

**Regular Council Meeting  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The meeting of the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steven Rockwell.

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

Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to approve the minutes of the July 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 Council Meeting Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to authorize the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Bills in the amount of \$4,883.68. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Basterash to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Utility Bills in the amount of \$7,635.87. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

**Citizens Participation**

Motion by Fox, seconded by Barber to authorize Cub Scout pack #215 the use of the square for their Carnival Kick Off on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They will begin set up about 30 minutes prior to the start. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried.

Beth Ackerman and Aaron Krause were also in attendance for tonight's meeting.

**OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-** Motion by Weilnau, seconded Fox to accept the bid from RMH for sidewalk work on the east side of Center Street, at a price of \$11,232.00. Roll call: Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, motion carried.

Precision Paving will begin the Liberty Street project tomorrow, weather permitting.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Basterash to approve the quoted price by Kalida for the street department truck bed at a price of \$24,985.00, with a 2 year warranty. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried.

Fox stated he would like to use Capital Improvement Fund money for the Street Department truck. He said he called the Solicitor and asked if the money could be used for a truck. The Fiscal Officer and the Administrator had been talking about the Capital Improvement money for other Village issues, and Fox asked what they were. The Fiscal Officer said she would prefer to wait until a Finance Meeting to bring it up for discussion.

**Safety-None**

**Finance None**

**Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None**

**Utilities-None**

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-**The children of the Edison Schools will be sending wishes to children in Tanabata, Japan. It is a city of more than 75,000.

Mark Hyde and CertainTeed have donated shingles for the gazebo in the square. Eric Quillen from J&E Roofing will donate his time to re-shingle the gazebo after Village employees remove the old shingles. The shingles will a 30 year brand.

**Parks and Trees-None**

#### **NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-**Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to allow the library permission to move the book bins currently in the rear of the building to the front while under construction. Roll call: Weilnau-yes Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-no, motion carried. The Administrator will meet with Dan Frederick to decide how to best place them.

**Safety**-Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to hire Dakota Chaffee as a part-time officer effective immediately, at \$10.50 an hour with a one year probationary period. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weillnau-yes, motion carried.

Fox said he would like to make a motion to take Jim Rose off his one year probation and make him full time chief of police. Mayor Rockwell stated that was his authority and at this time he was not ready to move forward with that step and he is tabling the conversation . Fox said he wanted to know why and the Mayor replied it was something he would talk to Jim Rose about first. Fox asked if anyone else on Council had anything else to say and Mary Basterash told the Mayor it is his job, and he needs to do what he thinks is right.

The Mayor will speak to Davy Hermes of Edison Elementary School about taking over the responsibility of the crossing guard now that Melissa Vartorella has resigned the position.

**Finance**- None

**Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections**-None

**Utilities**-The Village has contracted with Nelson Tree Service to clear tree limbs near the power lines by the north end of Edison Drive to the substation near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is another main pole line near the Water Treatment Plant. The Village also had looked into a tree service through AMP.

The Water Department has completed flushing hydrants for the year. They flush a portion around the Village annually.

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation** –Larry Russell recently retired as curator of the Edison Birthplace after 47 years. The Mayor stated Russell did the job with a true labor of love.

**Parks & Trees**-None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fox asked the status of Kevin Ackerman, if the Village was going to make him permanent full time or advertise. The Solicitor stated she has spoken with the Mayor and Ackerman on the issue with a few potential options, but would like to have another meeting for another possible

option. Fox asked what the other option was, but the Solicitor thought it best to speak with the Mayor and Ackerman about it first. Regardless of any option, it would require an ordinance change. The change would also not require hiring anyone new in the water/wastewater departments.

A joint finance/safety meeting will be scheduled to discuss the definition and intention of a call out, or otherwise referred to as call in time.

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

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Steven Rockwell, Mayor

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Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer