

Council Minutes  
February 23, 2010

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

Attendance: John Siano, Lisa Dorsten, Mike Bowling, Pete Van Arsdel, Kristina Boroff, Bryan Sipe, Kevin Nuding, Jessica Thaxton, Randy Severns, April Grunden, Darrell Etgen, Karl Duff, Amy Dudgeon, Mike Burnett, Township Trustees, Bill & Lori Young.

There was a motion by Mike with a second by Bryan to go into executive session to discuss personnel, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. There was a motion by Jessica with a second by Lisa to exit executive session, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. Issue had been previously resolved by the Board of Public Affairs.

Joint Meeting with the Township Trustees:

The Trustees would like to do away with the contract to split expenses. They are currently holding all of their meetings at the fire department; the clerk's office is also located there. They would like the village to pay the utilities at the Town Hall and the Trustees to pay the utilities at the fire department. After some discussion, it was agreed to do away with the split expense contract. The village will pay for the town hall utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc., and the trustees will pay for the fire department utilities, etc. The village will continue to mow the fire department grounds at a cost of \$25 per mowing. This will then be billed to the Township trustees for payment at the end of the mowing season. The Fiscal Officer will take care of switching the utilities with the utility clerk.

The Township is placing a levy on the ballot for fire protection. This is an additional levy, but actually just updates the current levy that is already in place. The fire department building levy will end at the end of 2010.

The village council had invited the BPA to their meeting to discuss the grant projects. Darrell spoke about the importance of metered water and new water lines. The water tower is also in need of some repairs and maintenance. Metered water will actually lower the water rates at some two person homes. You will only be paying for usage. With metered water, a single person home will not be paying the same as a six person home anymore. Metered water will help Randy catch where we have leaks a lot sooner as well. The EPA would like us to have metered water and Randy doesn't think it will be long before they make us have meters installed. Some residents already have the meter pit installed. The initial estimate to put in meters was \$300,000 to \$350,000, but the actual cost would be lower because we already have several meter pits in place. The question on council's mind: should we go ahead and take out a loan to do metered water now or wait to try and do it with the grant. Meanwhile, while we are waiting on the grant, we have wasted several thousands of dollars treating water that is being lost through leaks and sent straight to the river. Council would like to talk with Jared about this issue some more before making a decision; he will be invited to

the next regular council meeting. Council would like to see a few estimates on the project to give them an idea of what we are looking at. Randy would like to call RCAP for a better estimate, he will also talk with Rockford, as they have just completed a similar project.

Bill and Lori Young were present to ask about a zoning variance on Green Street to create two apartments in a single residence. They have already spoken to the neighbors and gotten signatures saying they are not opposed to the project. This has been done before in the village and will not be a problem. The zoning board will meet on Sunday, February 28 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall to grant the variance.

There was a motion by April with a second by Mike to waive the reading of the minutes, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. There was a motion by Jessica with a second by April to approve the minutes, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. There was a motion by Lisa with a second by Jessica to approve the police report, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea.

#### Street Commissioner's Report:

There was no report available this month. There were some complaints about the snow plowing in the village. Lisa asked if her street could please be plowed and Jessica asked if her alley could please be plowed. There were some complaints about the snow being piled up on and blocking the sidewalks. Randy stated that no one is trying to inconvenience anyone; they are trying to keep everyone happy. When we get a really big snow, it is hard to find places to put it; the main goal is to keep the streets clear. We don't have big machines to move the snow out of the way so we do the best we can. They will try to keep the snow from blocking the sidewalks in the future. If your street has been missed during plowing, please give Randy a call and it will be taken care of. Just keep in mind that Randy and Greg still have all their other duties to attend to when it snows. There are some things they just can't put off.

#### Zoning Board:

A letter of resignation from Matt Dorsten was read and accepted. The zoning board will need to fill this spot. There were several complaints about the way the current inspector is handling his position. People are leaving multiple messages at his residence and not getting a call back. There are multiple things going on in the village construction wise without a permit being obtained first. The zoning inspector was also asked to attend the council meetings and he has not been doing so. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Lisa to let Gary Van Gundy, zoning inspector, go, he will be paid for January and February, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. Bill Young was asked if he was interested in the position of zoning inspector. He said he may be and he will think about it. In the Meantime, the Mayor will fill the roll of zoning inspector.

New Business:

The income surveys are going well. Many have been issued and returned. Thank you to all residents that have completed and returned a survey. Randy would like to form a committee for grant support. He will walk the committee through the water plant and explain metered water thoroughly so that the committee can answer questions to the public. John Siano, April Grunden, and Bryan Sipe volunteered to be on this committee.

The village improvement surveys will be going out to the residents soon. Please fill out and return your survey.

Jessica volunteered to attend the meeting at for Mercer Health.

The next public meeting for the grant will be held on Monday March 15 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. This will be well publicized.

There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Mike to send the Fiscal Officer to the public records training as designee for all elected officials, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. The training will be held on March 18 at 9:00am in Celina.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2010-01, the Amp Ohio contract for the green up project. There was a motion by April with a second by Bryan to vote on emergency, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. There was a motion by Mike with a second by Jessica to vote on passage, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea.

There was a motion by Mike with a second by Bryan to suspend the rules and allow John Boroff to miss three council meetings in a row due to a class he is taking and is unable to miss, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea.

There was a motion by April with a second by Jessica to approve the January checks, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Lisa to approve the January mileage, roll call: Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April –yea, Bryan – yea, Mike –yea.

There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Lisa to adjourn.

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John Siano – Mayor

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John Boroff – President

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Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer