

October 27, 2014

In the absence of Mayor Ann Roth, Vice-Mayor Tamara Haselman 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, Craig Rose, James Piotrowski and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Kreuz, were also in attendance.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$42,892.45. Finance Director Jean Kelly presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle, seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced Matt Gilroy, Executive Director of the Fulton County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Gilroy briefly addressed Council regarding the newly formed private, non-for profit Fulton County Economic Development Corporation.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for old business and introduced (**Ordinance 2014-28: Name Change for Broadway Street to Zeiter Way**) and asked for a third reading. At their September 8, 2014 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Public Service Committee to Council to change the name of Broadway Street to "Zeiter Way" in honor of the late Swanton Welding President and Swanton Community Supporter Norman Zeiter. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Vice Mayor Haselman called for new business and introduced (**Ordinance 2014-30: Renewal of Agreement for Indigent Services in Fulton County Eastern District Court for 2015**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance renews 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 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Ordinance 2014-31: Establishing Police Officer Special Event Pay**) and asked for a first reading. The ordinance authorizes an increase in the billing rate for Village Police Officers requested to be on duty to provide additional police protection at special events in the community from \$22.00 to \$25.00 per hour. All hourly officers would be paid at 1.5 times their actual hourly rate for serving at special events. At their October 13, 2014 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Council to increase the police officer special event billing rate. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman introduced (**Resolution 2014-12: Renewal of Agreement for County Dog Warden Services**) and asked for a first reading. The resolution will renew the current agreement between the Fulton County Commissioners and the Village of Swanton in regard to allowing the Fulton County Dog Warden to enforce Village Dog Ordinances at no cost to the Village of Swanton for 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman requested a motion for executive session for the discussion of imminent litigation. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Upon returning from executive session, Councilman Rochelle made a motion to declare the property located at 108 Harrison Street a nuisance and authorize the Village Administrator to pursue legal action against the property owner to abate all existing nuisance conditions as documented by the Fulton County Health Department; seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice-Mayor Haselman called for Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council. The Committee discussed the cost of proposed assessments for the Holiday Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Several property owners have requested to be assessed for the installation of private sanitary service lines on their properties as part of the sewer project. The proposed term of each property assessment would vary based on the estimated cost of the work for each property. Assessment periods would range from four (4) to eight (8) years with costs for the installation of service lines varying from \$2,400 to \$5,000 per home. It was the recommendation of the Water and Sewer Committee to Council to proceed with the proposed plan for property tax assessments. The administration also provided the members of the Water and Sewer Committee with an update on the status of the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Water Plant Improvement Project; the installation of sanitary sewers in the Holiday Lane Subdivision and the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the sewer plant.

The Public Safety Committee also met before Council this evening. The Fire Chief Howard Myers was present and provided an activity report for the month of September 2014. Chief Myers recommended to promote Shanan Middleton from part-time to full time paramedic to fill a vacant full time position. Councilman Piotrowski made a motion to promote Shanan Middleton to full time paramedic as recommended by the Fire Chief at a rate of pay of \$12.08 per hour with one week of vacation contingent on the successful completion of a Police and Fire Physical and a one (1) year probationary period; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Police Chief Adam Berg was present and provided activity report for the month of September 2014. Chief Berg mentioned the investigation of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank robbery which occurred last week. The Public Safety Committee recommended to Council to pass the proposed ordinance increasing the Police Department billing rate for special events.

The Public Safety Committee discussed the need to develop a uniform policy for both the Police and Fire Departments since the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) considers any uniform clothing "adaptable to general usage by employees to be a "taxable fringe benefit" and must be included on each employee's W-2 form. Examples of uniform clothing adaptable for everyday use includes: ball caps; t-shirts; socks, shoes, boots, pants, golf type shirts, plain belts, sweaters, Carhart type jackets and jeans. The Street, Water and Sewer Departments currently have uniform policies addressing taxable fringe benefits.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on November 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Tamara Haselman

Attest:

Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer