

February 11, 2013

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, Tamara Haselman, David Pilliod, Jeff Pilliod, James Piotrowski, and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, was also in attendance and served as Clerk in the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Lou Perrin.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Belinger. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$113,968.18. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a cash summary and a listing of the bills to be paid. A motion to approve payment of bills was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced **Resolution 2013-2 (County Dog Services Agreement)** and called for a second reading. Due to recent changes in state law regarding vicious dogs, the Fulton County Commissioners have proposed a dog services agreement that would allow the Fulton County Dog Warden to enforce Village Dog Ordinances at no cost to the Village of Swanton. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced **Ordinance 2013-2 (Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessment for Street Lighting)** and asked for a first reading. The enclosed ordinance declares the necessity of the Village of Swanton to collect special assessments for the provision of street lighting. The estimated cost per property owner is \$23.00 per year which is the same as 2012. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-3 (Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Leaf Collection)** and asked for a first reading. The enclosed ordinance declares the necessity of the Village of Swanton to collect special assessments for the provision of leaf collection. The estimated cost per property owner is \$15.50 per year which is the same as in 2012. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

The Finance Committee met this evening before Council. The Committee recommended to Council to renew assessments for leaf removal and street lighting for 2013 at the same rate as in 2012. The Committee also discussed the need to renew the 0.5 mill park improvement and the 1.5 mill fire and rescue levy for 2013. The Committee recommended to Council to seek a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County

Auditors of the amount of revenue that would be generated from renewing, replacing or increasing these levies.

The Public Service Committee also met this evening before Council. The Committee received an update on the condition of bridges in the Village which are the maintenance responsibility of the Village of Swanton. The bridge on Garfield Avenue should be replaced within 5 to 10 years. The other bridges were found to be in excellent condition. The Village had 5 new single family homes built in 2012 with a value of \$721,000; the most of any community in Fulton County. The Committee was also provided with updates on the Fulton Street Sewer Separation Project and street lighting outages reported to Toledo Edison.

Mayor Roth asked for the Administrator's Report. Mr. Gochenour stated that the old railroad crossing at Hallett Avenue has been removed by the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. Now that there is no road crossing at Hallett Avenue, trains no longer are required to blow their horns when approaching from the west and east. The Administrator stated that Village officials met with Congressman Latta today and discussed regulatory issues regarding the EPA.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, Mayor Roth asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Belinger; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Jon Gochenour, Village Administrator