

# **VILLAGE OF SWANTON**

Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.

## **Prayer**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Paul Dzyak    Jeff Pilliod  
                        Tamara Haselman    Michael Rochelle  
                        Dianne Westhoven    Kathy Kreuz

**Proclamation:** National Emergency Medical Service Week

**Approval of the Minutes:** *Motion to approve May 8, 2017 minutes was made by Councilman Pilliod, seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.*

**Committee reports:** See Attached

*Motion to hire James Brazeau II as full-time officer at \$15.50 per hour pending successful completion of pre-employment physical, drug screen, and psychological evaluation. Employment will begin 6/4/2017 upon successful completion of pre-employment requirements. Applicant will be placed on a 6 month probationary period, was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.*

*Motion to approve Fire Consultant Agreement with Michael Wolever was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.*

## **Personnel Report:**

New Employee Introduction- Curt Smith, Department of Public Works & Utilities

*Motion to remove Jeff Harmon, Department of Public Works & Utilities: Division of Water Purification, from probation was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.*

*Motion to extend probation for Lt. Jamie Blake, Department of Public Safety: Division of Fire, for six months was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Westhoven. Motion passed 6-0.*

## **Presentation:** John Swearingen

John Swearingen from the Fulton County Historical Society spoke to Council to make aware of new things coming for the Historical Society. The new building being constructed on State Route 108 in Wauseon, OH will be a Visitor Heritage Museum. Mr. Swearingen discussed the floor plan and other historical items that will be there. The proposed opening is May 2018.

## **Old Business:**

1. Third Reading Ordinance 2017-XX: Revised Parking Schedule

*Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak, seconded by Councilman Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.*

2. Second Reading Ordinance 2017-XX: Proceed with Assessment- Leaf Collection

*Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Pilliod. Motion passed 6-0.*

3. Second Reading Ordinance 2017-XX: Proceed with Assessment- Street Lighting

*Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Motion passed 6-0.*

**New Business:**

1. Residential Aggregation Program Discussion

This is similar to electric prices for Village buildings. Received rates from two suppliers, Dynergy and First Energy. Current rate is .0722 and proposed First Energy rate is .053, this would be a cost savings to residents and would go into effect May 2018. Residents would have the option to opt out.

*Motion to proceed with First Energy for 24 months was made by Councilman Dzyak, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Motion passed 6-0.*

**Mayor's Report**

Tree Commission member Joyce Miller designed door hangers to keep residents informed and how to contact the tree commission. MVPO is making maps for the tree commission.

Annual Chamber luncheon was well attended

Next Fire District meeting will be held June 20, 2017

New Fulton County EMA Director has started

**Administrator's report:**

1. Code Enforcement Update

Spreadsheet has detailed information

2. Zoning Code Update

Met with reps from MVPO regarding the proposed updates to zoning text and maps. Discussion was centered on current codes for fences, signs, landscaping, lighting requirements, and parking and loading facilities. Proposed additions are demolition, wheelchair ramps, and low impact development. Will discuss with Planning Commission and present to Council with what Commission recommends.

3. Attendance

-Engaging Local Government Leaders Conference, very informative

-Fulton County Economic Development update

-Safety Council, attended with Chief Wolever, Topic was Security Risk assessments

-Swanton Welding Open House, very detailed tour

#### 4. Ohio Ethics Law Training

Thursday May 25 at Community Center will be the training. Invitations were sent to all municipalities and townships in Fulton County as well as Swanton Library and Swanton Local School District.

#### 5. Other

Tomorrow May 23, is the Community Walk for third graders

Received Summons from Fulton County Common Pleas Court. Swancreek Township has served paperwork about Swanton Cemetery. Village Solicitor is aware.

#### **Adjourn:**

*Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Motion passed 6-0.*



Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:   
Karla Sexton, Fiscal Officer

## Public Service Committee Meeting

May 22, 2017 • 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members:

Tamara Haselman – Chairwoman

Kathy Kreuz

Jeff Pilliod

### 1. Road Improvement analysis

Midwest Paving Analysis & Design performed a road inventory. This analysis rates the pavement of each of the roads within the Village and recommends a process. What is recommended is to spread out the improvements as opposed to only focusing on roads that scored poorly. The intent is to plan out three years' worth of road projects and have a rough cost estimate on process to maintain or improve the roads. Jim Reckner was involved in this and thinks it's a good idea. Councilwoman Haselman mentioned to keep in mind what roads need storm sewer separation upgrades done as well.

### 2. Garfield Bridge Expense

Currently the project is focused on right of way acquisition. ODOT has informed the Village that we will need another individual to perform the right of way appraisal review. In doing this DGL had to add another subcontractor. With this addition the fee will exceed the not to exceed amount. Committee recommends to increase the not to exceed amount by \$1600.

### 3. Parking on Main Street

Striping has been completed on Main Street. Due to the width of Main Street, at certain intersections or curb cuts, it is difficult to see past a parked vehicle. Parallel parking does not alleviate the issue. A resident called to inquire about what else can be done, she suggested "compact car only" parking at certain spaces. This won't alleviate the problem either.

Councilman Pilliod asked Jim Reckner if the dura patcher sits outside and if so he would like to see it put inside the building at 217 Chestnut.

Councilwoman Haselman mentioned the need for our Police Officers to carry Narcan after seeing an officer in East Liverpool, OH overdose on fentanyl from cleaning out a car and fellow officers were able to help him by using Narcan.

Councilman Rochelle mentioned a sign in the window of SACC building, not very inviting to new businesses. Village Administrator will reach out to Mrs. Smith at SACC.

## **Public Safety Committee meeting**

**May 22, 2017 • 6:30 p.m.**

Kathy Kreuz – Chairwoman

Mike Rochelle

Dianne Westhoven

### **1. Hiring**

Chief Berg discussed the candidates he has been interviewing for full time positions. Both candidates have Criminal Justice Degree. The Mayor is recommending to hire James Brazeau II at a rate of \$15.50 an hour.

### **2. Fire Consultant agreement**

Chief Wolever's agreement is set to expire. Mayor Roth and Chief have had conversations on extending the term of the agreement, adding new deliverables, and a proposed increase in compensation for 2018. Mayor spoke to committee as to why she is recommending an increase in compensation. Councilwoman Kreuz asked what currently at and proposed increase, current is \$50,000 year and proposed is \$54,000 a year. She also asked Chief if he is ok with the termination clause in the agreement. Councilman Rochelle asked Chief what hours he works, forty hour week. Chief Wolever said he does work forty hours a week and a great deal of those hours are spent in grant writing. Committee will recommend to Council.

## **Committee of the Whole**

**May 22, 2017 • 7:45 p.m.**

### **1. Community Reinvestment Area**

This is a measure to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the Village of Swanton that have not enjoyed reinvestment from remodeling or new construction. Currently there is no structure for the Housing Council. Administrator mentioned this can be residential also not just commercial. Village Solicitor said the Schools are involved too. Administrator wanted to let council know this does exist and any thoughts on it. Council feels this is definitely something to think about.

Administrator received message from Mr. Peffley, he was upset he was not on agenda for tonight. Administrator was not told to put him on agenda, wanted Council to be aware.