

Council Minutes
April 24, 2007

Those in attendance: April Grunden, Kristina Boroff, Janice Clay, Mike Bowling, Sara Busacca, Judy Koesters, Andy Buffenbarger, Terry Seibert, John Siano, and Jared Ebbing.

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

Bill Emans was present to inform Council that the house trailer at the North end of Dutton Street has burn barrel in the yard. They are burning their trash and they have been burning their yard waste along the street. The Mayor has jurisdiction over this to inform the residents that they are in violation of our village ordinance. The Mayor said he would speak to them.

Bruce Rickard complained about four wheelers racing down the alley. He wanted to know if this was allowed in the village. Four wheelers are not street legal, but they are allowed in the village. They must maintain a safe, slow speed on the streets and not be disturbing the peace. The village has no ordinance that outlaws them as this would also outlaw golf carts. The village just asks for operator cooperation while driving on the streets.

Jared Ebbing was present to discuss the CDBG Formula grant application. The Village will be applying for \$75,000 to \$85,000 for water well improvements. There was a motion by Terry with a second by John to allow the Mayor to sign the application and to put up \$7500.00 local share towards this application, all yeas. The resolution will be passed later in the meeting.

Jared reported that the Solar Bees were installed and Bill and Randy say they are working great. There was a motion by John with a second by Mike to approve the pay application fir the project at \$104,800.00, \$50,000 of which is grant money received by the village and \$54,800.00 of village funds, all yeas.

The DNR Grant for the walking paths is good until next summer; Mr. Karst said the land should be turned over to the village in June or July. This grant is reimbursable, meaning the village will pay the bill up front and then get reimbursed through the grant money.

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 John with a second by Mike to approve the minutes, all yeas.

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

Street Commissioner's Report: The trash pick up is going great, there was only one complaint. The school grounds that we not disturbed by the demolition will be mowed by the school and the demolition company will mow any where they plant new grass seed until the land is turned over to the village. There was a motion by John with a second by April to approve the Street Commissioner's report, all yeas.

Zoning Board: Mike said he would remain zoning inspector until a new one was appointed. He issued one permit this month.

New Business:

There was a motion by Terry with a second by John to accept the contract with the Township that states that the village will mow the Fire Dept. lot at a cost of \$25 per mowing, all yeas.

Old Business:

There was a motion by Sara with a second by Mike to pay the Cemetery Groundskeeper/General Maintenance person \$10.50 per hour, all yeas. Janice abstained from voting due to her relationship to the employee.

The alley vacation on South Main Street will not go through as one of the property owners will not sign off on it.

The junk and garbage at 317 S. Main Street seems to be getting cleaned up. They had 6 trash bags full and ready to set out for the refuse company. They are making an effort to get it cleaned up. Council will watch to be certain they get it finished.

The South Green Street property has made no attempt to clean up their properties. The Village will proceed with filing a complaint against them. The Zoning Inspector, the Mayor, and law enforcement must sign the complaint. There was a motion by Terry with a second by Mike to proceed with filing the complaint against Mr. and Mrs. Dreiling, all yeas.

Legislation:

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

The first reading of the 2.5 mil levy for the November ballot was heard, resolution 2007-02.

Resolution 2007-03, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to apply for CDBG grant money; there was a motion by April with a second by John to vote on emergency, all yeas. There was a motion by John with a second by April to vote on passage, all yeas.

The alley vacation plat has been signed by all involved residents. It appears that the third reading never took place as we didn't have all the signatures. The ordinance number was 2001-05, and it is not in the ordinance book. Judy will see if she has a copy of it on file.

John asked if Council would be interested in starting a sticker registration program with the four wheelers in the village. St. Marys has one in place and anyone wishing to ride a four wheeler on the street has to undergo an inspection and purchase a sticker. John will check into St. Marys policy for this program.

Randy will be asked to watch the mowing in the Village, anyone who doesn't mow will get a warning and if they don't mow after the warning the village will mow it for \$100 per mowing.

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

There was a motion by Mike with a second by Terry 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