

COUNCIL MINUTES
July 30, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, followed by the pledge.

Attendance: Terry Seibert, Seth Seibert, Bruce Rickard, Brian Webb, Chelsea Wilsey, Bryan Selhorst, Amanda Crouch, Kristina Boroff, Pete Van Arsdell, Josh Kinney
Lanny Hammitt, Marge Trisel, Rick Emans, Jim Godwin, Erin Gardner -The Daily Standard

Mayor:

Mayor Terry Seibert issued the following concerning 50 years of girls' sports:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the missions of the Midwest Athletic Conference is to encourage and foster the advancement of sportsmanship, goodwill and health through individual and team competition as the ideal of athleticism; and

WHEREAS, Title IX was a landmark Civil Rights law signed by President Richard Nixon on June 23, 1972 as part of the 1972 Federal Education Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the recognition of girls' varsity sports in 1973-74 school year as the implementation of Title IX by the Ohio High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, this celebration is to recognize 50 years of girls' sports conference competition in the Midwest Athletic Conference, commencing with the 1973-74 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Parkway and Mendon-Union Girls Sports, Celebrating 50 Years promotes this stated objective of celebrating the implementation of Title IX at Parkway and former Mendon-Union.

WHEREAS, the Midwest Athletic Conference wishes to officially welcome and recognize the efforts of the community in which Parkway Local School District and the former Mendon-Union School District reside;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Seibert, Mayor of the Village of Mendon, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 29, 2024 the official 50-year celebration of;

Parkway and Mendon-Union Girls Sports

Given under my hand and seal of office this 30 day of July 2024.

Solicitor:

Minutes: There was a motion by Seth to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Bryan Selhorst, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea. There was a motion by Brian Webb with a second by Chelsea to approve the minutes, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea.

Street Commissioner: There is a rotten tree in the park. It will cost \$1,250 to remove and grind the stump. There is a tree at Walnut and Wayne that needs to be cut at a cost of \$1,100, but the utility department will pay for that one. The refrigerator has been purchased and installed at the shelter house. Chelsea asked to have a tree inspected. The dead trees at the cemetery have been removed. There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to approve the street commissioner's report, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea.

Zoning: Nothing to discuss.

New Business:

- Pete will be retiring at the end of the year. Council will be looking to fill the solicitor position for 2025. Andi Marchall and Ross Finke were suggestions. Ross Finke is the current solicitor at Rockford.
- Veterans Banners on the light posts were discussed. Council is interested in pursuing this. The Fiscal Officer will get more information and report back.

Old Business:

- Amanda Crouch gave an update on the EMS situation. She is the village of Mendon representative and has attended four meetings at EMS over the last month. Amanda reported on the urgency of passage of this levy as there is a shortage of staff. This levy will appear on the November ballot. EMS is asking for local individual support and donations for the promotion of the levy. They are also looking for volunteers to help with promotion. If this levy does not pass, there will be a serious lack in help when you call 911. There will not be anyone to answer the phones. We need to work together to get this levy passed. If you would like to contribute to the levy promotion, please make checks payable to: *Friends of EMS Mercer County* and mail to: Sammi Timmerman, 412 E. Columbus Street, St. Henry, OH 45883.
- Terry spoke about the grant opportunity for the recycling program. The grant will be available in November. If council is interested in having a recycling program in the village, then we need to prepare to apply for this grant. This grant is an 80/20 split, but not a true 80/20 split.
- Council discussed the creation of an additional position titled Zoning Compliance Officer. This will be a part time position, paid monthly at \$40 per month. The employee will be required to attend court and answer to council. We will be accepting applications. There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Amanda to create the Zoning Compliance Officer position with a monthly pay of \$40, and to answer to village council, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea.

Legislation:

Guests:

Mr. Hammitt asked about the property with all the vehicles.

Amanda reported about the Schmidt house being required to clean up the property within 90 days or the house will be condemned.

Marge Trisel asked about some of the cemetery monuments that needs to be straightened up. She asked council to put some money aside to fix the stones. Council reported that it is the responsibility of the family to make sure that the stones are taken care of.

Marge Trisel asked about the shed and driveway at Mr. Coffman's property. The shed is moveable and on runners and he can place it up to the property line easement. She asked about getting permission to dig out a driveway. She believes that you need council approval to dig out a driveway and there are certain rules in the subdivision about what you can do. There was some discussion about the subdivision rules. Council does not enforce the deed restrictions. There was a lengthy discussion about placement of structures on properties.

Marge Trisel asked about the cost of the dumpsters for clean up day. We have not received the invoice yet, but in the past it has been \$385 per dumpster. We had three dumpsters this year.

There was a motion by Brain Webb with a second by Seth to approve the checks and purchase orders, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea. There was a motion by Chelsea with a second by Bryan Selhorst to approve the financial statements, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to approve the mileage, roll call: Chelsea – yea, Seth – yea, Bryan Selhorst – yea, Brian Webb – yea, Bruce – yea, Amanda – yea.

Jim Godwin spoke about his displeasure with the people of the village of Mendon. He had plans for the village, but he longer feels compelled to help. The Mayor told Jim he was sorry that his feelings were hurt. As a council, we cannot make Jim feel better. He recommends that Jim just let it go and don't worry about what other people say about him. The Mayor said that it is too bad that there are people that have bad feeling towards him. Jim stated that he has spent a little over \$1,000,000 on things to improve the village. Bryan Selhorst stated that not everyone feels that way and Jim should try to let it go. Jim stated that he and Mary plan to sell all of their properties and move away.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to adjourn.

Terry Seibert – Mayor

Seth Seibert – President

Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer