

March 9, 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, and Michael Rochelle. Councilman Craig Rose was absent. 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 23, 2015. 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 \$32,974.40. 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 5-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced (**Ordinance 2015-2: Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Street Lighting**) and asked for a third 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 Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-3: Declaring the Necessity to Collect Special Assessments for Leaf Collection**) and asked for a third 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 Piotrowski and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-4: Renewal of Consulting Agreement with Richard Schantz**) and asked for a third 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. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-5: Renewal of Consulting Agreement with Leon Smith**) and asked for a third 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. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-7: Sprinkler Meter Discount for Athletic Fields**) and asked for a second 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 Rochelle and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-9: Transfer of Land Agreement for Redevelopment**) and asked for a second 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 Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilman Dzyak abstaining.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced (**Ordinance 2015-10: 2015 Permanent Appropriation Ordinance**) and declaring an emergency. The ordinance amends the 2015 Temporary Appropriation through the addition of \$7,000 in the Sewer Fund to cover the additional cost of treatment chemicals associated with the completion of the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the sewer plant and an increase of \$175,000 in Sewer Fund for financial assistance provided from the Ohio Small Government Improvement Program for the proposed Clark Street Sewer Separation Project. A motion was made by Councilman Moore to suspend the rules and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2015-11: Map Amendment to the Swanton Village Zoning Ordinance**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance amends the map of the Swanton Zoning Ordinance for five (5) residential parcels located at 111, 115, 117, 119, and 121 Lincoln Street from General Business (B-2) Commercial to One-Family (R-2) Residential. At their January 13, 2015 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Village Planning Commission to Council to approve the requested map amendment from B-2 to R-2 in order to bring the existing nonconforming residential uses on these commercially zoned parcels into conformance with the Swanton Village Zoning Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to table the ordinance and return the proposal back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roth asked for a motion for executive session for the discussion of imminent litigation. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 5-0.

Upon returning from executive session, Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council. The members of the Committee were provided an update on the proposed Clark Street Sewer Separation Project, the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Water Plant Improvement Project and the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the sewer plant.

The Finance Committee also met this evening before Council. The Committee recommended to Council to approve the proposed Permanent Appropriation Ordinance for 2015. The Finance Committee also recommended to Council the rejection of the three (3) bids received for the farm rental of a Village owned parcel and to advertise for the acceptance of bids again for this work.

Mayor Roth announced that the Village of Swanton has received the designation of “Tree City USA” from the National Arbor Day Foundation. An award ceremony will be held on April 29, 2015 at the Toledo Zoo.

The Village Administrator reported that the annexation of eleven (11) parcels in Lucas County into the Village of Swanton is moving forward with signatures being collected from property owners. Proposals for a traffic signal warrant study for the Airport Highway/ Munson Road Intersection should be received by the next Council meeting.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 5-0. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer