

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mrs. Custenborder, Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, and Mrs. Gigandet. Mr. Beasley arrived at 7:25 p.m. Also present were Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ordning, Village Attorney Guillozet, and Mike Bowers from the Darke County CIC.

Mayor Subler stated that the List of Bills submitted for August 9th had been amended, moving the expense from SmartBill out of the Pool Fund to the Electric Office Fund. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept the consent agenda items which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the July 26, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Payment of the List of Bills Submitted for August 9, 2017

Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Beasley abstaining from the approval of the Minutes from August 9th. Motion carried.

With no old business, the first item of new business was consideration of a motion approving the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with The Montrose Group, LLC for the purpose of creating a Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) to allow tax incentives for building, remodeling, and repair in the downtown area. Mr. Nate Green, representing The Montrose Group, LLC, was in attendance at the last meeting to present information regarding Ohio Downtown Redevelopment Districts (DRD). Village Administrator Hale as Council for any further questions or concerns. Mrs. Custenborder asked that with the DRD, local lending institutions and local vendors for materials could be used for development. Village Administrator Hale and Mike Bowers both commented stating that the DRD does not restrain the use of local institutions and vendors. They also stated that no legislation is needed for the DRD agreement. With no further questions, Mr. Paulus made a motion approving the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with The Montrose Group, LLC, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was discussion and review of a recommendation from the Village Administrator for an Employee Health & Wellness Program. Administrator Hale stated that he attended a conference discussing health care plans and employee wellness. The employee wellness program could include weight management, heart/blood pressure health, healthy cooking, smoking cessation, allergies & asthma management, and other areas of interest. EMS Administrator Matt Harvey would coordinate the program to meet the employee needs. Village Administrator Hale stated that statistics have proven that 80% of employees would participate in some type of plan. The desire for the program is to inform and assist employees for wellness and possibly help in obtaining a discount in health insurance rates. Council was in favor of the wellness program with the Village Administrator and the EMS Administrator implementing the plan.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The Executive Session began at 7:25 p.m. and ended at 7:46 p.m. Mayor Subler reported that no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler congratulated Chief Pearson and the members of the Fire Department for hosting a successful Central Western Firemen's Association Conference.

Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report. Items highlighted in his report are as follows: The Village continues to work with the Retail Coach who will be coming back in September to provide an update to Village Council. The Village is corresponding with a firm that can help refinance our EMS facility debt. With interest rates today, we believe we can save approximately \$180,000 over the next 20 years by refinancing. Our current EMS run report shows we are down 25 runs from the same time last year. I mentioned in a previous report, we had some leaks in the old locker plant building currently leased by Versailles Physical Therapy. The repairs amounted to \$300 and were completed by Kremer Roofing. We have received an estimate on replacing the entire roof. We do not need to do this immediately, but we need to think about what we want to do in the next five years. I have received many positive comments regarding the use of our Pickle Ball courts. I was presented a picture that shows over 20 people either playing or waiting to play last week. I received a request to place a bench near the courts so we moved two benches from Indian Creek to the Ward Park tennis court area. Worch Lumber has made a wood bench to replace one of those taken from Indian Creek. We do not believe the benches at Indian Creek were being utilized very often so we are only replacing one. The new kiosk supplied to the Village by the Darke County Visitors Bureau was installed this week. The recent rainy weather has kept the pool closed more than we would have liked. There will be a Swim Under the Lights this coming Friday. Swift Gilly Boutique will be opening in the building owned by Bob Paulus across from Best Bite. I received a sign permit application this week. I will be contacting Bob Paulus regarding the installation of the awning which also requires a permit. Kyle Francis and I are in communication with NKTelco, a telephone and cable company out of New Knoxville, regarding the installation of an antenna on one or both of the Village water towers. The benefit to the village would be some free band width that could be used to improve our list station SCADA systems and to possibly provide Wi-Fi to the downtown and Ward Park areas. I will report back when additional information is available. NKTelco has antennas in 53 communities

throughout Ohio, including Russia, New Bremen, and Minster. I have been contacted by Linda Meyer regarding a gathering on Fountain Square, as they have done the past few years, for a Fatima celebration. The event will be On October 14, 2017, from 11 AM until 2 PM. The Village has been informed the Ohio EPA has approved the site for the solar field installation. The Village has received a Trimble GEO 7X GIS/GPS unit from Precision Laser out of Monroe, OH. The unit price was \$9391 of which 100% was paid for out of the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant we received. The Indian Creek scoreboard is not repairable. I will be speaking with the boy's baseball organization to see if they are interested in helping fund a new electronic scoreboard.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided Council Members the Chief of Police Mark Humphreys Monthly Activity Report for July.

Village Attorney Guillozet stated that the Local Income Tax legislation will need to be amended per changes made by the state. He will work with Tax Administrator Rose to make the amendments.

Committee & Board Reports are as follows:

- Personnel & Policies – met prior to the meeting to discuss a request by Denny Mestemaker to waive the 10 year maximum timeframe for shared compensation for a storm line he installed to his property located at 699 Hickey Ave. A recommendation will be made to Council at the next meeting.
- Cemetery Board – next meeting August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board –Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Ward Park shelter house #2.
- Tree Commission – met prior to the meeting. There are 3 trees in a Right-Of-Way that need to come down. The trees will not be replaced.

Prior to the August 23rd meeting, Council will hold a Workshop to discuss water and sewer rates. Mr. Wayne Cannon from RCAP will be present for the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Paulus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer