

February 25, 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 Tamara Haselman, David Pilliod, Jeff Pilliod, James Piotrowski, and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Lou Perrin, were also in attendance.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$25,761.17. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented 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 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced and welcomed Lisa Arend from the Fulton County Economic Development Department. Ms. Arend discussed a proposed plan to develop economic development committees for each community in Fulton County consisting of the Mayor, Administrator, a Council member and herself. Councilman Rochelle volunteered to represent Council on this committee.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced **Ordinance 2012-35 (Vacation of Roosevelt Street and Alley)** and called for a third and final reading. The ordinance vacates the unimproved public right-of-way known as "Roosevelt Street" as well as an unnamed alley located to the west of Roosevelt Street. A petition was received from eight (8) residents requesting the vacation of these unimproved public right-of ways. The required petition certifications were received from the agent for the petitioners. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-2 (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 2012. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-3 (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 2012. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-2 (County Dog Services Agreement)** and called for a third and final 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 Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further old business, Mayor called for new business and introduced (**Resolution 2013-3: Request Determination of Revenue for 0.5 Mill Replacement Levy for Park Improvements**) and declaring an emergency. At their February 11, 2013 public meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to Council to obtain a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County Auditors of the amount of revenue generated from a proposed replacement of the existing 0.5 mill park improvement levy. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2013-4: Request Determination of Revenue for 0.5 Mill Renewal Levy for Park Improvements**) and declaring an emergency. At their February 11, 2013 public meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to Council to obtain a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County Auditors of the amount of revenue generated from the proposed renewal of a 0.5 mill park improvement levy. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2013-5: Request Determination of Revenue for 1.5 Mill Renewal Levy for Fire Department**) and declaring an emergency. At their February 11, 2013 public meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to Council to obtain a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County Auditors of the amount of revenue generated from the proposed renewal of the existing 1.5 mill fire and rescue levy. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2013-6: Request Determination of Revenue for 1.5 Mill Replacement Levy for Fire Department**) and declaring an emergency. At their February 11, 2013 public meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to Council to obtain a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County Auditors of the amount of revenue generated from the proposed replacement of the existing 1.5 mill fire and rescue levy. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2013-7: Request Determination of Revenue for 1.5 Mill Replacement Levy with a 0.5 Mill Increase for Fire Department**) and declaring an emergency. At their February 11, 2013 public meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to Council to obtain a determination from the Fulton and Lucas County Auditors of the amount of revenue generated from the proposed replacement of the existing 1.5 mill fire and rescue levy with a 0.5 mill increase. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2013-4: Renewal of Water Plant Consulting Agreement with Richard Schantz**) and declaring an emergency. The consulting services agreement with Richard Schantz associated with the operation and planned improvements to the Village's water plant is set to expire at the end of March 2013. It is the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to renew the current consulting agreement with Mr. Schantz 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 suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Ordinance was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to accept resignation of Christopher Witt from the Sewer Department effective April 3, 2013 to take a position with the City of Bowling Green, Ohio. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth read a proclamation declaring March to be Myeloma Awareness Month in the Village of Swanton.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to retire to Executive Session for the Discussion of Personnel and Pending Litigation. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Councilwoman Haselman made a motion to appoint Steve Giese Acting Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment plant effective April 3, 2013 at a rate of pay of \$19.45 per hour; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0. Councilwoman Haselman made a motion to authorize advertising for an entry level position to work at the wastewater treatment plant; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for Council Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council. The Committee recommended to Council to renew the consulting agreement with Richard Schantz associated with the operation and planned improvements to the water plant. The Village Administrator reported to the Committee that the Village will receive a grant for \$325,000 for the proposed Granular Activated Carbon Water Plant Improvement Project. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Christopher Witt is resigning his position effective April 3, 2013.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. The Committee discussed the replacement of the Fire Chief's vehicle. The current vehicle is a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe which requires an estimated \$6,000 in repairs. A motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to accept the terms and conditions of a Fire Department FEMA grant including the payment of the required Village match of \$5,027; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Reports were also received from the Fire and Police Departments on operations for January 2013.

Mayor Roth asked for the Administrator's Report. Mr. Gochenour stated that the Village has received a resignation letter from Councilman William Belinger. It was the consensus of Council to advertise a notice to fill this Council vacancy and to accept letters of interest until March 18, 2013.

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 Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0. Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer