

February 10, 2014

Mayor Adams called the meeting of Village Council to order on Monday, February 10, 2014 with all members present except Dickson.

Moved by Kokovich second by Bronner that Council dispense with the reading of the January 27, 2014 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: John Lowe from The Daily Jeffersonian

REPORTS

2014 New Concord Council Priorities

Brett Essex:

1. Generate support for Safety Services ballot issue
2. Restart the side walk replacement program
3. Make sure funding is available for priorities

Jennifer Bronner:

1. Promote Recycling
2. Support programming of CNC, NCAARD, NCAP, farmer's market, etc.
3. Keep village family friendly and safe
4. Continue educating students in the community about living in neighborhoods

Jennifer Lyle:

1. Start a comprehensive recycling program with Muskingum University
2. Improve sidewalks and pedestrian access
3. Enforce noise, litter, property maintenance and landlord responsibility laws
4. Promote development of senior friendly housing

Bil Kerrigan:

1. Make the Village more walkable including safe connection links from all neighborhoods
2. Keep sidewalks clear and safe
3. Investigate senior housing
4. Promote recycling

Steve Kokovich:

1. Assure finances are taken care of, including funding for fire department personnel
2. Follow up on Strategic Plan and initiate action steps
3. Renovate Village Hall to improve safety and professional atmosphere

Robert Dickson:

1. Improve Recycling Opportunities
2. Continue to support arts and recreation programs
3. Promote additional middle income family housing and senior housing
4. Support Safety Services and the ballot issue

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Police Chief: Chief Hayes gave the January monthly report.

- 1) Total calls for service for January were 198.
- 2) Reported the portable MARC radio was purchased and will be in use within a couple weeks.
- 3) Chief Hayes invited all council members to attend an ALICE presentation that is being presented to village staff on March 5th at 11:30. The class covers reactive and proactive strategies for dealing with an armed murder in the workplace.
- 4) Chief Hayes reported that he is currently working with NCAARD to arrange Stranger Danger Classes and Female Self Defense Classes.

Fire Chief: Chief Gates gave the January monthly report.

- 1) Reported 18 fire runs and 89 EMS runs with 94 EMS patients for January.
- 2) Chief Gates reported that the fire department has their own site for CPR, AED and Fire Extinguisher classes.
- 3) Reported all medics are in service.

Mayor: Mayor Adams reported the Annual Report will be presented at the March 10th council meeting.

- 1) Mayor Adams asked President of Council to open nominations for 2013 Dedicated Public Servant Award and asked to have the nominations be available on the village website.
- 2) Mayor Adams and Huey met with Muskingum County officials exploring water service to areas where it currently is not available.
- 3) Mayor Adams received a letter from State Representative Brian Hill thanking Chief Gates and Huey for being generous and flexible with the use of village hall basement for meetings.
- 4) Mayor Adams received a standard letter from Columbia Gas of Ohio explaining the benefits of their Infrastructure Replacement Program.
- 5) Mayor Adams received a letter from Muskingum Family YMCA explaining their Women of Achievement awards and asking for any nominations.
- 6) Mayor Adams received a letter from Harper Cabin Committee stating that in December 2013 there were 180 second grade students from the East Muskingum School District that got to experience Christmas at the Cabin, which included craft, demonstrations and story time.
- 7) Discussed requesting a hearing with the Department of Liquor Control regarding Circle K renewal permit to sell alcohol. Motion to submit a request for a permit renewal hearing to Department of Liquor Control by Kerrigan, seconded by Bronner. All voted yea. Motion carried.
- 8) Mayor Adams announced dates when the public can come to the Village Hall for information sessions regarding the income tax ballot proposal. Those dates are Monday, March 10, at 5 p.m.; Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m.; and Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. The village also has compiled a list of answers to “frequently asked questions” about the issue that will be posted to the village website.

Infrastructure: Nothing to report.

Finance: Kokovich reported the committee met prior to council meeting.

- 1) Kokovich reported the committee recommended renewing the village insurance with Selective Insurance Company and endorsed Resolution No. 2-14-1.
- 2) Committee asked council to approve Ordinance No. F-2-14-1 establishing permanent appropriations for fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Huey explained the process of establishing the appropriations and budget. Clarified that fire department budget will be depleted by year's end to pay for the part time personnel and there will be no funds for capital expenditures this year.

Safety: Essex reported committee met:

- 1) Essex reported that the committee continued looking at developing "frequently asked questions" for the Village Safety Services Ballot.
- 2) Reinforced that the fire department budget will be depleted by year's end and stated that the committee is looking at how the funds will be distributed with the income tax increase.
- 3) Reported the committee reviewed enforcement of the sidewalk ordinance and discussed public awareness and recommended that the police chief issue friendly suggestions/warnings to enhance as a safety concern.

Policy: Bronner reported committee met:

- 1) Bronner reported committee discussed a letter from the Division of Liquor Control providing the legislative authority the right to object to the renewal of a permit and to request a hearing.
- 2) Reported the committee discussed recycling requests and reviewed the village ordinance pertaining to recycling collection and will report back to council at a later date.

Fiscal Officer: Marlatt gave January financial report.

- 1) Marlatt reported that January was a busy month in the office and that it was a water/sewer billing collection month.

Administrator: Huey gave the water/sewer report for January. Water treatment plant produced 6,687,000 gallons and the waste water treatment plant treated 9,723,000 gallons. Water and sewer were in compliance for the month of January.

- 1) Huey reported on the Muskingum County Sewer Meeting with county official's round table discussion of lack of sewer services in surrounding areas and talks to continue with helping surrounding areas regarding emergency water connections.
- 2) Huey reported the Village Safety Services Ballot Resolution was delivered and certified.
- 3) Huey reported that village received last load of salt and will be mixing sand to treat village streets. Explained the State is trying to order more salt and taking bids with hopes to send salt to seven locations and will distribute from there.

