

REGULAR COUNCIL

October 4, 2007

Council President Carl Hofstetter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: B. Blue, E. Davis, J. Jemison, S. Klein, and B. Wallace. Mayor Poole arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Also present: B. Petronio – Admin. Assist., D. Weir - Admin., Tom Lee - Solicitor, C. Ehrhart – Director of Streets and Utilities, J. Stehlik – Police Chief, B. Provost – Village Engineer, S. Roessner – Zoning Inspector, Carl Hornung, John Borkholder, Ben Nicastro – Airport Authority, Ann Wishart – Maple Leaf

Agenda: Add to Public Participation – Stuart Friedman, Catholic Charities Housing

Minutes of September 20, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Jemison moved to approve the minutes as written. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Payment of Bills Totaling \$107,999.65 was presented for payment. Klein moved to authorize the payment of bills totaling \$107,999.65. Wallace seconded. Roll Call: Yeas (6).

Director of Streets & Utilities Report – September: included in the council packet. Finished meter reading this quarter, meter replacements, park maintenance, hydrant maintenance, grass mowing, ball field maintenance, sewer cleaning, monthly chipping and water and sewer treatment plant maintenance. Last brush pickup will be the first Wednesday in November. Hydrant flushing will be the weekends of October 19th and October 26th. Will be shutting down part of the road by Kraftmaid for construction of the turn lane.

Police Report – September: included in the council packet. Chief Stehlik thanked Corporal Ed Samec for all of his work on receiving grants, etc. for the Village. The Village recently received the Silver Star award from AAA. Wallace commented on the positive response of the police officers visiting each residence. Davis asked if anyone had made any comments about the mayor's court. Residents were mainly concerned with speeders on their streets and the safety at Mineral Lake Park.

Zoning Inspector – September: included in the council packet.

Ambulance Report – August: No one was present.

Hofstetter stated that Urban Growers did a wonderful job this summer with the flower baskets and boxes throughout the Village. The Mayor of Warren called and commented on how beautiful the plantings were in the Village. Urban Growers have been contracted by other communities and organizations because of their impressive work here in the Village of Middlefield. It has helped to promote other businesses to improve their appearance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Friedman, Catholic Charities Housing, made a preliminary presentation of a housing program for seniors (55+). There is affordable housing needed in the area for those seniors who wish to stay in Middlefield but can no longer manage a home on their own. This program does not dictate housing to the community but tries to work hand in hand with the community. Catholic Charities Housing has been invited by the parish of St. Lucy's to construct some type of housing on the property that they own. This housing would be approximately a forty unit apartment building with one and two bedroom units, as an independent living format not assisted living or nursing home living. There will be lots of amenities with these units. There will be supportive services provided to the seniors living in the building. The personal income is not restricted and a pension income or ownership of home that is rented, etc. would not restrict people from being in this program. This would be a two-story building made of fine quality materials and provide a lot of outdoor areas for the seniors to use. This property is currently located in the township and would need to be annexed into the Village in order to receive water and sewer services. Mr. Friedman will be presenting this program to the township trustees on Monday, October 8th and would appreciate support from any of the Village council members. The township trustees are usually not in favor of annexation. Would start development in 2008 with occupancy of the building units in 2009. Doing construction projects such as this takes a lot of planning. There is a lot of land that goes up a grade to the back of Glen Valley. The entire parcel of the parish is fourteen acres. Average rent for a one bedroom could be \$550 and for a two bedroom could be \$650 and would include all utilities.

FIRST READING

Resolution 07-34: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute An "Adoption Resolution," Approving the Health Reimbursement Arrangement with Processworks, Inc. as Part of the Village's Funding of Health Benefits for Village Employees, and Declaring an Emergency

Davis introduced Res. 07-34, read by title only, moved to waive the required readings and declare an emergency. Klein seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Klein moved to **pass** Res. 07-34 seconded by Jemison. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Resolution 07-35: Adopting an Electronic Communications Policy for the Village

Davis introduced Res. 07-35, read by title only, and moved to place it on first reading. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Ordinance 07-136: Establishing the Provider Fee to be Paid by a Video Service Provider Offering Service in the Village, Directing the Village Administrator to Give Notice of the Video Service Provider Fee, and Declaring an Emergency

Lee explained the intent of this ordinance. Will be providing further legislation to Council regarding this issue.

Klein introduced Ord. 07-136, read by title only, moved to waive the required readings and declare an emergency. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6)

Klein moved to **pass** Ord. 07-136, seconded by Davis. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Ordinance 07-137: Amending Existing Section 907.04 to Provide a Sewer Rate Increase for Commercial and Industrial Uses for 2008 & 2009 and Making Certain Technical Amendments

Davis introduced Ord. 07-137, read by title only, and moved to place it on first reading. Wallace seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6) Klein asked why this is being done again. The rates were actually all the same in order to obtain the loan needed for the water treatment plant. This will put the rate increase schedule back on track.

SECOND READING

Ordinance 07-135: Extending the Employment Contract of Marie Shipek as a Village Employee for Three Years, Through December 6, 2010, Pursuant to Specified Terms and Conditions.

Davis introduced Ord. 07-135, read by title only, and moved to place it on second reading. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

Ordinance 07-134: Amending Existing Section 1116.03(c) (1) and 1115.20 of the Codified Ordinances to Clarify the Village's Regulations for Political Signs.

Hofstetter introduced Ord. 07-134, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

A public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 18, 2007 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

PENDING PASSAGE

Ordinance 07-130: Accepting for Dedication a Dedication Plat for Municipal Parking. Klein made a motion to *table* this ordinance. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6)

ENGINEER'S REPORT - included in the council packet.

- 1. M & D Blacktop Pay Request** - The playground equipment has been completed and the contractor is requesting payment in the amount of \$97,660.00. Klein moved to authorize pay to M & D Blacktop in the amount of \$97,660.00, seconded by Wallace. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

Blue asked the engineer if the new restroom building at Eagle Park could be painted white and green to match the new pavilion. Provost stated that the restroom building was intended to be the brown color that it is in order to blend in to the landscaping that will be planted later in the project.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports – included in the council packet.

CALENDAR

Planning & Zoning – rescheduled to Tuesday, November 20, 2007 due to the holiday.

At 8:20 p.m. Klein moved to adjourn into executive session for purposes of personnel compensation. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (6).

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m. and, being no further business at this time, Klein moved to adjourn.

Administrative Assistant

Mayor