

January 26, 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, Craig Rose and Michael Rochelle. Village Administrator, Jon Gochenour, and Clerk-Treasurer, Kathy Kreuz, were also in attendance.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak; seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$36,987.55. Jean Kelly, Finance Director, presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced visitor Heidi Kern, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, who made a presentation to Council regarding Habitat for Humanity's activities in Fulton County.

Mayor Roth introduced visitors Laurie Cole and Martha Johnson, Swancreek Township residents, who were present to provide Council with information regarding the construction of the proposed Nexus Pipeline in the area. Ms. Cole and Ms. Johnson stated that they are opposed to the project as are the Swancreek Township Board of Trustees.

Mayor Roth introduced visitor Justin Serr, property owner of 117 N. Main Street. Mr. Serr requested to address Council regarding the removal of the shared stairway between his building and the old County Line Cleaners Building located at 113-115 N. Main Street. 113-115 N. Main Street is a vacant building which is scheduled to be demolished by the Village because it has been declared to be structurally unsafe and a hazard to public safety by the Fulton County Common Pleas Court.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced (**Resolution 2014-13: Request Advance Payment of Taxes from Lucas and Fulton Counties**) and asked for a third reading. The resolution requests the advance payment of taxes from the Treasurers of Fulton and Lucas Counties. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Dzyak and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2014-6: Map Amendment to the Swanton Village Zoning Ordinance**) and asked for a second reading. The ordinance amends the map of the Swanton Village Zoning Ordinance for a vacant 1.86 acre parcel located on the west corner of Paigelynn Street and West Airport Highway from General Business (B-3) Commercial to Light Industrial (M-1) to permit the construction of a proposed 11,000 square foot industrial building. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Councilman Rose abstaining.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-2: Approval of Joint District Solid Waste Management Plan**) and asked for a second reading. The Joint Solid Waste Management District of Defiance, Fulton, Paulding and Williams Counties has requested the Village of Swanton to support its update of the District's solid waste management plan. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-3: Necessity to Levy Tax in Excess of Ten Mill Limitation**) and declaring an emergency. The resolution declares the necessity of the Village of Swanton to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation in order to renew the existing 0.05 mill Park Improvement Levy. At its January 12, 2015 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to Council to renew the current 0.05 mill Park Improvement Levy and place it on the upcoming May 5, 2015 election ballot. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-4: Central Purchasing and Credit Card Policy**) and asked for a first reading. The resolution amends the Village's existing central purchasing policy adopted in 2007 to formally provide a policy for the use of credit cards by Village employees as recommended by the Ohio Auditor of State. At its January 12, 2015 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to adopt the proposed policy. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2015-5: Renewal of County Emergency Management Agreement for 2015**) and asked for a first reading. The Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has requested the renewal of the agreement to coordinate emergency activities in the Village of Swanton for 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced a motion to establish a public hearing to consider zoning map amendments. At their January 13, 2015 public meeting, the Swanton Village Planning Commission recommended to Council a zoning change 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. Motion to set a public hearing for March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Councilman Rose abstaining.

Mayor Roth introduced a motion to accept resignation of Nicholas Owens from Village employment. Full-time Police Patrolman Nicholas Owens has submitted a letter stating his intention to resign from employment with the Village of Swanton effective January 20, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Public Service Committee met this evening before Council. Tamara Haselman was elected Chairwoman of the Public Service Committee for 2015. The administration was notified by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that the Village received a grant of \$24,000 for paving improvements to the parking area and walkways at Pilliod Park. The Committee was informed that the nuisance residential structure located at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue was demolished in December 2014. The total cost to abate nuisance conditions and demolish the abandoned residence was \$3,917.24. The demolition of the former "County Line Cleaners" building located at 113-115 North Main Street is scheduled to begin on January 26, 2015. The demolition contractor, D and R Demolition of Archbold, Ohio, has recommended the complete removal of the stairway shared with 117 North Main Street in order to minimize possible damage to 117 N. Main. Main Street will be closed on Tuesday, January 27 for several hours to remove the top portion of the building. The Public Service Committee

was notified that the Wood County Building Department was approved by the State of Ohio to operate the Village of Swanton's commercial building department and inspection program as of December 2014. A second request to the property owners of 102 and 106 N. Main Street was sent to schedule an interior and exterior inspection of their properties within the next thirty (30) days. The Committee also received a report regarding zoning violations.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. James Piotrowski was elected Chairman of the Public Safety Committee for 2015. Fire Chief Howard Myers provided an activity report for the Fire Department for December 2014. Chief Myers recommended the hiring of Christopher Schultz as a part-time Fireman/EMT for the Fire Department. Councilman Rochelle made a motion to hire Mr. Schultz as part-time Firemen/EMTs for the Fire Department at the currently established rate of pay for this position contingent on the successful completion of a physical, background check, drug test and a one (1) year probationary period; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0. Police Chief Adam Berg provided an activity report for the Police Department for December 2014. Chief Berg recommend the promotion of part-time patrolman Anthony Bernal to full time to fill an existing vacant position. Councilman Piotrowski made a motion to hire Mr. Bernal as full-time Police Patrolman at a rate of \$14.25 per hour contingent on the successful completion of a pension physical and a one (1) year probationary period; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. The Public Safety Committee recommended to Council the renewal of the County Emergency Management Agreement for 2015 and to request engineering proposals for a traffic signal study of the Airport Highway/Munson Road Intersection.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on February 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest:

Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer