



VILLAGE OF MILLERSBURG

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The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on August 26, 2013 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, Brent Hofstetter, Junior Vaughn, Greg Hardesty, Jim Beechy, and Ruby Baird. Solicitor Robert Hines was also in attendance.

VISITORS: Holmes County Auditor, Jackie McKee, presented the 2014 Annual Tax Budget as approved by the County Budget Commission. McKee noted her main reason for attending was to provide an update on some changes that are taking place with the passage of the State Budget. 1.) Changes were made regarding any new or replacement tax levies. Previously the 10% and the 2 ½% reduction tax payers received on their real estate taxes were picked up by the State of Ohio and those funds were submitted back to the Village. Under the new budget, the State will no longer pick-up those fees and they will now be assessed back to the property owner. All renewal levies are grandfathered and will not be affected. 2.) The Homestead Exemption qualification is also changing. If property owners are age 65 on or before January 1, 2014, they will still be eligible under the old rules. The reduction on tax bills averages between \$200 and \$400 per year. Individuals turning 65 January 1 2014 and after will have to qualify under a "means" regulation. Proof of income will need to be provided and the threshold is now set at \$30,000. 3.) Local Gov't funds were cut to 50% of the amount of prior year amounts received. In the new budget, the % was given back to local governments, however the funds available to distribute are remaining low. 4.) Noted that the new sales tax rate (increase of .25%) will go into effect on September 1, 2013.

McKee noted that several other items were "stuck" in the budget that will have an impact on how and what the Counties will need to comply with as well. She noted that anytime the Village needs assistance or clarification on matters of local government, she would be happy to meet with officials.

Heidi Clark addressed Council regarding parking issues along E. Adams St. Several employees of Hilltop Manor Bread & Breakfast are parking along the street as opposed to on the B & B property. On occasion, residents (elderly) along E. Adams have no place to park as it is full with those employee vehicles. The residents involved have no driveways, garages or available parking other than the street parking. They are sometimes forced to walk two or more blocks to get to their homes. Administrator Troyer will speak with the owner of the B & B and will check the Ordinances for zoning compliance on parking spaces.

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, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Hardesty voting aye. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Hardesty to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hardesty, Vaughn, Polen, Hofstetter, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Vaughn to pay bill resolution 2013-25 Bills' \$35821.38; Payroll \$34063.00; total \$69884.38. Seconded by Beechy. Upon roll call, motion carried with Vaughn, Beechy, Baird, Hardesty, Hofstetter, and Polen voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Troyer: Informed Council we are still waiting on the repair of 2 lights that aren't working properly and one that works intermittently. When the work is complete the final application will be submitted for the Tier II Lighting Upgrade

Informed Council the inspection was held on August 21st at the pool. At this point we need to install a vacuum gauge on the filter system to verify our flow rates. The flow meter we previously relied on was not accurately placed in the system. We also need to install 4 additional ladders around the pool and additional depth markers to meet code requirements. The depth markers were painted today. We are compiling prices and will proceed with the installation/re-inspection once these items are addressed. Troyer estimates the repairs may run between \$1500 and \$2000.

Informed Council in compiling the street paving bid, it has become clear that there is not sufficient time to complete a full scale paving project this year. The requirements for bid specifications have changed and time is needed to compile the information. Troyer recommended patching and skim coating on problem areas. The possibility of resurfacing South School Street this year remains. A bid will be prepared over the winter for next spring.

Informed Council Holmes Pest has supplied us with a map showing the areas they spray (attached to packet). It appears that several areas of the Village are not being sprayed. One area is Lakeview Addition. Troyer will meet with Holmes Pest Control and add areas to the schedule. Councilwoman Polen also asked Troyer to have the driver slow down when spraying.

Informed Council three credit requests were received for the sewer portion on utility bills. 1.) Robert Camacho, owner of property at 682 South Washington Street had a line break in his basement. The utility department verified the water did not go down the sewer system. He is requesting a credit for 3,000 gallons in the amount of \$6.45 for the sewer portion of the bill. 2.) J Y Rentals LTD owner of property at 625 #A Kenton Alley. There was a leak from a line that broke and 38,000 gallons of water was used. The utilities department verified the water did not go down the sewer system. He is requesting a credit for 20,000 gallons in the amount of \$43.00 for the sewer portion of the bill. 3.) Holmes County Ag Society – Fairgrounds; Kerry Taylor said they had several leaks on outside water spigots that did not go down the sewer system. Cline Plumbing fixed several leaks during the fair. It was determined the 3 quarter average for the fair season was 273,000 gallons and they used 319,000 this year. He is requesting a credit for 46,000 gallons for the sewer portion of the bill in the amount of \$98.90. A motion was made by Beechy to approve all credit requests. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Hardesty, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Baird voting aye.

LEGISLATION: Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2013-24 "Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Annexation Agreement with Campbell Oil, Inc. and Hardy Township Trustees" for the second time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Emergency Ordinance 2013-107 "Emergency Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances and Resolutions as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; to Provide for the Adoption and Publication of New Matter in the Updated and Revised Codified Ordinances; and to Repeal Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith" for the first time by title only. Motion made by Beechy to suspend the rules requiring the second and third reading of Ordinance 2013-107. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Hofstetter, Baird, Hardesty, Vaughn, and Polen voting aye. Motion made by Vaughn to pass and adopt Ordinance 2013-107. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Vaughn, Hardesty, Polen, Hofstetter, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Polen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Hardesty, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.

Approved Date

Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Huebner, Mayor