

February 23, 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 February 9, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$63,546.12. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced (**Resolution 2015-4: Central Purchasing and Credit Card Policy**) and asked for a third reading. The resolution amends the Village's existing central purchasing policy adopted in 2007 to formally provide a policy for the use of credit cards by Village employees as recommended by the Ohio Auditor of State. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-5: Renewal of County Emergency Management Agreement for 2015**) and asked for a third reading. The Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has requested the renewal of the agreement to coordinate emergency activities in the Village of Swanton for 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-2: Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Street Lighting**) and asked for a second reading. The 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 in 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-3: Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Leaf Collection**) and asked for a second reading. The 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 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-4: Renewal of Consulting Agreement with Richard Schantz**) and asked for a second reading. The ordinance renews the consulting services agreement with Richard Schantz associated with the operation of the water system and planned Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Improvements to the Village's water treatment plant under the same rates and conditions as the current contract. The present agreement is for a period of one year at a rate of pay of \$45.00 per hour for a minimum of 10 hours per week. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-5: Renewal of Consulting Agreement with Leon Smith**) and asked for a second reading. The ordinance renews the consulting services agreement with Leon Smith associated with the operation of the sewer system and planned Phosphorous Removal Improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment plant under the same rates and conditions as the current contract. The present agreement is for a period of one year at a rate of pay of \$32.00 per hour for a minimum of 10 hours per week. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-7: Sprinkler Meter Discount for Athletic Fields**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance would establish a discounted rate of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons of water used on athletic fields at Swanton High School through sprinkler metered accounts. At its February 9, 2015 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to Council to offer a discounted rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water to help lower the annual cost related to watering the athletic fields located at Swanton High School. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-8: Farm Rental Agreement for Village Property**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance authorizes an agreement with William Zeiler of Swanton, Ohio to farm a Village owned parcel at a rate of \$181.00 per acre for 2015. Motion to table the ordinance was made by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-9: Transfer of Land Agreement for Redevelopment**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County for the transfer of ownership of a vacant Village parcel located at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue for the purposes of urban redevelopment as provided in Section 721 of the Ohio Revised Code. The transfer of this property to Habitat for Humanity for urban redevelopment purposes was recommended by the Public Service Committee to Council at its February 23, 2015 public meeting. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Councilman Dzyak abstaining.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-6: Opposition to Proposed Nexus Pipeline**) and asked for a first reading. The resolution states the opposition of the Council of the Village of Swanton to the purposed installation of a 42-inch, high pressure natural gas pipeline through portions of Lucas County and Swancreek and Fulton Townships in Fulton County. A motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to pass the measure by emergency and to suspend the rules. Motion was seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth asked for a motion for executive session for the discussion of imminent litigation. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Public Service Committee met this evening before Council and recommended the renewal of the park lease agreement with Swanton Local Schools for 2015 to Council. The Committee recommended to Council to renew the Village's Electric Residential Aggregation Program with Duke Energy Retail for a period of three (3) years a fixed rate of 7.050 cents per kilowatt hour. The Committee discussed the bids received to farm a Village owned parcel next to the water

treatment plant and a street lighting outage report. A proposal to transfer ownership of a vacant parcel located at 112 Pennsylvania to Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County was also recommended to Council by the Public Service Committee.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. Mr. Rick Kazmierczak, Swancreek Township Trustee, was present to state that the township will not collect the ½ mill increase from the Swancreek Township Fire Levy which is collected from Swancreek residents of the Village of Swanton for the next two years. Mr. Kazmierczak also stated that the township trustees have agreed to share 50% of the cost of a traffic signal study of the Airport Highway/Munson Road Intersection. The members of the Committee recommended to Council the passage of a resolution opposing the location of the proposed “NEXUS” pipeline. Fire Chief Howard Myers and Police Chief Adam Berg were also present and provided activity reports for their respective departments for the month of January 2015.

The Village Administrator reported that the Street Department backhoe’s axle was broken and the replacement part is expected to cost approximately \$4,900. Due to the importance of this piece of equipment, Mr. Gochenour stated the part needs to be ordered and this equipment fixed as soon as possible.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on March 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer