

VILLAGE OF SWANTON

Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Councilman Kania moved to approve agenda as Amended to include Committee Reports. Seconded by Councilman Messenger. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Councilman Messenger moved to approve minutes from October 11, 2022. Seconded by Councilman Kania. No Discussion. Roll call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Public Comment

G. Waterstadt of 206 E. St. Clair St. stated that SACC can support the new boundaries. Was concerned regarding the timeframe, given that Maumee starts their DORA time at 4pm. Also mentioned that Napoleon and Perrysburg are different than what the Village is proposing. Suggested a timeframe of 4 – 5 pm for starting the DORA period during the week.

J. Benfield, owner of Benfield Wines (102 N. Main St) noted that the law regarding DORA was changed 3/23/22, to modify the number of licenses required. Wanted to see earlier timeframes allowed in order to have events downtown. Would like to see longer times on the weekends. Requested that the Mayor or Solicitor offer education regarding liability issues from anything that should arise within the DORA.

R. Kazmierczak of 6739 County Road 3, also Swan Creek Township Trustee, noted that the Trustees had worked with the previous members of Council over the last 6 years to reduce dual taxation regarding fire coverage. Stated that no government official wanted to see double taxation. Mentioned a shorter length to future contracts was not advisable, that fewer levies is better for all residents, and that an escalator clause should be considered for future fire contracts. Noted that York Township does offer a bi-annual raise in rates. Providence Township did freeze rates, but they get paid per run into the Township. He believes rates are going up as they should.

D. Schmidt of 106 N. Main St. (Level Fitness) stated that a lot of businesses wanted to see the DORA enacted. Stated that she has been to several DORA areas and believes that this will bring people to the area. 2016 – 2018, she voiced concerns to Council and the Mayor about the number of trains and their speed. Noted there was no more room for liquor licenses, but that there are plenty of available storefronts.

R. Howard of 607 E. Garfield mentioned he is a 10-year resident of the Village. Loves town but feels that the Village lacks a center of life. Thinks DORA will help enhance it, and believes it to be a good opportunity for the Village of Swanton.

B. O’Connell of 2121 County Road EF, whose family owns the Swanton Sports Center, believes DORA is a good idea. Noted that economic development brings people to town and could increase tax base. Believes that we are being innovative.

E. Butler of 111 Black Canyon Drive, is outraged at these thoughts and distractions from what DORA will provide. Spoke with Patrick Leahy and his father, who formed the first DORA in Toledo – the Adams St. area. Noted that the arguments now are the same as then, but that Adams St has been revived. Remembers when downtown Swanton was vibrant, and is now concerned about abandoned buildings. Does not think that alcohol outside will bring crime. Recalled “bogeyman” regarding the train yard, and noted that we need progress to grow – some businesses are not retail and would not benefit, but those that are and would can use this to grow.

Committee Reports

Old Business:

1. Second Reading: Ordinance 2022-XX: An Ordinance Adopting the Swanton DORA Plan (and Amending the Boundaries)
Councilman Pilliod moved to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilman Kania. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.
2. Second Reading: Ordinance 2022-XX: An Ordinance Amending Section 36.01 Penalty for Returned Checks of the Codified Ordinances of Swanton, Ohio.
Councilman Kania moved to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilman Messenger. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2022-XX: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission, Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor & Declaring an Emergency.

Councilman Kania moved to Suspend the Rules for Resolution 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilman Pilliod. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Councilman Kania moved to Approve Resolution 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilwoman Disbrow. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

2. Ordinance 2022-XX: Resolution Approving Village Administrator to Enter into Agreement with Fulton County Commissioners Regarding Indigent Defense Services in County Court & Declaring an Emergency

Councilman Kania moved to Suspend the Rules for Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilman Pilliod. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Councilman Kania moved to Approve Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilwoman Disbrow. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

3. Ordinance 2022-XX: An Ordinance Declaring the Intention of the Village to Participate in the Bridge Inspection Program Services Being Implemented by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) And Declaring an Emergency

Councilman Messenger moved to Suspend the Rules for Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilwoman Disbrow. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Councilman Messenger moved to Approve Ordinance 2022-XX. Seconded by Councilman Kania. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

4. Swanton Fire & Rescue Swearing in Lieutenant Alva Conger
5. Swanton Rotary 60th Anniversary Proclamation
6. Create Revenue Line Item: 1000-820-1018 Veteran's Day Banners, 1000-820-1019 Snowflake Shuffle

Councilwoman Disbrow moved to Approve Revenue Line Creation. Seconded by Councilman Messenger. No Discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 5-0.

Mayor's Report:

- Regular Meetings with
 - Administrator Shulters
 - Chief Dziengelewski
- Attended the Fire Department Open House last Sunday 1-4 PM. Department Pumpkin Contest – Public Votes
- Responded to numerous residents and business inquiries. Re: Sidewalks and water meters.
- Meeting on 10/21 regarding Economic Development Commission development
- Comments regarding the Economic Development Commission.
 - Commission is forming
 - Purpose of the Commission
 - Like planting a tree
 - Best time to plant is 20 years ago
 - We need to start to develop our story

- I will be attending the Halloween Hoopla on Saturday and the American Legion Halloween event on Saturday evening

Administrator's Report

General Updates

1. Attended Swanton Fire & Rescue Open House
2. Met with Run Toledo- Swanton's Snowflake Shuffle is up and running for registrations working with our partner organizations for donations and volunteers
3. Attended Swancreek Township Meeting with Mr. Vasko
4. Launched "Honor Our Veterans Banner" Applications
5. New Signs for Municipal Office, Police Department, R.L. Harding Fields, Pilliod Park & Rotary Park have been ordered

Tree Commission

- October meeting was cancelled; next meeting will be on November 21st

Planning Commission

- Next Meeting is November 1st


Project Updates

- Memorial Park Playground- Sidewalks are going in this week

At 7:49 pm, Councilwoman Westhoven moved to Adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Kania. No discussion. Roll Call. ALL YES. Motion Passed 6-0.



Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest: 

M. Jason Vasko, Fiscal Officer

Public Service Committee 6:00 p.m. M. Disbrow, S. Disbrow, Pilliod

- Foertmeyer Proposal
 - Requested more information to make sure we know exactly how much will be needed to budget
 - Height of plants at maturity is a concern
- Light from Church & Main
 - Want to sell as-is, no liability
- 110 E Airport Utility Bill
 - Agreed to charge \$182.89 as the bill amount due.

Adjourned at 6:27 pm

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

- Swanton DORA
 - Committee likes the new map

Adjourned at 6:46 pm