



VILLAGE OF MILLERSBURG

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The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Huebner called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk-Treasurer Karen Shaffer gave roll call and the following members were in attendance: Devone Polen, Mike Uhl, Junior Vaughn, Jim Beechy, and Ruby Baird. Solicitor Hines was also in attendance. Motion made by Beechy to excuse Councilman Greg Hardesty. Seconded by Uhl. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Uhl, Polen, Vaughn, and Baird voting aye.

VISITORS: Scott Simpson, Attorney for the Hartley Company addressed Council regarding a trex liquor license for the Hartley's business at 111 E. Jackson St. (BP-Starfire) in Millersburg. There are currently no licenses available in Millersburg for a C1 & C2 permit. Ohio passed a law in 1994 to allow the transfer of ownership and location of a liquor license from a political subdivision that is over-issued by a particular class of permits into another political subdivision where there are no permits available and for an economic development project. Recent legislation allows a transfer of a C or D permit to be transferred from a political subdivision that is not over-issued. The Hartley Company would like to transfer a C1 and C2 permit from Falls Township in Muskingum County into Millersburg. To do that, they need local legislative approval. If the permit trexing were approved, the permit would somewhat be restricted to that location in Millersburg. Eric Johnson of the Hartley Company noted that if they are unable to obtain the license, they may be forced to close their business due to the economy. Previously two other licenses were trexed to Millersburg for La Palma and for Bags. Johnson noted they would be willing to enter into an agreement not to have Sunday sales. Administrator Troyer sent out letters to surrounding residents for feedback and only received two responses. Mr. Hartley owner of property at 69 S Monroe St objected to the permit. Pastor Hartley was present and addressed Council. He noted he has been a Pastor for 40 years and the less of these licenses the better off a community is. He has seen alcohol destroy families, children, and ruin lives. He wanted Council to know that he opposes the transfer. Mr. Simpson told Council he appreciates Pastor Hartley's comments, however there are safeguards. Council would still have the right to object every year to the license renewal and calls can be made anonymously to the State Liquor Board if the business is violating its license. After hearing different thoughts from Council a motion was made by Beechy for the Mayor to sign a letter stating the Village does not oppose to the trexing of the C1 & C2 permit. Seconded by Uhl. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Uhl, and Baird voting aye. Polen and Vaughn voted nay. In a related matter, Midge Roberts of the Holmes County Prevention Coalition noted that under age sales, placement of the alcohol, and compliance checks are the most important as well as proper training for employees and managers. She offered to assist with additional training if the Hartley Company would like further information and training.

Tom Wilke and Tara McCulloch of HDM updated Council on upcoming events. First Wilke noted he is leaving the position of HDM's director and will be replacing Shawn Starlin at the Holmes County Economic Development Council. McCulloch will take on the role of HDM's director. Upcoming events in the Village are "Antiques in the Alley" on May 12. There are currently over 40 vendors scheduled to participate. May 12 also starts the "Second Saturdays

in the Burg". This event will be held throughout October and consists of contests, food vendors, and a movie on the big screen on the court house lawn. Each month will feature a theme starting with the 1940's. The Holmes County Prevention Coalition is providing the screen and speakers for the events.

MINUTES: Motion made by Baird to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Beechy. Upon roll call, motion carried with Baird, Beechy, Polen, Uhl, and Vaughn voting aye. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Polen to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Beechy. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Beechy, Baird, Vaughn, and Uhl voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Uhl to pay bill resolution 2012-15, bills' \$61283.69; payroll \$34120.11; total \$95403.80. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Uhl, Vaughn, Polen, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.