

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HARVEYSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 11, 2018

The regular second Monday of the month meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council was held pursuant to call, upon the proper notice to the public, on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Harveysburg Village Government Center, 79 West Main Street, Harveysburg, Ohio 45032.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Verga, Council members: Pat Bennett, Randy Carruthers, Steve Cochran, Charles Juniel, and Jim Nelson all responded here. Village Staff: Village Administrator – Doug Trimble, Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council – John Faulkner (arriving at 7:11 pm), and Village Solicitor – Joe Lucas also attended. Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Cochran 2nd. to excuse Mr. Rhoads, absent from tonight's meeting. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, and Mr. Nelson all voted aye. Motion passed.

Guest attending tonight's meeting registered their names and addresses on the sign-in sheet provided by the Clerk of Council. Sheet attached.

The meeting was call to order by Mayor Verga at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting were tabled. Mr. Cochran (?) moved, Mr. Bennett (?) 2nd. All members present voted aye.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported the progress of the bi-annual audit and his conversations with the Millhuff-Stang, Certified Public Accounts principals Natalie Mullhuff-Stang and Robyn Roush. The long and overdue meeting for the pre-audit process is at a stale-mate, the vendor will not come to an evening meeting of council and council members, because of their work schedules cannot meet during the work day. The Mayor is investigating the prices and options for propane purchases for the 2018-2019 heating season. The price could increase the unit cost from .15 to .30 per unit. The Mayor reported attending the Massie Township Trustees meeting and reported favorable approval of the fire department restructuring process.

The Mayor reported the receipt of the May 31, 2018 letter from Auditor of State-Ohio Dave Yost. The letter reviewed the ending of the fiscal emergency received in a letter dated June 19, 2007. At this time the Village had not fully implemented an effective financial accounting and reporting system, primarily due to the high turnover rate of the fiscal officers. The auditor's review during the spring of 2018 specifically detailed the deficiencies and resolutions and the training taken to ensure a sound accounting and reporting system and the monitoring requirements of the Auditor of State-Ohio. And now, the Auditor has concluded this fiscal emergency.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

President Pro-Tem Bennett – no report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / STREETS & BUILDINGS REPORT

Village Administrator (VA) Trimble reported to council the following items – (1) Zoning – the 47 Maple Street has an ongoing nuisance with neighbors and the Village. The occupant has been cited into Court and found guilty. They are working towards a total cleanup. (2) Sidewalks – the test square has been completed and council has inspected the project giving a favorable approval to proceed. (3) Road repairs – repairs to Loraine and Main Streets has been completed. (4) Internet – Intellwave has nearly completed the installation of their equipment and will begin residential/governmental

hookups before the end of the month. (5) Sign – the sign faces have been ordered and will be installed soon. (6) Basketball

court – in the process of obtaining estimates for the striping of the court. A new Stihl concrete saw has been purchased for the maintenance department for use in the sidewalk projects and cutting out for roadway repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS/GUEST SPEAKERS

Warren County Judges Honorable Gary A. Loxley and Honorable Robert S. Fisher visited the Council’s meeting for a review of the County’s Court, current issues, Veterans court docket, various House Bills impacting the Courts, Court facilities and updates and the Court’s community outreach. Several Village Councilmen expressed favorable comments.

Shawn Campbell, President of Jones-Warner Consultants, Inc. presented and reviewed the Village projects and how funding could happen and some dates. The Fiscal Officer will need to include some information in the 2019 Budget for these monies and expenses.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Village Solicitor (VS) Joe Lucas recommended the Jones-Warner report be documented in the minutes for presentations, resolutions, village match money requirements, fee amounts. (Note – the Fiscal Officer has emailed Mr. Campbell for a detailed recap of his presentation. To date it has not been received. There are a series of emergency and regular resolutions to be noted. When received, the Clerk will advise council and amend the minutes for these facts and final approval of the minutes.)

UNFINISHED –OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cochran inquired about the progress and status of the sign in front of the government center. See item #5 in the VA’s report.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department

Chief Pottenger reviewed the Police Department activities for the month ending May 31, 2018, a complete financial report will be included with the Fiscal Officer’s finance data in the June 25, 2018 meeting. Other items reported include the fishing derby scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd., the new police cruiser, recertification of the Officer’s hand gun skills, the Maple Street ongoing zoning issue, traffic enforcement and traffic control for the festival the week end of 16 & 17 June, car #1 to the Ford dealer and car #4 to the repair shop, long range planning includes Halloween activities.

Community Relations

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, Randy Carruthers noted a need to visit the current zoning instrument for updates and zoning improvements. Mr. Sam Shaw, Maple Street front porch project advised to proceed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet June 25, 2018 prior to the Council meeting.

Records Committee

Grants

Several grant writing courses have sent information for attendees, Ms. Couch has expressed a desire to attend.

Tree Board

BILLS AND FINANCE

Mr. Nelson moved to ratify and approve paying the bills, Mr. Carruthers seconded. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, and Mr. Nelson all voted aye. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer will present the financial records information for the month ended May, 2018, during the June 25th. meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

WORK SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business at hand, the next council meeting will be June 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Time 8:45 pm. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Juniel seconded. Voice vote: All members voted aye. Meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Council signature page and guest sign-in sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

John Faulkner, Clerk of Council