

Council Minutes
September 25, 2007

Those in attendance: April Grunden, Kristina Boroff, Sara Busacca, Judy Koesters, Terry Seibert, John Siano.

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

Kevin Nuding was present to discuss getting the alley vacated beside his house, as people are driving too fast down it and throwing stones on his property that are causing damage. He feels it is a safety issue as well. He said that through his research on the subject, the Village is able to vacate the alley without the consent of the property owners because it is village owned. He is willing to take care of any snow removal and mowing that would be required on the property. He would even be willing to sign a document that would allow the Village to get onto the property at any time if an emergency arose with utilities or water lines. The property owner on the other side of the alley does not want it vacated. Mr. Nuding asked if it would be possible to close off the east end of the alley but not vacate it. Judy will look into this matter further.

Matt and Lisa Dorsten were present to discuss ATV rules on private property. They presented Council with a letter concerning an incident on their property with some ATV riders. There was some discussion about the issue and it was stated that AVTs are not legally allowed on the streets in the village at this time. Local residents usually are very courteous about how they drive, but out of towners tend to go too fast and leave litter all around. There are no trespassing signs up at the sewer ponds that should tell riders they are not allowed on this property. The village has put concrete and piles of dirt back in this area to try to keep riders out of this area. Mr. and Mrs. Dorsten just want people to ask before they drive across their property to get to where they want to ride and not to make a mess. Mr. Dorsten has a shooting range on his property also, and just wants to keep everyone safe. The ATV riders have also been observed riding through the surrounding fields. The farmers can put a stop to this if they choose as was done on the east side of town. There have also been people riding around at the school grounds. Council would like this to stop as new grass seed was just recently planted in this area. Council also recommends that some private property signs be posted at the sewer ponds. This is an ongoing issue that Council hopes to be able to resolve soon.

There was a motion by John with a second by Sara to waive the reading of the minutes, all yeas. There was a motion by John with a second by Terry to approve the minutes, all yeas.

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

Street Commissioner's Report: The tree removal bid from Springer and Sons for the Cemetery was discussed; Council has a few more questions concerning the estimate. There was a motion by John with a second by Terry to approve the report, all yeas.

Zoning Board:

New Business:

Trick or Treat has been set for Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 4:30 to 6:30pm with the parade to follow. Costume judging will take place at the new Fire House.

There was some discussion about the Park Committee. Judy will look into the issue.

There have been several complaints about the dog barking on the corner of Sunset and Washington, a letter will be sent to the resident.

Old Business: Mr. and Mrs. Drieling were found guilty of the charges he was taken to court for. He has until approximately December 12, 2007 to get it all cleaned up.

St. Mary's has eliminated there four wheeler permit program. They were the only ones in the area to have this type of program.

Legislation:

The first reading of Resolution 2007-06 concerning the Solicitor contract for 2008 was heard.

The first reading of Resolution 2007-09 concerning the Fanning and Howey contract for 2008 was heard.

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

There was a motion by Sara with a second by Terry to approve the clerk's mileage for August, all yeas.

The clerk stated that the audit had been put out for bid and the bids were reviewed. Caudill and Associates were awarded the bid as they were the lowest bidder and all candidates were equally qualified for the job. Their bid was \$10,000.00 each for the next three audits covering six years.

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

Meeting Adjourn.

William Buffenbarger Mayor

April Grunden President

Kristina Boroff Fiscal Officer