

October 14, 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 September 23, 2013. 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 approve the payment of bills totaling \$30,752.67. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve payment of bills was made by Councilman Piotrowski; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

With no old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced **Ordinance 2013-23 (Authorizing Disposal of Obsolete Fire Equipment)** and declaring an emergency. The ordinance authorizes the sale of a 1971 Sutphen Aerial fire truck which is no longer needed by the fire department. A minimum bid of \$3,500 is required. The emergency measure is requested in order to proceed with the sale as soon as possible. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; 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 2013-24 (Renewal of Bail Bondsman Contract for 2014)**. The ordinance authorizes a renewal of the annual bail bondsman contract with the Fulton County Commissioners for the Eastern District Court in the Village of Swanton for 2014 for \$10,000. This is the first reading of this ordinance. Motion to pass the Ordinance was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced **Ordinance 2013-25 (Renewal of Agreement for Indigent Services in Fulton County Eastern Court for 2014)**. The ordinance will renew the current agreement between the Fulton County Commissioners and the Village of Swanton in regard to the appointment of legal counsel for indigent defendants in Eastern District Court for 2014. This is the first reading of this ordinance. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion for the approval of refuse contract renewal with Republic Services. It is the recommendation of the administration to Council to renew the refuse removal contract with Republic Services for a period of five (5) years. In the 5 year proposal, the current price of \$12.41 per month would not increase in year 1 with 2% increases requested per year in year 2 through year 5. Republic will also provide either 65 or 95 gallon recycling carts to all residential customers free of charge. The 95 gallon cart is 5 times the size of the current recycling containers used in the Village and has an attached lid to prevent blowing debris. Over the 5 year agreement, the cost would increase \$1.02 to \$13.43 per month. The 8% fuel recovery

fee would also be included under the 5 year contract which would increase \$0.08 over the term of the proposed agreement. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jeff Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion for the approval of the renewal of the Village Electric Aggregation Program with Duke Energy Retail. It is the recommendation of the administration to renew the Village Electric Aggregation Program with Duke Energy Retail at a rate of 5.29 cents per kilowatt hour through May 2014. The renewal rate will save Village residents 1.01 cents per kilowatt hour over the current rate of 6.3 cents per kilowatt hour. Motion to approve was made by Councilman David Pilliod; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion for the approval of the 2014 Swanton Village Council and Committee Schedule. The meetings follow the traditional schedule of holding meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month with the exception of July and December which have only one meeting each month. The last Council meeting in May 2014 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 due to Memorial Day. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for Council Committee Reports. The Public Safety Committee met this evening before Council. The Safety Committee reported on the operations of the Fire and Police Departments. Fire Chief Smith recommended the removal of the following individuals from employment due to lack of participation or having moved from the area: Brandon Bargahiser, Nathan Jones, Roger Ward, Eric Smith, Atul Sadhwani, Nancy Schilb, Michael Smith, and Ashley Smith. Councilman Rochelle made a motion to remove these individuals from the Fire Department; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Chairman Rochelle made a motion to hire the following individuals recommended by the Fire Chief for the Fire Department contingent on the successful completion of a background check and physical examination: Cuyler Kepling; Zachary Wehman; Casey Underwood and Susan Scwab. Motion seconded by Councilman David Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.

The Safety Committee also reported on cost estimates for a security camera system for Memorial Park. The proposed system would consist of 8 cameras located throughout the park and would be viewable remotely from the municipal building. The final cost for the system would be \$3,190 for analog cameras and \$5,490 for hi-definition cameras. A motion was made by Councilman Rochelle to approve the purchase of hi-definition cameras at a final cost of \$5,490. Motion seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. The Ohio Department of Transportation would like to schedule a meeting with property owners to discuss their proposed access management plan for Airport Highway at the Swanton Municipal Building. Council requested the meeting be scheduled for November 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The Water and Sewer Committee also met this evening before Council. The Committee reported that the bid opening for the planned Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Water Plant Improvement Project is scheduled for October 30, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The cost of construction is estimated to be 1.8 million dollars for the base bid. The Water and Sewer Committee also reported that the Village of Swanton has submitted two applications for financial assistance to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a total of \$260,550 for phosphorous removal

improvements required by the Ohio EPA at the sewer plant and for a sanitary sewer for the Holiday Lane Subdivision. The Committee also discussed the proposed renewal of the of the Village electric aggregation program with Duke Energy Retail at a rate of 5.29 cents per kilowatt hour until May 2014 which was approved earlier by Council.

Mayor Roth reported on the future of the Swanton Farmer's Market. The plan is to again be located on Airport Highway in front of the Swanton Pharmacy. There is a strong commitment from at least nine permanent vendors for the 2014 season.

Mayor Roth called for the Administrator's report. Mr. Gochenour reported that Lammon Brothers will start leaf pick-up within the Village on October 21 and continue through December 2, 2013. Soil testing in the Memorial Park requested by the Ohio EPA has indicated no hazardous substances were found in any of the samples tested. The Village has submitted a request to the EPA to remove the soil from the park within the next thirty (30) days. Renovation plans for the former Village Rescue Building were submitted to the State of Ohio Building Department for review.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet November 12, 2013 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 Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Mary Lou Perrin, Clerk-Treasurer

