

**CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR TUCKER.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**INVOCATION BY RON BELTZ**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS (AGENDA MATTERS ONLY)**

**FISCAL OFFICER**

Minutes of January 20, 2009, I do have a correction, we did not have the majority present to pass Ordinance 1-09.4 by emergency, so we came out of Executive Session and had the first reading and that first reading is missing in the minutes. Also one typo under Law Director change asparagines to aspersion.

Motion made by Ms Billings to approve said minutes with noted changes, second by Mr. Hough and unanimously passed.

**Bills paid 2<sup>nd</sup> half January 2009 Council:**

George Dragovich	\$952.90	Treas of State of Ohio	\$266.99
Ronald Coontz	\$1,245.46	Stark Soil & Water Cons	\$3,500.00
John Norman	\$1,002.57	Stark Co Police Chief Assoc.	\$36.00
Daniel Stiles	\$1,171.72	Stark Co. Treasurer	\$8,213.32
Jeffrey Igleheart	\$1,162.43	Schoner Chevrolet	\$72.40
James Welch	\$898.71	Sand Rock Mineral Co.	\$36.75
Ryan Derhammer	\$935.63	Ringer & Wellspring	\$782.21
Aaron Bardwell	\$260.71	Rentwear Inc.	\$206.81
Erik Carlson	\$648.49	Pitney Bowes	\$93.00
Christopher M. Clark	\$705.57	Mathew Bender & Co Inc.	\$216.80
Lawrence Dordea	\$0.00	Mel's Soft Water	\$13.50
Laverne Wittmer	\$1,007.13	Lake Comm.Credit Union	\$24.11
Nathan D. Miller	\$868.60	Landmark Disposal	\$179.50
Ray Wittensoldner	\$1,236.69	Knowles Press	\$218.25
Brian Keiser	\$1,141.02	Evan's Supply	\$469.03
Cheryl A. Marcelli	\$781.87	Dominion East Ohio	\$380.29
Loreen F. Palumbo	\$681.50	D & G Uniforms	\$287.00
Lori M. Quinn	\$389.89	City of Canton	\$1,562.50
Gary A. Wenzel	\$932.41	Country Clean Car Wash	\$30.00
Edsel R. Tucker	\$522.25	ME Companies	\$1,820.00
Michael Ringer	\$400.99	Consolidated Radio	\$75.00
Huntington Bank	\$248.57	Southeastern Equip Co.	\$109.25
Huntington Bank	\$308.74	Saniserv	\$70.10
OPERS	\$3,651.74	Ohio Assoc Chiefs Police	\$445.00
First HSA, Inc.	\$566.66	Ohio Edison	\$760.07
Aultcare/MLIC	\$5,540.85	AT & T	\$552.11
Ohio Assoc of Tax Admin	\$50.00	Central Allied Ent.	\$316.00
Southeastern Equip Co.	\$121.90	Hartville Elevator	\$575.04
Hartville Hardware	\$236.95	D & G Uniforms	\$9.25
Jerry Kidd	\$274.04	Cargill Salt	\$13,335.80
Lora Brown	\$274.04	Matco	\$119.00

Scott Process	\$19,195.00	Adelman's Truck Pts.	\$100.00
Sommers Elect. Corp.	\$429.60	Staples Credit Plan	\$2.49
Integrity Print Solutions	\$914.19		
Speedway Super America	\$829.83		
Sheriff Timothy A.	\$1,700.00		
Swanson	\$300.00		
Terry's Tire Town			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,466.22</b>

Motion made by Mr. Hough to accept the bills as presented, second by Ms Billings, unanimously passed.

What was the bill for Scott Process in the amount of \$19,195.00? They overpaid their taxes.

We signed off on the Mayor's Report, so thank you for that.

**MAYOR**

Anything that is not handled will be added to the Old Business. This is an Ordinance and must be voted on to change the Agenda. This new item will be listed as the new #8 on the Agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Currie to prepare an ordinance to add a new item #8 to the Agenda entitled Old Business, second by Mr. Hough, and unanimously passed.

Myself and Tom, Dale Campbell, Rob, and Sherrie Loos, County Engineers and Tom Harmon the Commissioner met downtown in Canton to discuss our sewer plant debt and we had the two head men from the US Department of Agriculture, which gives our grants and we got some very valuable information. We picked up some applications to send in to them and they are going to proceed with our preliminary drawing and it looked very favorable. I'll let Tom speak on that a little bit. It appears that there is a possibility we can go all the way with the sewer plant.

Tom Hough ~ The meeting we attended had members from the USDA, John Miller, Kelly Hadek, Sherrie Loos was there, Dave Dordea from the Stark County Engineer, our engineer, Tom Harmon, Stark County Commissioners and the upshot was it was round robin discussion for two hours and we came to the realization that Stark County does not want anything to do with our sewage and Summit County neither will take it because of the amount of debt the Village holds and so those options are closed. The gentleman from the USDA, after much discussion, handed me an application that we need to make a motion as Council to authorize the Mayor to complete the application and send it into the Dept of Agriculture for federal assistance for the construction of the sewer plant. At the end of the whole discussion was that we don't have to rush into or move ahead directly now on the design stage authorization, we're okay for a little bit. But this is what we have to push through right now to have the Mayor apply for a funding or grant monies which may come. Also, they are looking toward if this package that Congress is working on right now to help with reconstruction and new construction of facilities and water plants, and such things across the nation, if that passes Congress then there are monies available coming from that, and everyone of them in this discussion said that Hartville looks very good to gain additional monies, so they are talking not only additional like 1 or 2, perhaps 3 million dollars coming through grants but also loan forgiveness, I forget the percentages but it is a good thing, it would be like 25% of our indebtedness would be forgiven through some of things coming. Sherrie Loos would have more precise information on that. The fact that we are running at 97% they say is not as terrible as it

sounds because we have not yet utilized the overflow tank, so we are not as critical as it would sometimes seem. By making a motion to authorize the Mayor to complete this application, that will put us in good stead then for grant monies to come from the federal government. The same application procedure and format that goes here, I have forwarded e-mail to you and also Dan Moss of Burgess & Niple so that he will format his contract to us for the design stage of the plant according to the perimeters set by the federal government Department of Agriculture. Dan Moss has said that Dan Johnson with their firm has done this and that will be forthcoming, so they are changing the format of their contract to us to put us in line with this. Once we are in line with this, that contract application will be sufficient for anyplace else we go for grant monies and so on. All in all, a lengthy meeting but beneficial and so the place where last meeting I was at odds with the Mayor about not moving ahead as fast as I thought we might, I see wisdom in what you did and thank you for calling this meeting today. It brought together the people who have been saying, "did you check this, did you check that"? They are all in the same room and there is no other place for us to go. There is no Summit County available, there is no Stark County available, Marlboro does not have a plant, Lake Township doesn't have a plant, no body else is going to take our sewage. Stark County is not interested in sending any of their excess sewage to us, so that doesn't look to be anything that is going to present us any money either. There was an awful lot of good conversation regarding grant monies and so on coming from Federal and State. What happened then today, Kelly Hadek, with the USDA is taking the preliminary plans from Burgess & Niple and actually taking it physically to Columbus to the Ohio Engineers. They will review it and get back to us hopefully within a couple of weeks and then that will move this application forward.

Gary added there was a newsletter came from Boise State in Idaho they kind of concentrate on water plants, both sewer and fresh water, and they already got a heads up on how this is going to break up and they are anticipating Ohio getting just under 400 million dollars in the stimulus plan to work on primarily sewer and water systems. So there should be sufficient monies there to do what has been said.

Discussion pursued concerning the loan.

Motion made by Mr. Hough authorizing the Mayor to enter into this application with Federal Assistance through the USDA, second by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously passed.

The Mayor added one thing about the repair on Sunnyside and Parkwood, there we have found out also that two organizations that specialize in small grants, we heard from them today, so there is a good chance that these 200,000 ~ 250,000 dollar repairs, we're going to start getting help on those and we're going to apply a grant to try and get help on that and in all indications we're going to have a really good chance of getting a lot of these repairs partially paid for now.

Discussion continued regarding other repairs that may be needed.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** ~ No meeting to report on.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** ~ No meeting to report on.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR**

There is one Ordinance on the Agenda, we have five people here today that we can suspend the rule, so I will read the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1-09.04 amending Ordinance No. 1-08.10, by increasing the monthly user charge fee from \$27.60 to \$33.67 for calendar year 2009 for each single family residence

and apartment within the Village limits having a connection to and discharging into the Village's Sanitary Sewer System, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Hough to that effect, second by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously passed.

Motion made by Mr. Hough to suspend the rules, second by Mr. Currie and unanimously passed.

Motion made by Mr. Hough to pass by emergency, second by Mr. Currie and unanimously passed.

Nothing further except we need Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with no action to follow.

The Mayor states that the \$33.67, Kelly took our figures right out of Burgess & Niple's book and the figures that I had turned over to him and he made this comment, with your debt, your sewer rate should be \$48.00 for residential sewer rates and we said we were going to hold them down and keep them down as long as possible.

## **ENGINEER**

Rob had to go to Columbus and I think everyone may have gotten an e-mail from him. The Woodland project is status quo. Kent Avenue is basically the same thing that has been reported on.

## **COUNCIL**

### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE** ~ We're working with Paul to complete the 2009 wage and salary for employees and some elected officials in the Village. Basically we gave the Supervisors a little bit more freedom in determining how they administer salary treatment to their own employees rather than Council deciding what increase everybody is going to get and everybody gets the same thing. The thing that we did add in there is based on the approval of the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to make sure that what the Supervisors want to do does not negatively impact our budget. It will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**STREET & DRAINAGE** ~ Nothing to report, we'll schedule a meeting when Rob hears from the State.

**SAFETY** ~ We need to schedule a meeting for either Tuesday or Thursday of next week. Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**RECREATION** ~ We need to schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks, because the ball field will be coming up. Meeting scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMERCE DEPARTMENT** ~ Nothing to report.

**TREE BOARD** ~ Nothing at this time, at the next Council meeting we will need to schedule a tree board meeting to give the committee a heads up on the Arbor Day celebration and the Arbor Day coloring contest.

**ZONING BOOK** ~ We need to have a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**SEWER RATES** ~ Nothing new to report at this time.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK ~ The committee met on the 27<sup>th</sup> and we are close to having our final draft of the revision of the handbook done. We need to meet one more time to make sure that it is in fact a final draft and we have not forgotten anything. I e-mailed the Solicitor today with requests to look at some language that we want to make sure is legal and we have not forgotten anything in terms of language. When we have a final draft, I have had a request from one of the department heads, Tom Graber, to look at it. I told him that I thought once we have a final draft and Council has looked at it prior to any ordinance, we can let department heads look at it, not for input, we have given them that opportunity just to make sure we have not overlooked anything of if there is any errors, but we're beyond recommendations for changes. We need to schedule one more meeting, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Commercial reports should be completed shortly.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA**

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan to go into Executive Session, second by Mr. Beltz and unanimously passed.

Motion made to come back from Executive Session made by Mr. Currie, second by Mr. Hough and unanimously passed.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr Hough, second by Mr. Beltz and unanimously passed.

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MAYOR EDSSEL TUCKER

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FISCAL OFFICER