

Village council met in regular session Monday, February 24, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. Council present: Ned Monroe, John Hudik, Karon Lane, Ken Wysong, Suzie Stough and Cheryl Geer. Other officials present: Mayor Gary Loar, VFO Karin Sauerlender, Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin, and Street Superintendent Chip Vance.

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests – none

Minutes – Ken Wysong moved to approve minutes as written from February 10, 2014 council meeting. Second by Ned Monroe and approved by all council.

Bills—presented for approval.

Bills paid previously:

Ohio Gas	Heat—Mill St. & village office	\$ 316.55
Treas. Fulton Co.	Feb. police protection	425.00
Century Link	Phone & fax	225.00

Current bills to be paid:

Robert Sabo	Wages paid 02-25-14	\$ 327.80
Norman Vance	Wages paid 02-25-14	1824.81
Medical Mutual	March insurance	1954.08
Toledo Edison	Village electric use	1651.72
BWC	Annual premium	1563.85

Cheryl Geer moved to pay bills. Second by Suzie Stough and approved by all council.

Committee reports – Land & Buildings chairman Ken Wysong provided a brief summary of the last meeting. Met with Park-O-Rama chairman, Cathy Mossing, who informed this year’s event will be held one day only, Saturday, June the 28th. Will host parade, Fireman’s Challenge, barbequed chicken dinners, kid’s games, (EYA to operate concessions,) evening music, will not host ball tournament. Looking to include additional activities, i.e. volleyball and corn-hole tourney, etc. Park-O-Rama committed to purchase “Appreciation” wall plaque and pay for yearly nominee nameplates. The committees provided Cathy Mossing/Park-O-Rama chairman costs for building improvements to Shelter B, asking they consider funding. Committee recommends an hourly rate increase from \$15 to \$20 for John Vershum and Jeff Pawlaczyk when working on village sewer repairs. Suggested hourly rate for snowplowing remains at \$15.00. Updated village administrator John Vershum with upcoming road improvement projects. Committee recommends renting backhoe for another month at \$1,500, with half cost coming out of the street fund and half from sewer. Lane asked if the village is responsible to insure and/or make repairs to backhoe during rental period. Monroe said it is all covered under the rental agreement.

Ordinance 873 – Cheryl Geer motioned to suspend the rules on Ordinance 873, hiring John Vershum and Jeff Pawlaczyk to assist the street superintendent on sewer repair projects as operators, at a rate of \$20 an hour. Second of motion by Suzie Stough. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Hudik-yes, Wysong-yes, Lane-yes and Monroe-yes. Cheryl Geer motioned to pass Ordinance 873 under emergency measure. Second of motion by Ned Monroe. Roll call vote taken: Geer-yes, Stough-yes, Monroe-yes, Hudik, yes, Lane-yes, Wysong-yes. **Ordinance 873 passed.** If Chip unable to get response back from either

Vershum or Pawlaczyk when needed, he is to contact a contractor for assistance. No word back from last year's summer employee, Sue will place help wanted ad in local papers with a March 17 deadline to submit employment applications. A new state program is offering the village free bridge inspections for the next three years. Sue will ask DGL to release village from inspection contract so we might enroll in state program.

Personnel & Finance chairman Karon Lane provided a brief summary of their last meeting. Postpone voting on employee handbook updates, need to make additional revisions. Putting together a plan for new office furniture. Recommend reimbursing deputy clerk \$15 a month for cell phone use. Karon Lane motioned to reimburse deputy clerk \$10 monthly for cell phone use. Second of motion by Cheryl Geer and approved by all council. Recommend advertising for seasonal help at \$8.50 to \$9 an hour, with March 17, 5:00 p.m. application deadline, and a start date in April. Asking Karin to prepare letter to county commissioners addressing recent emergency OUPS notices to mark lines without NE Water System employee on site and to ask for reimbursement of village employee compensation. Chip attempted to locate sewer lines for emergency call-ins, once on a holiday and another time on a weekend when no one from NE was on site, one notice gave an incorrect address. Village paid Chip for (2) two-hour emergency call-ins when not needed.

Street Superintendent – suggested giving back laterals to property owners, recent frozen laterals cost village thousands of dollars to thaw out. Found several rags in one line, unfortunately can't tell people what not to put down lines. USDA loan required village to own laterals. Need to consider painting bridge on Swanton Street this summer. Ken Wysong motioned to allow Chip to attend TMAOG workshop March 7 at Owens Community College (that offers continuing education credits). Second by Ned Monroe and approved by all council. Chip to be paid for an eight-hour day (at straight time) to attend seminar and to drive village truck.

Old Business- Sanitary sewer report went to the state and village was nominated to use OWDA funds for the \$35,000 project. Paulette/Poggemeyer said once the village is nominated, moneys could be used through the county's revolving fund dollars. Poggemeyer provided the village with a letter to submit to the Fulton County Commissioners to request the use of revolving funds for the project. The Village of Lyons also wanting to do the same type of project, which is also to be headed by Poggemeyer. Ken Wysong concerned if commissioners approve funding for the project, the village would be obligated to correct all issues found during testing. Mayor Loar said some problem areas have already been taken care of, he doesn't believe receiving grant dollars would require the village to fix all issues found. Chip said the study would help identify problem areas, once identified; the village can decide which ones have the most negative impact on the system and repair. After discussion, it was decided to pursue funding through revolving loan funds. Ken Wysong motioned to allow Mayor Loar to ask the Fulton County Commissioners to consider funding the project with Revolving Loan funds. Second by Ned Monroe and approved by all council.

New Business – Wysong motioned to allow the zoning inspector and deputy clerk to attend the county zoning seminar held by the county prosecuting attorney, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

Fiscal Officer's report – 2013 Annual Financial Report completed and mailed to the state. Suggested putting report on village web-site, along with help wanted information. VFO yet to get final audit report.

Sue would like a village biography written and placed on the first page of village web-site. Cheryl Geer said she recently found a 1930 bio on Metamora, she will forward to the office.

Mayor's report – Read sheriff's report for January, 2014. Deputies spent 46.75 hours patrolling in the month, handled three complaints, and issued one warning and one underage consumption citation.

Adjournment – Wysong motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Second by Suzie Stough and approved by all council.

Mayor – Gary Loar

VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin

Deputy Clerk