

January 13, 2014

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, and Michael Rochelle. There is currently one vacancy on Council. 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 December 9, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$64,172.54. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 5-0.

According to the Rules of Council, at the first meeting in January, Council shall proceed to elect a President from its own membership. Councilman Dzyak nominated Councilwoman Haselman; seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Roth welcomed her as the President of Council for 2014.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced **Ordinance 2013-31 (Amendment to Council and Clerk Compensation Ordinance)** and asked for a third reading. The ordinance amends the current compensation ordinance to allow members of Council and the Clerk-Treasurer to be paid on a monthly basis instead of on a quarterly basis in compliance with recent changes to state law. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-29 (Authorization to Participate in Airport Highway Safety Improvement Project)** and asked for a third reading. The resolution authorizes the Village of Swanton to participate in the proposed Airport Highway Safety Improvement Project with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The resolution commits the Village of Swanton to funding \$85,000 of the estimated \$1.8 million construction project. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-30 (Request Advance Payment of Taxes from Lucas and Fulton Counties)** and asked for a third reading. The resolution will allow the Village to obtain a portion of our tax revenue before the usual March and August payment dates. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-31 (Acceptance of Annexed Area into the Village of Swanton)** and asked for a second reading. As required under Ohio law, the enclosed resolution authorizes the final acceptance of 2.63 acres of land in Swanton

Township into the Village of Swanton. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced **Resolution 2014-1 (Renewal of County Dog Services Agreement for 2014)** and declaring an emergency. The resolution renews the existing dog service agreement between the Village of Swanton and the Fulton County Commissioners allowing the Fulton County Dog Warden to enforce Village Dog Ordinances at no cost to the Village of Swanton. The emergency measure is requested in order to continue the enforcement of Village dog ordinances by the Fulton County Dog Warden in 2014 without interruption. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to pass the Resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee of the Whole met this evening before Council. Mayor Roth called for their report. Chairwoman Haselman stated that the existing Rules of the Swanton Village Council were readopted for 2014 without any changes. Mrs. Haselman stated that the 2014 Standing Committees of the Swanton Village Council are the following: Safety Committee: Rochelle, Moore, and Piotrowski; Finance Committee: Dzyak, Rochelle, and Piotrowski; Water and Sewer Committee: Dzyak, Haselman and vacancy; Public Service Committee: Haselman, Moore and vacancy. Due to the recent resignation of Councilman David Pilliod, there currently exists a vacancy on the Swanton Village Council. The Village Administrator is required to notify the local newspaper that applications will be accepted to fill the vacancy. Mr. Gochenour noted that the ad for the position would be in the Swanton Enterprise for the next two weeks.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. Councilman Piotrowski was elected Chairman for 2014. Fire Chief Chad Smith was present and reported on Fire Operations for December 2013. Chief Smith recommended the appointment of Joe Buehrer to fill the vacant full-time position of Paramedic/Firefighter at a rate of \$12.08 per hour contingent on the successful completion of a pension physical and a background check. Councilman Rochelle made a motion to hire Joe Buehrer as recommended by Chief Smith; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Police Sergeant Adam Berg was present to provide a report on Police Operations for the month December 2013 and provided an annual report for 2013. The Village Administrator reported that Swanton Township Trustees decided not to renew their fire and rescue services contract with the Village of Swanton for 2014. The administration will examine the Fire Budget in an effort to offset the \$72,312 loss in revenue prior to finalizing the Permanent Appropriation for 2014.

Mayor Roth announced the Water and Sewer Committee is scheduled to meet at 7:45 p.m. following Council this evening. Mayor Roth stated that the Village should create a "Facebook" page to better communicate important messages to residents more quickly rather than relying entirely on local media outlets. Mayor Roth called for the Administrator's report. Jon Gochenour reported to Council that Swanton does not have a snow emergency program and recommended the creation of one in order to remove cars

parked on the street so as not to impede snow removal. Mr. Gochenour also stated that Village personnel will remove Christmas trees that are placed on the curb for pick-up. 2014 calendars issued by the Village's refuse contractor, Republic Services, incorrectly stated that recycling would be picked-up today instead of the correct date of January 27, 2014. The Village created a new 2014 recycling calendar with the correct dates on them.

Mayor Roth announced the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet January 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business Mayor Roth called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 5-0. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer