

November 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 Paul Dzyak, David Pilliod, Jeff Pilliod, James Piotrowski, Tamara Haselman, 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 November 11, 2013. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak with a correction that he did not attend the Village Tree Commissioners graduation service on November 12, 2013; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$18,137.53. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced **Ordinance 2013-28 (Renewal of Village Solicitors Contract for 2014)** and called for a second reading. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced **Ordinance 2013-29 (Temporary Appropriation Ordinance)** and declaring an emergency. The proposed temporary appropriation has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Committee of the Whole and Finance Committee. Major expenditures anticipated for 2014 include the following: GAC Improvement at the Water Plant; Phosphorus Removal Improvement at the Sewer Plant and the Holiday Lane Sanitary Sewer Project. The emergency measure is requested to finalize the 2014 Temporary Appropriation prior to the end of the year. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to pass the ordinance was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-30 (Swanton and Harding Township Fire and Rescue Contracts)** and declaring an emergency. The ordinance will authorize the renewal of the existing fire and rescue service contract with Swanton Township for a term of one (1) years at a rate of \$74,423.00; the same as last year. The ordinance will also renew the existing fire and rescue agreement with Harding Township for a period of one (1) year at a rate of \$387 per run; the same as last year. The emergency measure is requested in order to finalize these agreements prior to the end of the year. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to pass the ordinance was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-31 (Amendment to Council and Clerk Compensation Ordinance)** and asked for a first reading. Effective January 1, 2014, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) requires all compensation to elected officials to be reported to OPERS on at least a monthly basis. The current compensation ordinance directs that members of Council and the Clerk-Treasurer are to be paid on a quarterly basis. Approval of the proposed amendment to make all compensation payable on a monthly basis was also recommended to Council by the Committees of the Whole and Finance. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-29 (Authorization to Participate in Airport Highway Safety Improvement Project)** and asked for a first 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. This is the first reading of this resolution. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Jeff Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Resolution 2013-30 (Request Advance Payment of Taxes from Lucas and Fulton Counties)** and asked for a first reading. The resolution requests the advance payment of taxes from the Treasurers of Fulton and Lucas Counties prior to the usual March and August payment dates. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to retire to Executive Session for the Discussion of the Purchase of Property. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Dzyak. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Roth called for Council Committee Reports. The Public Service Committee met this evening before Council and recommended to Council the participation of the Village in the proposed the Airport Highway Safety Improvement Project. The Department of Transportation (ODOT) held a meeting on November 12, 2013 at the Swanton Municipal Building to discuss their plan for Airport Highway with effected property owners. The Committee recommended scheduling an additional future meeting with property owners to discuss this project due to low turnout. A survey of the Village found 6 street lights in need of maintenance which were reported to Toledo Edison. The properties at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue; 406 N. Main Street and a rear lot off Allen Drive have been forwarded to court for failure to comply with Village zoning ordinances.

The Finance Committee also met this evening before Council and recommended approval of the proposed 2014 Temporary Appropriation Ordinance to Council. The Committee also recommended amending the current Village Council and Clerk Compensation Ordinance to allow monthly compensation payments instead of quarterly payments.

The Finance Committee recommended to Council to renew the existing Swanton and Harding Township Fire and Rescue Contracts for one (1) additional year at the existing 2013 contract rates. A potential ditch cleaning assessment from Fulton County was also discussed which was initiated at the request of the Swancreek Township Trustees

Mayor Roth called on the Administrator for his report. Mr. Gochenour stated that the refuse contract renewal with Republic Services has been finalized and presented an example of the new 96 gallon recycling carts which are expected to be delivered to all Village residents beginning in February 2014. Republic will be sending out a mailing to all residents notifying them about the new recycling containers.

Mayor Roth announced the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, Mayor Roth called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer