

VILLAGE OF SWANTON

Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2022

7:15 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Samantha Disbrow Derek Kania
 Mike Disbrow Patrick Messenger
 J. David Pilliod Dianne Westhoven

Councilman Pilliod moved to approve agenda as amended to include a Public Safety Committee Report. Seconded by Councilman Kania. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilman Kania moved to approve minutes from September 12, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Messenger. No Discussion. Roll call. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment

New Business:

1. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Committee Report

DORA discussed, Committee Requests Public Hearing and 3-Reading Ordinance

Mayor's Report:

1. Regular Meetings with
 - a. Administrator Shulters
 - b. Chief Dziengelewski
2. Numerous visits with Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics
3. Responded to numerous residents and business inquiries – including Weeds and Grass on W. Garfield
4. Scheduled to attend an Economic Development seminar hosted by the RGP. Will attend with Administrator Shulters on Wednesday from 1-4 in Perrysburg BG Campus
5. Presented Proclamation to Billy Chinnis 100-year-old WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veteran

6. Attended Guns and Hoses Fundraiser event for Swanton Fire and Police Departments at the Bandogs LE/MC club
7. Numerous communications with Village Solicitor regarding DORA and other concerns.
8. Contacted many communities regarding their experiences regarding their DORAs
9. Met with Swanton Resident Mick Bryan regarding serving on the EDC. Mr. Bryan's experience includes being the President of the U.S. operations of a German international company. He is a Swanton native, Class of 1966, and moved back to Swanton 13 years ago. We will be inviting other key economic development stakeholders to meet in coming days and weeks.

Administrator's Report

General Updates

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- i. Weekly meetings with Solicitor
- ii. Leadership Development Training for SFRD
- iii. Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc. started 9/21
- iv. Attended Fulton Leadership University's mentor social on 9/13
- v. Volunteered FEDC Annual Golf Classic
- vi. Attended Billy Chinnis 100th Birthday
- vii. Attended Guns & Hoses First Responder Fund Raising Event
- viii. Mr. Stiles from WRRF & Ms. Shulters are starting to meet with the village dental offices, schools and nursing homes regarding the new EPA Mercury requirements
- ix. Mr. Vasko & Ms. Shulters attended OPWC Meeting
- x. Working on a plaque/dedication ceremony for Haller Family in Pilliod Park once the stencil work is done on the Caboose
- xi. Ordered new downtown winter banners, working with Public Service Dept. on Christmas Lights updates
- xii. Working with SFRD on open house in October & 5k/Tree lighting/ Santa at the FD
- xiii. Swanton DORA plans will be published for public to review on 9/27/22

Tree Commission

- a. Next meeting will be on October 17th.

Project Updates

- b. Memorial Park Playground- Waiting on installer for an update

Communications Update

Issue 4 News Letter


Miscellanies:

Councilman Pilliod requested information regarding Treasury Bonds and Interest rates to be presented to Council for investment consideration at the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Kania moved to Adjourn at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Disbrow. No Discussion.
Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 6-0.



Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest: 

M. Jason Vasko, Fiscal Officer

Public Safety Committee 6:30 p.m. Kania (Chairperson), S. Disbrow, Westhoven

1. DORA Plan Review
 - a. Boundary Map
 - b. Public Safety
 - c. Signage
 - o Council will decide on the signage
 - d. Rules of Operation
 - o There was a question asked about how the stickers work and that businesses will be required to provide them.
 - e. Public Comment-Deacon D. Dzierzawski
 - o Mr. Dzierzawski was ill, but sent concerns in a letter included with minutes.
 - f. Asked the Police Chief's opinion
 - o Concerns regarding open containers that are not normally allowed
 - o Concerned that this be relegated to sidewalks only and not to the streets
 - g. Concern was shared over the village's liability
 - o It was discussed that the liability would be limited, non-existent
 - h. Concerns presented regarding the train tracks
 - i. Concerns presented regarding the VFW
 - o Included in DORA
 - o The fact that they are a private club does not matter. This only allows them to prohibit non-members from entering their premises.
 - j. Ms. Benfield of Benfield Wines offered some input:
 - o They would like outdoor seating, the DORA provides this, but at present customers cannot take wine outside as their liquor license ends at their door.
 - o The DORA will permit for Block Parties, business and economic development
2. Christmas Tree Lighting-
 - a. Mike Remer & SFRD – 5k with Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - b. Set date
 - a. Parade set for 12/3
 - c. Committee agrees to give it a try with the 5k glow run and tree lighting

Adjourned at 7:15 pm