

SPECIAL COUNCIL

December 31, 2007

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. with the following members present: B. Blue, E. Davis, C. Hofstetter, and J. Jemison. Councilman B. Wallace arrived at 8:24 a.m. Councilman Klein is excused.

Also present: C. Osborne – Fiscal Officer, D. Weir - Admin., C. Ehrhart – Director of Streets & Utilities and Tracy Jemison - Geauga Co. Auditor.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Minutes of December 20, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. Hofstetter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

Payment of Bills Totaling \$82,042.59 was presented for payment. Jemison moved to authorize the payment of bills totaling \$82,042.59. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: Yeas (4).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracy Jemison, Geauga Co. Auditor, administered the oath of office to council members elect Joan Jemison and Carl Hofstetter, Jr., and mayor-elect William Poole, Jr.

FIRST READING

Resolution 07-42: Authorizing the Transfer Funds Declaring an Emergency.

Davis introduced Res. 07-42, read by title only, moved to waive the required readings and declare an emergency. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

Hofstetter moved to **pass** Res. 07-42, seconded by Blue. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

SECOND READING

Ordinance 07-162: Employing Thomas J. Lee as Village Solicitor and Legal Counsel for the Village of Middlefield for the Year 2008 (revised 12/31/07).

Davis moved to amend Ord. 07-162, seconded by Blue. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

Hofstetter introduced Ord. 07-162, read by title only, moved to waive the required readings and declare an emergency. Davis seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

Davis moved to **pass** Ord. 07-162, seconded by Blue. Roll Call: All Yeas (4).

THIRD READING

Ordinance 07-155: Amending Existing Sections 1140.04 and 1140.06 of the Codified Ordinances to Modify the Application Fees for Occupancy Permits, to Provide for Additional Flexibility in Issuing Permits for Minor Additions or Improvements, and to Make Certain Related Technical Amendments.

Blue introduced Ord. 07-155, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Davis seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 17, 2008 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Ordinance 07-157: Amending Existing Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinances to Allow for Voice Votes of Council in Certain Circumstances.

Hofstetter introduced Ord. 07-157, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Jemison seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

Davis moved to **pass** Ord. 07-157, seconded by Hofstetter. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

Ordinance 07-159: Amending Various Provisions of Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide Added Protection to the Village for the Regulation of Potential Uses Within the Village's Right-of-Way.

Jemison introduced Ord. 07-159, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Blue seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

Hofstetter moved to **pass** Ord. 07-159, seconded by Davis. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

Ordinance 07-160: Amending Existing Section 1165.03, 1165.08 and 1165.14 of the Codified Ordinances to make Certain Technical Amendments Regarding the Village's Sign Regulations.

Blue introduced Ord. 07-160, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Davis seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 17, 2008 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Ordinance 07-161: Amending Existing Section 1140.06(a) of the Codified Ordinances to Correct a Typographical Omission.

Davis introduced Ord. 07-161, read by title only, and moved to place it on third reading. Wallace seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 17, 2008 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS – none before council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Contractor Road Bond Ordinance** – Weir stated the Village currently doesn't have an ordinance requiring a bond from contractors for road damage. Because the school is allowing a gas well on their property, the well drilling machinery will be traveling N. Thompson and Alameda Dr. Ehrhart stated Alameda Dr. was not constructed to withstand the amount of heavy loads from trucks. Weir stated if council enacts this ordinance, a bond amount will be set and, once the project is complete and the Village inspects the road, the bond is released. Discussion held regarding standard fee or case-by-case basis. *It is the consensus of council to move forward with this proposed ordinance.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CALENDAR

Meetings Cancelled - January 2, 2008 Streets & Sidewalks

January 2, 2008 Utilities Commission

At 8:44 a.m., Blue moved to adjourn into executive session for purposes of employee compensation. Hofstetter seconded. Roll Call: All Yeas (5).

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. and, being no further business at this time, Hofstetter moved to adjourn.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor