

VILLAGE OF SWANTON

Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Paul Dzyak	Michael Rochelle
	Kathy Kreuz	Craig Rose
	Jeff Pilliod	Dianne Westhoven

Motion to approve agenda made by Councilman Rose, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0

Presentation: Ishmael Mensah, Summer Intern, Sign Inventory Project. Mr. Mensah presented findings of the Sign Inventory Project he completed this summer. He included his criteria of the project: Safety, Compliance with Ordinances; Recordkeeping and future use for budgeting and inventory.

Motion to approve minutes of September 9, 2019 meeting minutes made by Councilwoman Kreuz, seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 5-0-1 with Councilman Rose abstaining.

Committee Reports:

Public Service: Mr. Rose made the recommendation to contract with First Energy Solutions for the residential governmental aggregation program.

Motion made by Councilman Rose to contract with First Energy Solutions for the residential governmental aggregation program for a period of 36 months, kwh rate of 4.84. Seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Safety:

Councilwoman Kreuz recommends drafting legislation to approve proposed Ordinance establishing Section 95.13. Mrs. Hoelzle will have it ready for next council meeting.

Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week. Mayor Roth proclaimed the week of October 6-12 Fire Prevention Week.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding Brindley Road maintenance ensued. Councilman Pilliod obtained information from Lucas County Engineer's Office regarding road maintenance history. There are several culverts with unknown conditions; the road was last reconstructed in 1980's; in 2013 it was recommended to be crack sealed, it was not. Swancreek Township Trustee Kazmierczak was in attendance and stated in Fulton County, culverts larger than 24" are the responsibility of the county. It is not clear if this rule applies to Lucas County as well.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2019-XX: Conforming Boundaries – Lucas County motion made by Councilman Rose, seconded by Councilman Rochelle. Roll Call. Motion passed 5-1.

New Business:

Councilman Rose inquired about the Community Center agreement with Fulton County Senior Center. Residents have complained about the space not being fully available because of the Senior Center storing items in the Community Center. Mrs. Hoelzle state they have outgrown the space and are in conversations with Faith Lutheran Church about utilizing their space once available.

Councilman Rose made a motion to approve the 2020 Community Center Contract with Fulton County Senior Center, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Dzyak moved to suspend the rules for the reading of Emergency Resolution 2019-XX: Authorizing Fiscal Officer to enter into agreement with Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to approve Emergency Resolution 2019-XX to authorize Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Farmers & Merchants State Bank made by Councilman Dzyak, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Roth reported the train derailment cost recovery will be issued soon. Becky Goble from Fulton County EMA facilitated the recovery from Norfolk Southern.

Administrator Report:

1. Code Enforcement Update
 - a. Abated - 23; Progress - 15; No Progress - 10

2. Project Updates
 - a. West Pointe Resurfacing
 - i. New Curb installed the week of September 16
 - ii. Mill and fill scheduled for the week of September 30 – weather contingent
 - b. Memorial Park Pavilion Renovation
 - i. New Ceiling is installed
 - ii. Building was power washed to prepare for painting
 - iii. Shutters are in and should be up in a few weeks
 - c. Benches
 - i. Most of the benches were installed
 - ii. 2 benches still available for sponsorship
 - d. Project 10 Sewer Separation
 - i. Bid advertisement published
 - ii. Bid opening scheduled for October 2
 - iii. Set for late winter/early spring construction

3. Façade Enhancement Program
 - a. Continue to work on the formal program guidelines

4. Project Allura
 - a. Working to compile a good set of information before posting will begin
 - b. With October having Fire Prevention Week it was decided to focus that month's video on the Fire Division

5. Fulton Leadership University
 - a. First class on September 13
 - b. Laid the foundation for the course

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to consider purchase of property for public purposes; employee hiring; employee promotion made by Councilman Rose seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor called Council back to order at 8:43 p.m. Roll Call. All present.

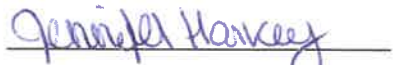
Councilwoman Kreuz moved to promote Lt. Dziengelewski to rank of Captain effective September 8, subject to a six-month probationary period. Councilwoman Westhoven seconded. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. made by Councilman Rose, seconded by Councilwoman Westhoven. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.



Ann Roth, Mayor

Attest: 

Jennifer Harkey, Fiscal Officer

Public Service Committee Meeting Minutes

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Craig Rose – Chairman

Kathy Kreuz

Jeff Pilliod

1. Presentation – Thomas Hertzfeld (Alternative Energy Source)

Mr. Hertzfeld presented information on the residential governmental aggregation program. This is an optional program for residents to enroll. The current contract is set to expire May 2020; residents who opted in are currently paying .053/kwh. Mr. Hertzfeld presented rates for 12; 24; 36 and 48 months with and without grant options for the Village. Each rate is lower than the current rate of .053/kwh. The rates are subject to change due to market volatility and weather patterns.

2. Master Plan Update

Poggemeyer Design Group will provide a rough draft, including a funding matrix by October 1. The draft is organized on based on survey results from the Community Forum. The funding matrix will also identify possible grant opportunities.

Committee discussed eliminating the ball field next to Main Street. There is also discussion Swanton Schools wish to develop ball fields on school property. Currently, high school baseball and softball teams utilize the fields at Memorial Park.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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Kathy Kreuz – Chairman

Michael Rochelle

Diane Westhoven

1. Unimproved streets and alleys

Mr. Lehenbauer drafted legislation pertaining to unimproved streets and alleys. This proposed legislation would be a new section of Codified Ordinance 95.13. The proposed section states, “No person or entity shall without permission of Swanton Village Council use an unimproved street or alley for vehicular travel or parking nor obstruct an unimproved street or alley in the Village of Swanton”. Committee inquired if there should be a fine for violating the ordinance and it was decided not at this time due to enforcement issues.

Committee of the Whole

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1. Beard Pavilion

Mrs. Hoelzle stated she reached out to two (2) companies to quote a structure similar to the previous pavilion. Discussion regarding Council’s vision on the 2020 rebuild ensued. The design should be cohesive with the indoor pavilion currently under remodel. Council wishes to have an open-air pavilion, metal roof with decorative stone posts. Mrs. Hoelzle will obtain quotes.