

August 11, 2014

In the absence of Mayor Ann Roth, Vice-Mayor Tamara Haselman 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 State of America. Council members present were Paul Dzyak, Tamara Haselman, Gary Moore, Craig Rose, James Piotrowski and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Kreuz, were also in attendance.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilwoman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$28,855.45. Finance Director Jean Kelly presented a cash summary and a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle, seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for old business and introduced (**Ordinance 2014-17: Prohibition of the Feeding of Wildlife and Stray Animals**) and asked for a third reading. The ordinance establishes regulations prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and stray animals inside the Village limits. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Ordinance 2014-23: Map Amendments to Swanton Zoning Ordinance**) and asked for a second reading. The ordinance amends the Village zoning map. The Swanton Village Planning Commission has recommended a zoning change for 7 parcels annexed into the Village of Swanton from their current township zoning classification to either One-Family (R-1) Single Family Residential or Central Business (B-3) Commercial. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-5: Declaring Intent to Seek Reimbursement for Improvements for Holiday Lane Sanitary Sewer Project**) and asked for a second reading. The resolution declares the official intent of the Village of Swanton to seek reimbursement from the State of Ohio for capital improvement expenses related to the construction of the Holiday Lane Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-6: Declaring Intent to Seek Reimbursement for Improvements for Phosphorous Removal Wastewater Plant Improvement Project**) and asked for a second reading. The resolution declares the official intent of the Village of Swanton to seek reimbursement from the State of Ohio for capital improvement expenses related to the construction of the Phosphorous Removal Wastewater Plant Improvement Project. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-7: Authorization to File for Financial Assistance for Pilliod Park Improvements**) and asked for a second reading. The resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to file an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Nature Works Program for paving improvements to the walking path and parking areas of Pilliod Park. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-8: Authorization to File for Financial Assistance for the Clark Street Sewer Separation Improvement Project**) and asked for a second reading. The resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to file an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Clark Street Sewer Separation Improvement Project. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Vice-Mayor Haselman called for new business and introduced Village residents Joshua and Donna Rowe who made a presentation to Council supporting the raising of backyard chickens in the Village of Swanton. The raising of chickens or other farm animals is currently prohibited in the Village by ordinance. The issue was referred to the planning commission for further study.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Ordinance 2014-25: Authorizing an Agreement for the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project**) and declaring an emergency. The ordinance authorizes a contract with Peterson Construction of Wapakoneta, Ohio for \$494,000 for the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant. The completion of this project is required by the Ohio EPA. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-9: Supporting Feasibility Study for Joint Fire/EMS District**) and asked for a first reading. The resolution supports the application of a grant application by the Village of Delta to fund a feasibility study of a proposed Joint Fire/EMS District for Fulton County. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for Committee Reports. The Public Service Committee met this evening before Council. The Public Service Committee recommended to Council to accept the low bid of \$494,000 submitted by Peterson Construction Company of Wapakoneta, Ohio and authorize a contract for the completion of the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Committee discussed the proposed joint paving improvement of County Road 1-3/Browning Road with Swancreek Township and the Village's estimated share of the project cost of approximately \$50,441.16. The Committee was informed by the administration that the Village would receive a grant of \$21,500 through the County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to cover a portion of the cost of demolishing the vacant building located at 113-115 N. Main Street. Since these funds are received by the County from the state and federal governments, further environmental reviews are required prior to the release of these funds. Final approval of this grant is expected in late August or September 2014. The Committee reviewed information provided by Village residents supporting the raising of chickens in the Village who also made a presentation to Council. Street lighting outage and zoning violation reports were also reviewed by the Public Service Committee.

The Finance Committee also met this evening before Council. The Finance Committee recommended to Council to establish an internet based utility bill payment system. The Finance Committee was also informed by the administration that 2014-2015 notes issued to finance past water improvements and purchase land for a new reservoir will be issued at an interest rate of 0.95%.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on August 12, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilman Piotrowski and second by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Tamara Haselman, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer