

Council Minutes
September 28, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Those in attendance: Pete VanArsdel, Bryan Sipe, John Siano, John Boroff, Lisa Dorsten, Jessica Thaxton, April Grunden, Mike Bowling, Kristina Boroff, Randy Severns, Kevin Nuding, Greg Zizleman, Dan Crouch, Pauline Miller, Barb Hamilton, Bill Young, Amy Dudgeon.

There was a motion by John with a second by Mike to give \$200.00 to the Christmas Walk Committee for gifts at the santa house as has been done every year, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

Craig Knapke, from Fanning & Howey, went over the grants that have been secured to date, \$1.3 million. The OPWC is the next one we will apply for bringing us up to \$2.6 million, if this grant is secured. Ordinance 2010-05 concerning a water rate increase is necessary for securing this grant. The rate increase is to ensure repayment of the loan that the village must borrow in order to help pay for the water line and water meter project. The Board of Public Affairs is responsible for setting water rates, they passed a regulation at their meeting on Monday setting rates as follows: residential water \$46.20/ month, commercial water \$53.13/month, and non-residential water \$48.93/month. This regulation will take effect October 1, 2010. This rate will be in place for approximately one year until the water meters are in place. After the meters are in place, there will be a monitoring period of two or three months to determine the average water usage per household. After usage is determined, the BPA will set new metered water rates for the entire village. Randy Severns explained that the new rate for a residential customer amounts to \$1.54/day to use as much water as you want; this is still a good bargain. Think about everything you use water for in a day. We realize this is a bad time in the economy to raise rates, but it will benefit everyone in the end. The village has traditionally had rates that were too low. There was a motion by Mike with a second by Jessica to vote on emergency Ordinance 2010-05 to raise water rates in the village, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by John to vote on passage, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. Craig also had Resolution 2010-12 to authorize the mayor to sign and submit the OPWC application. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Mike to vote on emergency Resolution 2010-12 concerning the OPWC application, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by April to vote on passage of Resolution 2010-12, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. Craig showed council a tentative schedule for the grant work.

Barb Hamilton asked council for their permission to use the Town Hall for the Christmas Walk the 1st Friday and Saturday of December. Council gave the okay.

Pauline Miller asked if council would be willing to give money to pay for the santa house gifts, council stated that they had already approved \$200.00 earlier in the meeting. Both ladies thanked council for their help.

Barb Hamilton announced that there would be a quarter auction in October at the Ole Farm Store to benefit the park.

Dan Crouch discussed the broken door at the shelter facility. The police have received a written confession from the two people involved. The families would like to make restitution in lieu of the village pressing charges. Pete stated that the village could accept the restitution in the amount of \$462.00 (covers the cost of the door, hinges, lock, and labor), but it was up to the prosecuting attorney whether or not to press charges. Council can make a recommendation to the prosecutor, but they can't tell them not to press charges. The two young men want to make restitution because they have plans of joining the military and the fire department and don't want this to slow that process. There was much discussion about whether this would be in their best interest and if the young men would be the ones paying the bill. Some people stated that these young men had been in trouble before. After much discussion, there was a motion by Mike with a second by Jessica to accept the restitution and let the prosecutor decide about pressing charges or not, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – nay.

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

Street Commissioner's Report: Council gave the okay for Randy to run a new circuit in the garage at the town hall for the Christmas walk. This project will cost about \$40.00 and will be paid for by council. The dump truck will be resurfaced in October. Randy would like to use some of the ODOT money to pay for new street pole lights. It would be beneficial for the village to have a snow plow blade for the pickup truck. Randy estimated a cost of \$5000.00. He will get a true cost and the Fiscal Officer will look at the budget to see if it is doable. There was a motion by John with a second by Jessica to accept the Street Commissioner's report, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

Zoning Board: The mayor read zoning board resignations from Darrell Etgen, Kevin Nuding, and Amy Dudgeon. We have not received one from Dave McMicheal as of yet. These people were members of the zoning board of appeals, now these decisions will fall on the village council. Mike read sections from the zoning code concerning trailers. There was some discussion about the age and appearance of a new trailer brought into the village. There is no designated trailer park in the village. The township zoning code has specifics for trailers. Mike stated that it is really nice to be able to access and search the zoning code online. A planning committee consisting of Mike Bowling, John Siano, John Boroff, Bryan Sipe, and Bill Young will meet on October 14 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall to discuss changes to the code. There was some discussion about reworking the zoning permit to include an area to draw specs for projects. We have just ordered new zoning permits; Pete suggested an attachment page for the existing permit. The location of the color coded zoning map was discussed. It may be in the vault, more research will be done.

New Business:

Trick or treat will be set for Saturday October 30 from 4:30 to 6:30, the chili supper at the Fire Department will run from 4:00 to 7:00pm with costume judging at 7:30pm.

Greg Zizleman was present to complain about the trash and box truck located in the alley behind the Pirates Cove restaurant. The truck has expired plates and there is trash all around

and under the vehicle. A friendly letter will be sent asking Mr. Piper to clean up this area and remove the box truck. This is a health and safety concern. Mr. Zizleman also stated that Denny Adams would like to have a larger cruise in next year on Main Street, possibly shutting off the street and having the event bigger than this year.

Old Business:

Council discussed the 1% income tax for the village. Pete reported that council can adopt a 1% income tax without voter approval. Most residents are paying income tax in the city they work in now; this money would just be rerouted back to the village. You only have to pay income tax to one place. The Fiscal Officer will check with Rockford as to how much is involved with the administration of their income tax.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2010-05: There was a motion by Mike with a second by Jessica to vote on emergency Ordinance 2010-05 to raise water rates in the village, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by John to vote on passage, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

Resolution 2010-12: There was a motion by Bryan with a second by Mike to vote on emergency Resolution 2010-12 concerning the OPWC application, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea. There was a motion by Bryan with a second by April to vote on passage of Resolution 2010-12, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

Ordinance 2010-02: There was a motion by Mike with a second by Bryan to pass the third reading of Ordinance 2010-02 concerning the E.S.P.P. Amp Gorsuch Agreement, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – yea, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

Ordinance 2010-04: the second reading was heard concerning the Solar Power project from Amp Ohio.

The ordinances concerning the landlords and utilities were tabled at this time.

The Fiscal Officer stated that the council minutes are available online, she is available by appointment, you can also contact her by email at kristinaboroff@villageofmendon.com.

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

There was a motion by John with a second by Bryan to approve the Clerk’s mileage of \$31.50, roll call: John – yea, Lisa – nay, Jessica – yea, April – yea, Mike – yea, Bryan – yea.

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

Meeting Adjourn.

John Siano – Mayor

John Boroff – President

Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer