

September 22, 2014

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, Craig Rose, James Piotrowski 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 September 8, 2014. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$43,165.90. Finance Director Jean Kelly presented a listing of bills to be paid. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Piotrowski, seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for old business and introduced (**Ordinance 2014-26: Renewal of General Engineering Agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers**) and asked for a second reading. The ordinance authorizes the renewal of the general engineering services agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers of Toledo, Ohio for a period of one year. The contract renewal will continue the current terms, conditions and rates specified in prior contracts. The ordinance specifies that \$15,000 will be appropriated for these services. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Resolution 2014-10: Accepting Amounts Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Levies and Certification to the County Auditor**) and asked for a second reading. Each year, the Village is required to pass a resolution accepting the amounts determined by the Fulton County Budget Commission to be the Village's percentage of general and voted property tax revenue. Motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

With no further old business, Mayor Roth called for new business and introduced (**Emergency Resolution 2014-11: Petition for Forfeiture of 112 Pennsylvania Avenue**) and declaring an emergency.

The resolution petitions Fulton County Common Pleas Court to forfeit the ownership of the nuisance property located at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue to the Village of Swanton. The emergency measure is requested in order to meet the time limits for property forfeiture provisions contained in the Ohio Revised Code. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Rochelle and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth introduced (**Ordinance 2014-28: Name Change for Broadway Street to Zeiter Way**) and asked for a first 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 Moore. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth asked for a motion to approve the closure of Main Street for the Halloween Hoopla Event. The Swanton Lion's Club and Swanton Area Community Coalition have requested permission for the closure of Main Street for the sixth annual "Halloween Hoopla" event on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Halloween will be held later in the Village from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rose and seconded by Councilwoman Haselman. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item: recommendation of Plan Commission in regard to raising chickens in the Village of Swanton. At their September 9, 2014 public meeting, it was the recommendation of the Swanton Village Plan Commission to Council to not change existing regulations to allow for the raising of chickens inside the Village of Swanton. Motion to accept this recommendation was made by Councilwoman Haselman and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth asked for a motion for executive session for the discussion of the appointment of personnel. Motion was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon returning from executive session, a recommendation was made by Mayor Roth to hire Adam Berg as Police Chief at an annual salary of \$45,000 per year with a one (1) year probationary period. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Rochelle; seconded by Councilman Piotrowski. Motion was passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Piotrowski to extend the probationary period for Fire Department employees Cuyler Kepling and Susan Schwab for an additional six (6) months as recommended by Fire Chief Howard Myers; seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Roth called for Committee Reports. The Water and Sewer Committee met this evening before Council. The administration provided the members of the Committee with an update on the following Village construction projects: the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Improvement at the water treatment plant; the Phosphorous Removal Improvement Project at the sewer treatment plant and the Holiday Lane Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. The Committee also reviewed a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSOs) Report documenting combined sewer overflows in the Village from 2010 to 2014. The report shows a significant decrease in the number of CSOs over this period which indicates the success of the Village long term combined sewer separation plan.

The Public Safety Committee also met this evening before Council. The Public Safety Committee received activity reports from the Interim Police Chief and Fire Chief for the month of August 2014. Fire Chief Myers made a recommendation to extend the probationary period for Fire Department employees Cuyler Kepling and Susan Schwab for an additional six (6) months. It was the recommendation of the Safety Committee to Council to petition the Fulton County Common Pleas Court to forfeit the nuisance property located at 112 Pennsylvania Avenue to the Village of Swanton.

The Village Administrator stated that he expected grant funds to be released by the State of Ohio for the demolition of 113-115 N. Main Street, the former County Line Cleaner's Building, on September 29 or 30, 2014. Once these funds are released, the demolition of the building will be scheduled as quickly as possible.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piotrowski and seconded by Councilman Rose. Motion passed 6-0. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Ann Roth, Mayor

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Kathy Kreuz, Clerk-Treasurer