

February 10, 2014

Vice-Mayor Tamara Haselman called the Swanton Village Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of Mayor Roth. Councilman Dzyak 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, and Michael Rochelle. There is currently one vacancy on Council. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Lou Perrin were also in attendance.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$38,449.31. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for old business and introduced **Ordinance 2014-1 (Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessment for Street Lighting)** and called for a second reading. The estimated cost per property owner is \$23.00 per year which is the same as in 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced **Ordinance 2014-2 (Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Leaf Collection)** and called for a second reading. The estimated cost per property owner is \$15.50 per year which is the same as in 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further old business, Vice-Mayor Haselman called for new business and called for a motion to retire to Executive Session for the Discussion of Purchase of Property and Appointment of Personnel. Motion was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Vice-Mayor Haselman made a motion to appoint Craig Rose to fill the unexpired term of Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Rose was administered the Oath of Office and welcomed by members of Council.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council and elected Councilman Dzyak as Chairman for 2014. The new operational and debt service costs of improvements to the water treatment plant were discussed. Beginning in 2015, it is estimated that the water fund will need approximately \$145,000 more in additional revenue to pay for the Ohio EPA mandated

Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) project improvements. The closing of the Ohio Turnpike Plazas has resulted in a loss of approximately \$71,000 per year in water revenue. The Water Sewer Committee discussed the need to raise additional revenue to pay for these additional operation and debt service requirements.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. Fire Chief Smith was present and provided an activity report of fire operations for the month of January 2014. The Safety Committee discussed the need to examine changes in fire department staffing levels to offset a loss of revenue due to the decision of Swanton Township not to renew their fire and rescue services contract with the Village. Police Chief Talbot was present and provided a report on police activity for the month of January 2014. The Safety Committee recommended to Council to authorize the purchase of new equipment for the police interview room at a cost of \$5,549.00. The funds to purchase the new equipment are available in the 2014 police budget.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for the Administrator's report. Administrator Gochenour stated that a Village "Facebook Page" has been set up at the request of the Mayor and Council and will be limited to providing residents with basic information more quickly than conventional news outlets, such as: water main breaks; recycling and metering reading schedules; Village clean up days; snow plowing or other special events.

Vice-Mayor Haselman announced the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet March 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tamara Haselman, Vice-Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer

