

Regular Council Meeting
April 25th, 2012

The meeting of the April 25th, 2012 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Council President Pro Temp John Fox

Fox stated Mayor Rockwell was out of town for tonight's meeting.

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 Maloney, seconded by Weilnau to approve the minutes of the April 11th 2012 Council Meeting after correcting, under New Finance, the vote for employee increases, Wolf-no and Weilnau-yes. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

There were no bills presented at tonight's meeting as the Fiscal Officer just returned from vacation.

Citizens Participation

Lorri Keyser addressed Council on small vandalism being done around the Huron Street area. Chief Rose was not aware of it, and Keyser stated it had just been reported the day before, and clarified it was damage, not theft.

Keyser also asked about the receiving the Council Minutes through e mail again and was told a mailing list is being recreated to send them out.

Keyser also asked if the Village would be reducing the income tax now that there are more people employed at Johns Manville.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Street Department has replaced the stop signs, stop ahead signs and 4 way stop signs in accordance with the Retro Reflectivity Program. Phase II of the signs will be done this summer.

Precision Paving will do the patch work on the sink hole St. Rt. 601 near the elementary school when they are ready to start Berlin Street.

Safety-None

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-The rehabilitation work at well #2 has been completed by Reynolds Co.

EHOVE has begun the new roof and vinyl siding on well house #5. The Village supplies the materials and EHOVE supplied the labor. EHOVE will also do demolition work on an old structure at the water plant.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-A tree honoring Arbor Day was planted at the corner of Huron and Swan Streets.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-None

Safety-The new cruiser is still experiencing video issues, but is now on the road.

The old cruiser will be re-stripped tomorrow.

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-The Electric Department is resetting 4-5 poles on Seminary Road, south of the water plant.

Recently, a tree went down on a line, and with the mutual aid of the Village of Monroeville, everything was cleaned up and power restored by late in the evening. Roe's Tree Service was in the area, and was on the scene to remove the tree from the line quickly.

The sink hole on St. Rt. 601 was cameraed, and showed a partially collapsed sanitary sewer line. The line was 10 feet deep, but still running. The emergency work was repaired the next day.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation –Motion by Wolf, seconded by Barber to allow Nick Georgiandis and the Rotary to store records in the basement of the Administration Building. The records had been stored at George Bogan’s house, until he recently passed away. Motion- all yeas, motion carried.

The Acting Administrator recently sent a letter to the owner of a home on Front Street, as it is in serious need of repair. It was stated that permission must be granted to renovate a historic home. There may be different options to deal with it, and it was recommended a Historic Preservation meeting be scheduled.

Parks & Trees-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Heather Vitaz asked the status of a Village Administrator, and Fox told her Acting Administrator Ackerman’s 6 months is almost up and the Village would be advertising the position. He said the Village has not had any applications yet, and Vitaz asked if it had been posted. Fox said it had not, but asked Vitaz if she was interested in the job. She stated she was not.

Solicitor Ruffing brought to Council’s attention the Mayor had not excused her from the meeting of April 11th. She said she received a call on March 13th excusing her from the March 14th Council meeting, and she sent an e-mail out to Council and heard nothing back. She continued with being excused on March 27th for the March 28th Council meeting and again, sent out an e-mail to Council and heard nothing back. She said in the minutes of the April 11th, 2012 Council Meeting, it said she wasn’t needed at every meeting. She then asked Council what they want her to do. Ruffing said through the minutes of a recent Finance Meeting, it read the Mayor was going to contact her, and he didn’t. Fox told Ruffing he didn’t think it was right she wasn’t excused at the prior meeting, and he has told her, he thinks she should be at every meeting. Again, Ruffing asked Council what they want. Wolf said, with all due respect, a vote was already taken to have her at all meetings and the motion did not carry. Ruffing then read the motion of the March 28th Council Meeting where a motion was made by Wolf and seconded by Maloney to have the Solicitor attend all meetings, followed by a roll call vote: Barber-no, Basterash-no, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-no, Wolf-yes. The Mayor broke the tie with a vote in the negative, motion did not carry. Basterash said she was getting uncomfortable with the conversation, as the Mayor was not in attendance and asked to have the conversation tabled until he could be in

attendance. She said she felt Council was entering into treacherous waters. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to table the issue until the Mayor could be in attendance. Discussion: Wolf called for point of order, stating she didn't understand why this was being discussed, as a motion and roll call had been taken at an earlier meeting. Fox said he had previously asked the Mayor, Acting Administrator, Fiscal Officer and Finance Chairperson to meet with Ruffing. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-no, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-no, Barber-yes, motion carried.

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

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer