

Regular Council Meeting
February 9th, 2012

The meeting of the February 9th, 2012 Regular Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steven Rockwell.

Roll call: present- Basterash, Fox, Maloney, Weilnau and Wolf. Absent-Todd Barber. Also present- Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno and Solicitor Vickie Ruffing. Also in attendance-Acting Administrator Kevin Ackerman.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to approve the Minutes of the January 25th, 2012 Council Minutes, after clarifying WWTP stands for wastewater treatment plant and MDT for mobile data terminal. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to approve the February 9th, 2012 Council Bills in the amount of \$6,339.58. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Basterash, seconded by Fox to approve the February 9th Utility Bills in the amount of \$17,351.82. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Citizens Participation

David and Martha Berckmueller, members of the Tree Commission were in attendance. Also present were Carla and Randy Rospert and Chief Jim Rose.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storms Sewers-None

Safety- Motion by Fox, seconded by Wolf to donate the 2005 police cruiser to EHOVE, where many different departments can use the car for maintenance training. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried.

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-None

Utilities- Motion by Fox, seconded by Weilnau to accept the high bid for the old water/wastewater utility truck for \$3,000.00. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, motion carried.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers- The Administrator and Street Superintendent recently discussed potential street paving projects.

The stop signs for the retro reactivity program were ordered.

Safety-Council asked if the chief had heard from the EMA on the MDT's the Village is hoping to acquire, free of charge. The chief feels the Village will know soon.

Finance-Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Fox to accept the Anthem BCBS plan with the deductible of \$2500.00/5000.00. The employee will pay the first \$2500.00 out of pocket deductible, with the Village reimbursing the employee back to \$1500.00. Employees will continue to pay monthly for a portion of their insurance at the following amounts: family-\$135.00, employee with spouse-\$100.00, employee with child(ren)-\$75.00, single insured-\$40.00. Roll call: Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, motion carried.

Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Fox to adjust the job responsibilities of 4 employees to cover the workload of the administrator's job. The proposal included raising Kevin Ackerman's hourly wage by \$7.00 an hour, Dan Hipp, who will have more responsibilities at the water/wastewater treatment plants \$2.50 an hour more, Mary Bruno, who will be assisting the acting Administrator in house a 2.5% increase, and Mayor's Court clerk/utility clerk Julie Stelzer to now work 31.5 hours per week at her current wage of \$13.15 an hour. It was also requested to approve

vacation, sick and holiday pay for Stelzer in accordance with the hours she works. Stelzer has been with the Village for 9 years, and has not been afforded any of the above advantages. The Solicitor stated this arrangement cannot be done on a permanent basis, but 6 months certainly isn't too long of a period. Mayor Rockwell stated Ackerman is the best candidate to cover the issues of the Village, and also said the Village has become a training ground for Administrators in the past. Rockwell's primary goal is to save the Village money, and this is certainly a step in the right direction. The Solicitor stated there are other forms of government that would allow this restructuring, but a change from statutory government to another form would have to go before the vote of the people. It was decided the issue would be revisited in 6 months. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-no, Weilnau-yes, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection- None

Utilities- None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-The Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11th.

The museums are open weekends in the month of February.

Parks and Trees-A tree at the Birthplace will need to come down soon. The Administrator got a second opinion from Roe's Tree Service, who agreed. The Village will be able to the work themselves, and finish it with a flush cut.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Erie County Health Department is the appropriate party to file a lien on the demolished house at 27 S. Main Street. The Village is entitled to ½ of any monies recovered through the lien.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Basterash to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Steven N. Rockwell

Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno