

Regular Council Meeting
April 11th , 2012

The meeting of the April 11th, 2012 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steven Rockwell.

Mayor Rockwell did not excuse Solicitor Vickie B. Ruffing from tonight's meeting , and she was not in attendance.

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

Motion by Fox, seconded by Weilnau to approve the minutes of the March 28th 2012 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to approve the Council Bills for April 11th, 2012 in the amount of \$4,223.89. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to approve the Utility Bills for April 11th, 2012 in the amount of \$9,015.25. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Citizens Participation

David and Martha Berckmueller, Beth Ackerman and Victor Mooney were in attendance for tonight's meeting.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Acting Administrator suggested the recently discussed handicapped space by the dentist and hair shop be placed across the street, as it would be more assessable.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to accept and proceed with the Precision Paving bid of \$19,660.00 for the Berlin Street Project. Pictures will be taken of driveways prior to construction as a precautionary measure. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Basterash, seconded by Barber to accept the Precision Paving project #2 price of \$19,465.00 for the Huron Street Project. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to accept the Precision Paving project #3 price of \$ 10,935.00 for the Liberty Street Project. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Safety-None

Finance-Motion by Fox, seconded by Weilnau to award Nathaniel Myers a \$1.00 an hour increase for the successful competitions of his 4th year lineman apprenticeship program. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to authorize the Acting Administrator to speak with Bill Wilhelm at EHOVE in hopes of having 2 well houses and a residing job done by students. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

There was mention of having EHOVE look to do the possible roofing at the gazebo, but the Mayor stated there is a private contractor in Milan that was interested in the gazebo, free of charge. The gazebo may have some difficult angles and should be done by a contractor. The shingles were verbally donated by Certainteed in 2011. The Acting Administrator or Fiscal Officer will look into the shingles.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-None

Safety-None

Finance-Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Maloney to approve the MyNet 24/7 Monitoring & Alerting system for the Village. The system will help with the current software and support the Village receives through ACC. The set up cost is \$200.00 with an \$85.00 a month charge. Roll call: Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, motion carried.

Weilnau will get with Brian Rospert, Street Superintendent about a new computer. Rospert has been using a computer more than 10 years old, and is having difficulty with it. Council will address the situation again when Weilnau has more information and prices. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Barber to award all Village employees with the exception of Nathaniel Myers, who just received a \$1.00 an hour increase for his apprenticeship completion, and who is still on probation, a 3% cost of living increase. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried. It was mentioned that there were several years in the recent past the employees received no cost of living increase. Mayor Rockwell felt this was a positive gesture towards the employees, and the employees have done a great job again this year with saving money.

Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Barber to award prior service credit to 3 employees that must be taken as weeks owed, and not money catch up. The employees are: Eastman with 16.33 weeks, Stelzer with 23.84 weeks at 20 hours a week and Rospert with 1 week. Several other employees have been awarded prior service credit in recent years, and the current 3 employees fall under the same consideration. The Mayor cautioned against not following suit with the current 3 employees. Maloney stated Stelzer has only worked 2 hours a day, and Fox agreed, saying that was a true statement until last year. The Fiscal Officer said for the last 10 years, Stelzer has always worked 20-25 hours per week and her time sheets would verify it. Maloney also said Eastman should have been paid cash like other employees were and the Fiscal Officer stated last summer a motion and a second with a vote by Council stated employees would be awarded weeks only, not money on a go forward basis. Maloney said Eastman had his information in when the others did and the Fiscal Officer stated that he did not. Roll call: Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-no, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation -None

Parks & Trees-Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to remove 3 sweet gum trees on Center Street and Williams Street. There are currently 10 in the Village, and the price is about \$700.00 a piece to remove. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, motion carried. The recommendations came from the meeting earlier tonight with the Tree Commission to the Tree Committee.

There is a privately owned tree on Broad Street that needs to be removed and the owner will be contacted by letter.

A London Plane tree will be planted along Swan and Huron Street for Arbor Day. Rospert will purchase the tree and it should be planted the week of April 20th .

Asplundh has been marking trees in the tree lawn with red paint, determining the right of way for power lines, along with trimming. The Village will work with residents on the matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer