

January 9, 2012

Mayor Ann Roth called the Swanton Village Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Rochelle opened the meeting with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Council members present were William Belinger, David Pilliod, Jeff Pilliod, James Piotrowski, and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, was also in attendance.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilman Piotrowski abstaining.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$46,148.34. The following bills were presented to Council from Jean Kelly, Director of Finance: cash position report; revenue and expenditure reports; and a listing to bills to be paid. A motion to approve payment of bills was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

There being no old business, Mayor Roth called for new business. According to the Rules of Council, at the first meeting in January, Council shall proceed to elect a President from its own membership. Mayor Roth, at this time, asked for nominations. Councilman Pietrowski nominated Councilman Rochelle and the motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Jeff Pilliod nominated Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Belinger. Motion passed 4-1-0 with Councilman Pietrowski voting no.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2012-1 (Accepting FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant)** and declaring an emergency. The enclosed resolution accepted a grant of \$223,250 provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purpose of purchasing a new fire tanker truck and commits the Village of Swanton to provide a match of \$11,750 for a total purchase price of \$235,000. The emergency measure is requested in order to officially commit the Village of Swanton to the financial match required under this grant. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass this resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Belinger. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2012-2 (Acceptance of Annexed Area into the Village of Swanton)**. As required under Ohio Law, the enclosed resolution authorizes the final acceptance of 11.04 acres of land in Swancreek Township into the Village of Swanton. This is the first reading of the resolution. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Belinger. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for the reports of the Council Committees that met this evening before Council. The Committee of the Whole readopted the existing "Rules of Council" for 2012 without any changes. The following Council Committee appointments were made for 2012: Safety Committee: Michael Rochelle, Jeff Pilliod, and James Pietrowski; Water and Sewer Committee: David Pilliod, Belinger, and vacancy; Finance Committee: Michael Rochelle, Belinger, and James Pietrowski and Public Service Committee: David Pilliod, vacancy, and Jeff Pilliod.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. Councilman Michael Rochelle was elected Chairman for the year. Fire Chief Chad Smith reported on the Fire Operations and recommended to Council to hiring Brandon Westerman, Firefighter/EMT as a part-time volunteer employee of the Fire Department with a probationary employee for a period of one year. Mr. Westerman recently passed a physical and drug test. Motion was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0. The Fire Chief obtained a grant through FEMA for the purpose of purchasing a new tanker truck for the Fire Department. Council passed an emergency resolution earlier this evening accepting the terms and conditions of the grant. Interim Police Chief Ron Moore gave his report on Police Operations.

Mayor Roth announced that Water and Sewer Committee is scheduled to meet following Council. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, Mayor Roth asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Belinger. Motion passed 5-0. Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer