enough present to vote.

There was a motion by April with a second by Mike to approve the alley resurfacing project, all yeas.

There are many dogs running loose in the village, this violates our ordinance. Dogs must be contained or on a tie. The Dog Warden will be called for all loose running dogs.

Legislation:

The first reading of the ambulance contract was heard, resolution 2007-01.

There was a motion by April with a second by Mike to approve the February checks, all yeas.

There was a motion by April with a second by Janice to approve the clerk's mileage, all yeas.

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

Meeting Adjourn.

William Buffenbarger Mayor

April Grunden President

Kristina Boroff Fiscal Officer

