

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR TUCKER.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Beltz, Ms Billings, Mr. Bohaycyk, Mr Currie, Mr. Hough and Mr. Sullivan.

INVOCATION BY TOM HOUGH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMENTS (AGENDA MATTERS ONLY)

FISCAL OFFICER

Motion made by Mr. Hough to accept minutes from Council Meeting of December 16, 2008, second by Mr. Beltz, and unanimously passed.

Bills submitted for payment:

GEORGE DRAGOVICH	\$952.90
RONALD COONTZ	\$1,245.46
JOHN NORMAN	\$1,012.78
DANIEL STILES	\$1,215.99
JEFFREY IGLEHEART	\$1,152.66
JAMES WELCH	\$898.71
RYAN DERHAMMER	\$947.49
AARON BARDWELL	\$603.38
ERIK CARLSON	\$643.75
CHRISTOPHER M. CLARK	\$737.91
LAVERNE WITTMER	\$1,007.13
NATHAN D. MILLER	\$609.21
RAY WITTENSOLDNER	\$1,155.34
BRIAN KEISER	\$1,131.78
CHERYL A. MARCELLI	\$781.87
LOREEN F. PALUMBO	\$681.50
LORI M. QUINN	\$401.28
GARY A. WENZEL	\$932.41
EDSEL R. TUCKER	\$522.25
MICHAEL RINGER	\$22.27
M/DEAN DAHL	\$300.00
JERRY KIDD	\$225.68
JOHN S SHAFER	\$260.00
AULTCARE/MLIC	\$5,540.85
FIRST HSA INC	\$566.66
OPERS	\$3,775.43
OHIO EDISON	\$6,806.25

LORA A BROWN	\$225.68
LORIE CUMO	\$64.48
BETTY L ATKINSON	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$34,571.10

Motion made by Mr. Bohaycyk to accept the bills as stated, second by Ms Billings and unanimously passed.

Mr. Mayor, I had a lengthy meeting at 8 a.m. with Tom Fowler, the Stark County Commissioner this morning and he gave me a lot of information about getting grants, what we can do and they are very interested in Hartville and the rest of the Village to see what they can do for them from the County standpoint. They are going to come back in a couple of weeks. We discussed the downtown, the sewer plant, the industrial park, the village hall, the businesses and everything else we could think of, we discussed very briefly. I believe he is going to bring back Mr. Meeks with him and that is the gentleman who is in direct contact to Governor Strickland, and they really want to sit down and talk with us to go over the different resources we have out there that can be taken advantage of.

Also, our business employee list is going quite well. Ron helped me out a lot and he is going to help me one more day. It is very interesting in how it is coming out and in the end it will be very helpful.

It is time for the selection of the Council President. Mr. Bohaycyk moves to nominate Tom Hough as President Pro Tem of the Council for 2009, second by Mr.Sullivan, five votes in favor and Mr. Hough abstains.

Mr. Hough also spoke with the members if they would like to stay on the same committee assignments they were on this past year, so all committee assignments for Council will remain the same for 2009.

Planning Commission had no meeting to report on.

LAW DIRECTOR

We have the first reading of Ordinance No. 1-09.01 authorizing, approving and directing the Mayor to contract with the Stark County Public Defender Commission (the “Commission”) to provide legal representation to indigent persons for cases under ordinances of the Village effective for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and declaring it an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Bohaycyk accepting the first reading of Ordinance 1-09.01, second by Mr. Currie and unanimously passed.

Motion made to suspend the rules by Mr. Bohaycyk, second by Ms Billings and unanimously passed.

Motion made to pass by emergency and take effect immediately by Mr. Bohaycyk, second by Ms Billings, and unanimously passed.

Next, Ordinance No. 1-09.02 establishing the time, place, and location for meetings of the Council of the Village of Hartville, Ohio effective February 20, 2009.

Motion made by Mr. Bohaycyk, second by Mr. Currie and unanimously passed.

ENGINEER

First on the list is the Woodland Sewer Punch List, that is status quo since our last meeting. We still have \$13,000 in retainage on the project and the Solicitor and I will sit down and do the final mathematics to see what amounts of that he will be getting upon completing the landscaping in the spring.

Kent Avenue ~ since our last meeting it did move and I submitted the 2009 road fund application to the Commissioners and I got that in their hands before the holidays. We are still waiting on the agreement from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Sometime in January or February, the Street and Drainage committee meeting, I would like to roll out some of those plans and get the Committee's input.

I spoke with Carlone today at Stark County Regional Planning, she oversees the CDBG portion of our funding and the Commissioners will be bidding that for us because of the CDBG funding that we have in it. She would like to see us spend that \$100,000 by June 1st, which really shouldn't be a problem.

COUNCIL

We need to discuss approving Burgess and Niple's starting the design process. It is going to be a year long process to get that going and we need to approve by ordinance in order for them to begin that piece.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE ~ We had a meeting earlier tonight to begin to discuss the salary and wage ordinance that fixes the salary and wages of all elected officials and employees of the Village of Hartville. We need to continue that meeting to make the necessary modifications to that ordinance. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

STREET AND DRAINAGE ~ I think we will wait until that approval comes from the State to set a meeting, so next Council meeting we should be able to set a date for our next meeting.

SAFETY ~ Mr. Sullivan stated that at the last meeting we wanted to include a fulltime and part time officer on the committee, so I would ask Gary if you would be able to locate that ordinance, I will need to reference that to get that changed to include fulltime and part time officer on the Safety Committee.

The Mayor asked Mr. Sullivan that they would have no voting power, is that correct? Mr. Sullivan responded, yes.

RECREATION ~ Ms Billings stated that there was nothing right now, but would like to set a meeting at our next meeting to go over softball things.

The Mayor would also like to discuss at this meeting something that would be very interesting and would fall under Recreation.

COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT ~ Mr. Hough stated there was nothing at this time, but hopes to have a year end from last year plan for the coming year at the next meeting.

TREE BOARD ~ Mr. Sullivan is still waiting on hearing about our growth award applications, the Tree City USA application that was submitted in December.

ZONING BOOK ~ Mr. Sullivan, I did say at the last meeting we would plan a meeting at this meeting, I have not had an opportunity to speak with Ray and I did not get in touch with James Sullivan either, so I will make it a point to get that scheduled before the next meeting.

PERSONNEL/HANDBOOK ~ We would like to set a meeting on January 13th at 5:30 P.M.

SEWER RATES ~ We need to set a meeting, but we still do not have a good grasp on what we are doing yet, as far as rates. Likely the first part of February, we would like to have a meeting and get that wrapped up with the current sewer rates, that being said, we can talk about the Sewer Plant now, we are on a time line to get the Ohio EPA when we were to have our sewer study done and design start, Dan Moss called me from Burgess & Niple about that. We need to authorize the Mayor to enter into the contract with them to design and we have to do that by Ordinance. That needs to happen fairly soon otherwise we are going to be pushing our time limit. According to Dan it takes about a year to design and get it approved to that point. Everything we're doing on this side with the rates and monies, we can impact that financially one way or another.

We will have to get an emergency ordinance in order to get this started.

The Mayor commented that he is not in favor of this and the reason that once we start that design we are starting a design for a 6.4 million dollar sewer plant. I feel that we can't afford it, Gary will explain why, there are grants out there and we can get them. We wanted to bring the costs down, so we cannot start a side plan at 6.4 million dollars.

Mr. Bohacyk ~ Disagreement of your point, remember the spread sheet we saw, you say we can't afford it. If you build this, this is your cost and this is how you advertise. Yes, we can afford it, it is higher than we wanted it to be but we are also a year down the road from where we were behind the eight ball.

The Mayor replied that he is not talking a year, I'm talking a couple, three months. How can you say we can afford it?

You read the spread sheet the same way I did and we discussed it. We said if we did it originally and we did nothing today, our sewer rates needed to go up X number of dollars. Now we're going to go after those businesses or those places that are paying too much and reduce them and adjust the rates to where everyone is even. That dollar figure is going to be either higher or lower than what this plan here says. The trend looks like the number is going to be higher. Now we throw in the grants that you say we can get and that throws money into the pot for reducing the cost again. Then we throw in whatever other dollars we can bring in that reduces that cost further.

Discussion continues and the Mayor is still against this design.

Gary ~ I don't think there is any argument at all in what has to be done. The EPA is very clear, this plant has to be corrected. It is running at 97% throughout 2008 and it is not good. There is a need and the need is pretty clear. If you don't believe it, go there and you will see how clear or not clear, as the case may be. Recently when I did training with R Cap, which is rural community assistance program and they are funded by EPA and a bunch of other people. I made some really good contacts and I asked the local field agent, Sherry Loos to come and she did today. She knows Burgess & Niple, she knows Dan Moss, she deals with them all the time. All they work on is small communities, water plants and waste water plants and they do it for free. They look over what you are doing and they will help you write your grants. So they are here to help us, they'll sit in a public meeting and explain it to people what is happening, why it is happening. They are a great organization and we will use them. Before you spend, yes you will probably spend a million dollars whether it's a four million plant or an eight million dollar plant.

That's right and you need to have that right but make sure you have what you want when you spend that million dollars.

Discussion regarding the previous quotes pursued.

Scot is going to have Dan print us all a fresh, final iteration spreadsheet, look at the numbers, look at what your feelings are about it and if she can get us a million dollar grant, we're that much better off.

Discussion continued regarding the balancing of the sewer rates.

Recommendation was made to get in touch with the schools to see if they have a projection of their increase in school enrollment for the next five years.

Scheduled meeting for January 12th at 7:00 p.m. for the Sewer Rates Committee to continue discussion in regard to proposed plant and rates.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Did we get a response from the letter that was sent out on Scenic Crest about the tap fee?

The first letter went out as soon as possible, and we want it changed, we want it now and to go ahead and send a letter.

CITIZENS COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

Motion made by Mr. Currie to adjourn, second by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously passed.

MAYOR EDSSEL TUCKER

FISCAL OFFICER