

MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Darlene Steele called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Eakins, Ron Garver, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele. Also attending were Finance Director Jack Herrel, Parks and Recreation Director Jack McDowell. Mayor Hockenbery was absent.

Prayer by Jack Herrel

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Garver

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. King.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2010 Council meeting by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Recognition of Guests:

Mrs. Johnson, from the Ohio National Road Association was on hand to discuss the history of the National Road, aka Route 40. They are working to preserve the history and charm that was brought to the numerous communities along the Road by early pioneers. Mrs. Johnson invited the Village of West Jefferson to become a member of the Association and to sponsor our favorite historical building or site on the Road.

Old Business: None

Review resident concerns from last meeting. (None)

Motion to take Resolution 10-053 off the table (tabled at the June 21 Council meeting) by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Resolution 10-053, approving the annexation of 20.8624 acres and 155.997 acres located in Jefferson Township and more fully described in a Type II Petition for Annexation filed with the Madison County Commissioners on March 1, 2010.

Discussion: A lengthy discussion followed. Ron Parsons, Village attorney, advised Council to pass the annexation because it would give the Village more control of the annexed area. However, it would not commit the Village to pay for water and sewer services extended to the annexed area. That cost would be borne by the developers. Mrs. Steele, President of Council, does not feel that it would be wise for the village to annex the requested area at this time. The developers are asking the village to sponsor a loan for the extension of the water and sewer lines. Mrs. Steele does not want to see the tax payers left on the hook for the loan in the event the grocery store project fails. Also the developers have not submitted their detailed plans to Council. For that matter they have not gotten an environmental review from the Ohio EPA, especially considering discharges into a National Scenic River such as the Little Darby. There are too many loose ends that need to be taken care of before she could endorse it.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-033, by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Coburn.

Roll Call – Yeas, Mr. Eakins, Mr. King

Nays, Mr. Garver, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Otis, Mr. Coburn, Mrs. Steele

New Business:

Resolution 10-054, authorizing the Village to join the 2011 Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan and authorizing the Director of Finance to pay the enrollment fee of \$3,050.00.

Discussion: Finance Director, Jack Herrel, informed Council that being a part of the Group Rating Plan has saved the Village a lot on Workers Comp premiums over the years. The estimated savings for 2011 are in the 40% range with an estimated savings of \$12,813 over an individual premium.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-054 by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Resolution 10-055, authorizing the Director of Finance to cancel the Village Master Card account with Chase Bank.

Discussion: Council felt in general that the village could get by without having a Master Card or Visa. The gasoline cards such as Marathon and Certified will stay and also the revolving accounts with K-Mart, Carter Lumber, Etc. will stay as they will be under the new credit card policy recently established by Council.

Motion to adopt Resolution 10-055 by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Otis.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Resolution 10-056, authorizing the Village of West Jefferson to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement the Jeffersonian Senior Citizen's Center, Inc.

Discussion: The Law Director advised that the legislation be tabled at this time as there are several items in the agreement that he would like to review.

Motion to table Resolution 10-056 until further notice by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Otis.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a public employee at 7:55 p.m. by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Garver.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Motion to return from executive at 8:25 p.m. by Mrs. Nelson and Seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Committee Reports:

Finance: Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 24th @ 5:00 p.m., downstairs in the Water Department.

Police:

Employee Benefits:

Public Service: Randy Otis reported that the committee met with Harold Walker to discuss the flooding problem on Twin Street.

Development: Jim King reported that the Mayor had a meeting with Unilock Corporation but he doesn't know what was discussed as no one from the committee was invited.

Parks and Recreation: Meeting set for Tuesday July 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss travel policy and vehicle use policy.

Special Events: Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Director of Finance Report:

Director of Public Service Report:

Director of Parks and Recreation Report: Jack McDowell reported that some trail work was being done at converse Park, he has been watering the new trees in Westwood Park and the new tables are in for the shelter house at Converse.

Mayor's Report and Recognition: Absent

Recognition of Clerk and Council: Doug Eakins brought to Council's attention that a purchase order for the cost of a two night stay at a Dublin hotel for \$129.00 per night as part of a seminar is unnecessary and should not be approved since it is only twenty minutes away from town.

Motion by Doug Eakins and seconded by Cory Coburn that the village not pay for the hotel cost but the village will pay for the seminar fee.

Roll Call-All Yeas

Additional Business: Mosquito spraying will begin Thursday

Motion to pay bills by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Eakins.

Voted by Acclamation of Council

Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00 by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Garver.

Voted by acclamation of Council

Motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. by Mr. Eakins seconded by Mrs. Nelson.

Voted by acclamation of Council

Clerk of Council

President of Council