

April 13, 2015

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 Paul Dzyak, Tamara Haselman, Gary Moore, James Piotrowski, Craig Rose, and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Kreuz, were also in attendance.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$32,581.21. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a cash summary and a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced visitor Ms. Heather Kost, Director of the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Kost provided the Mayor and Council with an update on the activities of the Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

Mayor Roth introduced visitor Tim Rickard of the Swanton Recreation Softball and Baseball Program. Mr. Rickard requested that the Village purchase netting for the four (4) baseball diamonds used by the recreation program to protect spectators from being hit by foul balls at a cost of \$160.00 each. Mr. Rickard stated that TAZ Electronics donated \$1,500 for covers for the dugouts. It was the consensus of Council to purchase the netting for the baseball diamonds at a cost of \$160.00 each.

Mayor Roth introduced Rebecca Yarberry who made a presentation on need for sidewalks in the Village limits. Last year, Rebecca Yarberry was driving a vehicle on North Main Street and was involved in an accident with a pedestrian which resulted in that pedestrian's death. As part of her sentence, Ms. Yarberry was ordered to provide a 10 minute presentation to Council regarding the subject of sidewalks within the Village limits.

With no old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced (**Ordinance 2015-8: Farm Rental Agreement for Village Property**) and asked for a first reading. On Friday, April 3, 2015, bid proposals were opened from area farmers to farm the Village owned parcel next to the Village Water Treatment Plant. The highest bid was submitted by William Zeiler of Swanton, Ohio of \$137.00 per acre out of the two (2) bids received. The enclosed ordinance authorizes a contract with Mr. Zeiler to farm the Village property at a rate of \$137.00 per acre for 2015. Motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to pass the ordinance by emergency and suspend the rules and was seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-13: Engineering Services for Pilliod Park Paving Improvements**) and asked for a first reading. Jones and Henry Engineers of Toledo, Ohio has submitted a proposal for engineering services for the Pilliod Park Paving Improvement Project. The Village received a grant of \$24,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to pay for the engineering and paving improvements to Pilliod Park. A motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to table the ordinance to advertise for bids for this project and seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth noted that since she had not received the opportunity to interview the candidate proposed for the part-time Police Patrolman position, she suggested that no action be taken on this request at this time. A motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to table the motion and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Piotrowski to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of personnel and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council. The members of the Committee received an update on the construction status of the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Improvement Project at the Water Plant and the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The Water and Sewer Committee was also informed of the need to repair the remaining 1978 era trickling filter at the Sewer Plant. The other trickling filter was replaced in 2013. The Village will be flushing fire hydrants from April 27 to May 4, 2015.

The Finance Committee also met this evening before Council. The Finance Committee reviewed an engineering services proposal from Jones and Henry Engineers of Toledo, Ohio for the Pilliod Park Paving Improvement Project. The Village received a grant of \$24,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to pay for the engineering and paving improvements to Pilliod Park. It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Council to advertise for bids for this project. The Finance Committee also reviewed a request from Police Chief Adam Berg to fill a part-time patrolman position with the Police Department. It was the recommendation of the Committee to Council to table this request until more information can be obtained regarding the candidate.

Mayor Roth stated that she has spoken to a representative from First Energy Solutions regarding a contribution for lighting improvements for the on-going Doughboy Statue and Monument Renovation Project. Mayor Roth also stated that she worked with volunteers from the Lion's Club to clean up several areas of Airport Highway over the past weekend. Large amounts of trash, debris and tires were collected and taken to the Street Department.

The Village Administrator informed Council that the Village's residential electric aggregation provider, Duke Energy Retail, was recently purchased by Dynegy Energy Services of Houston Texas. The terms and conditions of the current contract will remain unchanged, the only change will be the name of the new provider Dynegy Energy Services. Mr. Gochenour also stated that the Village Street Department was assisted by maintenance personnel from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in conducting pavement repairs on Airport Highway. Village staff made the repairs and ODOT provided traffic control for the project. ODOT has agreed to cooperate with the Village and provide traffic control assistance for future Village construction projects on Airport Highway.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer