



VILLAGE OF MILLERSBURG

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The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Huebner called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In the absence of Clerk-Treasurer Karen Shaffer, Solicitor Hines gave roll call and the following members were in attendance: Devone Polen, Mike Uhl, Junior Vaughn, Greg Hardesty, Jim Beechy, and Ruby Baird. Motion made by Beechy to excuse Shaffer from the meeting. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Uhl, Vaughn, Hardesty, and Baird voting aye.

VISITORS: Brent Hofstetter provided information he gathered in response to a letter to the editor that was previously published in the Daily Record. The letter involved comparing the budgets of the Millersburg Police Department and the Loudonville Police Department and its relation to cutting costs for Millersburg. Hofstetter noted that each of the departments budgets differ in the way accounting is done for personnel, benefits, and retirements. When both are compared equally, there is a 7% difference between the two, with Millersburg's being the higher at \$600,000. Loudonville has a population of 2,906 while Millersburg's is 3,025. MPD has six full time officers (including the chief), two part-time officers, two full-time dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher. LPD has six full-time officers (including the chief), one investigator, six auxiliary officers, four full-time dispatchers and three part-time dispatchers. Other statistics Hofstetter reported were the fact that Millersburg is both younger and poorer than Loudonville and that would probably contribute to a higher crime rate. Millersburg has a higher density of people living in it than Loudonville and when individuals are together more closely, you are more likely to have more conflicts and have more need for police protection. Hofstetter also noted that Millersburg is handling 34% more calls than Loudonville, all with only a 7% difference in their respective budgets. In the last 1 ½ years, one police officer retired and a few more have left the department with none of the positions being replaced. Hofstetter said Millersburg is getting a great service from the police department for what we are paying for it. Prior money-saving suggestions from residents were to make more cuts in the PD via personnel, benefits, and hours of operations, or dis-banning the PD and contracting with Sheriff's Department. Hofstetter noted that while trying to increase the tax base by bringing jobs and people to town, companies looking to relocate or build facilities will not be attracted to an area with high crime rate. If additional cuts are made to the PD in operations/coverage, there will more than likely be an increase in incidents and crime. Any further cuts to the PD would be harmful to the village. Councilman Beechy agreed with Hofstetter's comments and noted he will fight to keep the PD in tact. All of Council of agreed and thanked Hofstetter 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 27, 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 Vaughn to accept the minutes as

presented. Seconded by Beechy. Upon roll call, motion carried with Vaughn, Beechy, Baird, Polen, Uhl, and Hardesty voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Uhl to pay bill resolution 2012-31, bills' \$32,126.96; payroll \$32,363.35; total \$64,490.31. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Uhl, Hardesty, Polen, Vaughn, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Troyer: Informed Council The P&Z Commission met on September 5 and approved a sign variance request from Archer Sign for 1597 South Washington Street and a variance application for an addition to Amish Wedding Foods. In addition, Josh Proper has moved outside of the Village limits so we are in the process of finding a replacement member for P & Z. Troyer noted any interested parties should contact him.

Informed Council the Village has been working on an agreement with the North Coast Film Commission and believe it is ready to be approved. Troyer indicated he will be finalizing the filming permits very soon as well. Once all documents are finalized, they will be presented to Council for approval.

Informed Council the August AEP street lighting bill was \$3094.06

Informed Council August septage receiving was 66,500 gallons received for a total of \$3910.00.

Informed Council a compressor went out of one of the a/c units in Village Hall. Cline's provided a quote and to replace the compressor was almost half the cost of a new unit and only came with a 1 year warranty. Troyer noted he instructed Cline's to replace the entire unit for a cost of \$3680. This includes a 10 year warranty on the coil and condenser and 1 year on labor. Council had no objections.

Updated Council on HDM events. The "Cash Mob" will be held on Sept. 17 beginning at Hotel Millersburg at 5:15. This past Saturday (Sept.8) was the "Second Saturday in the Burg" and was well attended with approx. 75 individuals in attendance. The next "Second Saturday Event" is October 13th.

Informed Council the Village received a letter from the EPA on August 31st. The letter informs the Village that we have met all the requirements of the "Findings & Orders" issued in October 2010 against the WWTP. The EPA has released the Village from the orders.

Clerk-Treasurer: In the absence of Clerk Shaffer, Mayor Huebner presented the August 2012 Financial Reports consisting of the Bank Reconciliation; Appropriation Summary, Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Payment Summary, and Payroll. There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Huebner: Informed Council the Chamber will be sponsoring "Business After Hours" at New Pointe Community Church. The event will be Sept 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

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 third time by title only. Motion made by Polen to pass and adopt Resolution 2012-28. Seconded by Uhl. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Uhl, Vaughn, Hardesty, Beechy, and Baird voting aye.

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

Mayor Huebner read Emergency Ordinance 2012-112 "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 Polen to suspend the rules requiring the second and third reading of Ordinance 2012-112. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hardesty, Baird, Beechy, Vaughn, and Uhl voting aye. Motion made by Beechy to pass and adopt Ordinance 2012-112.

Seconded by Baird. Upon roll call. Motion carried with Beechy, Baird, Polen, Uhl, Vaughn, and Hardesty voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Polen to adjourn into executive session to confer with the public body's attorney for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Seconded by Uhl. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Uhl, Vaughn, Hardesty, Beechy, and Baird voting aye. Kevin Vaughn was asked to remain.

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