

Council Minutes
September 29, 2009

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

Attendance John Boroff, Pete Van Arsdel, Kristina Boroff, April Grunden, Janice Clay, Sara Busacca, John Siano, Terry Seibert, Jared Ebbing, Craig Knapke, Sheriff Grey, Lt. Grunden, meeting was also attended by several village residents.

Jared Ebbing was present to tell about his new role with Mercer County Community Development. He is no longer with Fanning and Howey, but he will still be working closely with the village on many projects. He stated that the park trail paving and the shelter facility had both been put out for bid; the bids have been received, opened, and reviewed. Craig Knapke is our new Fanning & Howey rep and he will take good care of us. Jared said that income surveys will need to begin in the next month or so. He will handle these out of his office, he will get with council to discuss the process and we will need to schedule several public meetings to discuss needs assessment in the village. June 2010 is the deadline for the grant application.

Craig Knapke with Fanning & Howey spoke about the park bids. We have received a \$50,000 reimbursable grant to do the work on the shelter facility and park trail. This grant is 50% reimbursable with a total cost of \$100,000 for the total project. The grant is \$50,000, the Lion's Club and village are putting in \$25,000 and there has been \$25,000 worth of work donated to get us to the full grant amount. Council will need to accept the bids as recommended by Fanning & Howey for the construction to begin. Shinn Brothers had the low bid for the shelter facility at \$43,500 and Lica Construction had the low bid of \$31,545.60 for the paving of the walking trail. The bids came in just \$45 over our actual budget. There was a motion by John with a second by April to award the bid to Shinn Brothers to construct the shelter facility and Lica Construction to do the paving of the trail, and file the necessary paperwork, roll call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea. The Mayor signed all the paperwork. Craig will set up a pre construction meeting so work can begin.

Sheriff Grey and Lt. Grunden were present to discuss police protection in the village per council's invitation. The contract states that the sheriff's office will not enforce village ordinances, the Mayor is chief law enforcement in the village and he is to uphold village ordinances. The sheriff's office is happy to assist the Mayor with this duty by accompanying him when he must confront residents. Sheriff Grey wanted to know what issues were concerning council and the village so he could return to his office to figure out the situation. Sara stated that council gets complaints that residents of the village call central dispatch and are told the sheriff's office can not handle their situation immediately. People expect them to come immediately, but this is not standard procedure. If you have trouble with opening burning in the village call the sheriff's office and they will call the EPA, or you can call the EPA directly. They will handle trash burning in the village. These complaints do not need to go to the Mayor. On the issue of barking dogs, you can call central dispatch with the name and address of the

house where a dog is barking and the situation will be investigated the next time they are patrolling the village. Do not call 911 for these situations. Mr. Drieling complained about a dog being walked that made other dogs bark, Sheriff Grey said there is no law being broken in this situation. Mr. Drieling also spoke about a trailer he wanted assistance in getting back. The sheriff's office cannot take sides; they are unable to assist him in this matter. Pete said if they won't return the trailer, Mr. Drieling can file a civil suit. Mr. Fisher stated that he lives by the park and sees crimes happen, what should he do? Sheriff Grey said he could file a complaint as an eye witness, video can be submitted as evidence. Then it will go to court if it is decided it is a crime. There is a difference between accidental damage and intentional damage. Filing of complaints takes time, it must be reviewed and determined if a crime can be proven, don't expect it to happen overnight. There were several residents present to complain about a group of juveniles that are threatening and hurting area children. Deputies are blowing off complaints. Sheriff Grey said he would take care of the situation with the deputies. He will also meet with some of the parents after this meeting to discuss the juveniles that are terrorizing area children and try to find a resolution to the situation. Mr. Drieling spoke about the alley/easement behind his Green Street property. He has placed a sign in the alley that says, "Private drive, not a thru street". Research will be done to prove whether or not this is in fact a village owned alley/easement. Mr. Drieling also spoke about some property markers being knocked down by a neighbor and the zoning on a particular property. Sheriff Grey asked if everything else was okay with the contract, Council said everything else was fine and thanked him for his time. Golf carts were briefly discussed. The same rules apply to golf carts as to cars, street legal; driver must be 16, etc. There is a place in Cridersville that will inspect your golf cart for a small fee.

Pauline miller was present to ask if council would supply money for the Santa treats at the Christmas walk as they have in the past. There was a motion by April with a second by Terry to give \$200 to the Christmas committee for gifts, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

Minutes: There was a motion by John with a second by Terry to waive the reading of the August minutes, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea. There was a motion by April with a second by Sara to accept the August minutes, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

Police: There was a motion by Sara with a second by Janice to accept the August police report, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

Street Commissioner: No report available.

Zoning Board:

Mr. Strickland bought a zoning permit to put up his fence correctly. He will place it 4 feet off the property line. If a neighbor disputes where the fence is placed it will be Mr. Strickland's responsibility to prove where the property line is located.

Are people allowed to let their dogs run in the fenced in ball diamonds in the park? Some dogs are digging and owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. This presents a safety hazard to area children playing ball in these areas. There was a motion by Janice with a second by John to post signs that state that no dogs are allowed within the fenced in areas of the park, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea. Mr. McKirnan has been given the zoning violations.

New Business: There was a motion by John with a second by Terry to approve the changes to the Corporate resolution and the signature card with Peoples Bank Company, removing Janice Clay and adding April Grunden to the signature card, and removing Bill Snider and Janice Clay from the Corporate resolution and adding Randy Severns and April Grunden, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

Trick or Treat has been set for Saturday, October 31 from 4:30pm to 6:30 pm.

There were some complaints about the safety of the baby swings in the park; children are getting hurt on them. There was a motion by April with a second by Terry to replace the baby swings in the park with safer ones, call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

Old Business:

John will talk to a village resident about the mess on his property.
The fridges at the concession stands will be shut off.

Legislation:

Mayor:

Solicitor:

There was a motion by Sara with a second by April to approve the August checks roll call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

There was a motion by April with a second by John to approve the clerk's mileage for August roll call: Janice-yea, April-yea, John-yea, Sara-yea, Terry-yea.

There was a motion by John with a second by April to adjourn.

Sara Busacca – Council President

John Siano – Mayor

Kristina Boroff