

June 23, 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 State of America. Council members present were Paul Dzyak, Tamara Haselman, Gary Moore, Craig Rose, James Piotrowski 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 June 9, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Councilman Piotrowski abstaining.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$53,201.00. Finance Director Jean Kelly presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced (**Resolution 2014-3: Authorization to Purchase Road Salt from the Fulton County Engineer**) and asked for a third reading. The resolution authorizes the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Fulton County Engineer to purchase road salt for 2014-2015 winter road salting season. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman; seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced (**Ordinance 2014-17: Prohibition on the Feeding of Wildlife and Stray Animals**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance establishes regulations prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and stray animals inside the Village limits. The ordinance is in response to nuisance complaints from residents regarding neighboring property owners feeding or harboring wild animals and feral cats. At their June 9, 2014 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Safety Committee to Council to enact regulations prohibiting the feeding of wild animals and especially stray cats in an effort to eliminate nuisance conditions and reduce their overall numbers. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion for the establishment of the Doughboy Statue Restoration Fund. It was recommended by Councilman Moore to formally establish a fund to accept donations for the restoration of the "Doughboy" Statue located in Memorial Park. Funds in this account would be used only to pay for the renovation of the Doughboy Statue and Monument in Memorial Park. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 6-0

Mayor Roth called for a motion to accept the resignation of William Talbott from Village Employment. Police Chief William Talbott has submitted a letter stating his intention to resign from employment with the Village of Swanton effective July 5, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to request executive session for the discussion of the appointment of personnel. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Roth announced the appointment of Adam Berg as Interim Police Chief. This appointment will go into effect on July 6, 2014 and will remain in effect until such time as a new Police Chief is hired.

Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Public Service Committee met this evening before Council. The Committee discussed a proposal by the Swanton Recreation Program to hold a softball tournament at Memorial Park to benefit an organization called "Baskets with Care" on July 25-27, 2014 with the proceeds going to benefit individuals with cancer. Under our lease agreement, the school board is not permitted to sublease or assign the use of the property to other groups during the term of the lease. In the past, outside organizations requesting to use Village recreation facilities have come to Council to receive approval to lease the fields and were charged a fee by the Village to cover additional clean-up and maintenance costs. It was the recommendation of the Public Service Committee to Council that the use of Village recreational facilities by outside groups continue to be approved by Council directly with an appropriate user fee being charged to cover additional clean-up costs.

The Public Service Committee was provided with an update regarding the demolition of 113-115 N Main Street. The results of an asbestos survey of the vacant property has indicated that there are levels of asbestos high enough to require its removal by a licensed asbestos removal contractor. Ohio EPA regulations require the asbestos to be removed prior to demolition. A proposal of \$3,260 from Total Environmental Services of Toledo was received to remove the estimated 1,938 square feet of asbestos found in the building. The administration has also applied for a grant of \$21,500 through the Fulton County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to assist in covering a portion of the cost of demolishing the building after the asbestos is removed. It was the recommendation of the Public Service Committee to Council to accept the proposal of \$3,260 from Total Environment Services and proceed with the removal of asbestos from the building.

The Public Service Committee recommended to Council to schedule "movie nights" in Memorial Park on the evenings of August 2 and September 13, 2014. No athletic events are scheduled on these dates. A Street Lighting Outage Report indicated 3 street lights are in need of maintenance. A zoning violation report was also provided to the members of the Public Service Committee.

The Finance Committee met this evening before Council. It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Council to renew the note work issued to finance past water improvements for 2014-2015 and borrow an additional \$250,000 to facilitate the purchase of property for a future reservoir. The note work would be reissued in the amount of \$915,000 for 2014-2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Haselman voting no. The Finance Committee recommended to Council to formally establish a Doughboy Statue Renovation Fund.

Mayor Roth stated the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 8:30.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer

