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VILLAGE OF MILLERSBURG

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Public Hearing

The Council of the Village of Millersburg met for a Public Hearing on August 27, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Huebner called the hearing to order. Council members in attendance were: Devone Polen, Mike Uhl, Junior Vaughn, Greg Hardesty, Jim Beechy, and Ruby Baird. Village Solicitor Robert Hines was also in attendance.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear any comments on the rezoning of property owned by New Pointe Church and the Holmes County Agricultural Society (fairgrounds). The property will be rezoned from R-1 (Estate Residential District) to SU (Special Use District). Administrator Troyer noted that he has not received any written comments. No verbal comments were heard.

With no questions by Council, Mayor Huebner closed the hearing.

Regular Session of Council

The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on August 27, 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, Greg Hardesty, Jim Beechy, and Ruby Baird. Solicitor Hines was also in attendance.

VISITORS: Ryan Hershberger addressed Council regarding the proposed one-half percent income tax increase. Hershberger noted that he voted no on the ballot issue the previous two times. However, with the street lighting fees (on ballot) and license plate tax that was recently enacted, he feels the better option is to support the income tax increase. Hershberger told Council they had his 100% support and stated that it is time for the negative comments to end and for residents to step up and make the Village a better place to live. Council and the Mayor thanked Hershberger for his support and comments.

MINUTES: Motion made by Baird to suspend the reading of the minutes of the public hearing and regular session of Council held August 13, 2012. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Baird, Hardesty, Vaughn, Uhl, Beechy, and Polen voting aye. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Beechy to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Baird. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Baird, Polen, Uhl, Vaughn, and Hardesty voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Uhl to pay bill resolution 2012-30, bills' \$49,900.59; payroll \$31,054.49; total \$80,955.08. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Uhl, Vaughn, Baird, Hardesty, Polen, and Beechy voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Troyer: Informed Council September 5th the P&Z Commission will hear a sign variance request from Archer Sign for 1597 South Washington Street and a variance application for an addition to Amish Wedding Foods.

Informed Council the Village continues to meet with potential applicants for the Tier II grant money.

Informed Council the contract was sent to Aspen Energy and we received a copy of the finalized contract back from Champion Energy. The new kw/H prices will be effective with our next scheduled meter reading with the possible exception of the street lights. There was a proposed 90 day notice to supplier covering the street lights; however, this has been waived so it could be effective the same time as our remaining accounts.

Reminded Council Second Saturday's in the Burg will take place on September 8th. The theme for this month is the 1980's and Ghostbusters will be shown on the big screen that night. Recent events of HDM included a canned goods drive for the Love Center Food Pantry and the showing of The Hunger Games on August 18th, as well as Cash Mob on August 20th. Both events went very well and were well attended.

Informed Council he and Tara McCulloch met with representatives of the North Coast Film Commission last week regarding the Village joining the Commission. The Commission would represent the Village to make us available to filmmakers seeking options for filming locations. This would be done at no cost to the Village and we can opt out at any time if we are unsatisfied. Council agreed that this would assist in promoting Millersburg. Visitor Betty Patterson asked who would control what was being filmed. Troyer indicated that the Village could specify in an agreement that approval from the Village must be given on any subject matter. Upon recommendation of Solicitor Hines, Council approved joining the commission after Solicitor Hines draws up an agreement.

Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer: Informed Council the health insurance will renew on November 1st. The renewal rates are anticipated within the next two weeks.

Mayor Huebner: Asked Council to think about a few things over the next couple of weeks. Questions posed to him have been: 1. If the income tax increase passes, will services such as mosquito spraying; leaf pickup; paving; and the swimming pool be restored? 2.) Will a portion of the new money be set aside for a rainy day fund and for paving? Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer noted she strongly suggests to Council that a percentage of the new money (if passed) be set aside so the Village will not be dealing with financial issues again. Huebner asked Council to review the questions and discussion will be held at a later date.

LEGISLATION: Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2012-28 "A Resolution to Allow the Mayor to Sign an Oil and Gas Lease on Behalf of the Village" for the second time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Ordinance 2012-111 "An Ordinance Amending Zoning Map (Zoned Territory) Of The Village Of Millersburg" for the first time by title only.

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

Date approved

Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Huebner, Mayor