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The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on November 10, 2014 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, Robert Shoemaker, Jim Beechy and Ruby Baird. Motion made by Beechy to excuse Solicitor Robert Hines. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Shoemaker and Baird voting aye.

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

BILLS: Motion made by Beechy to pay bill resolution 2014-30 Bills' \$162,875.66; Payroll \$37,198.20; total \$200,073.86. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Vaughn, Baird, Shoemaker, Hofstetter and Polen voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Administrator Troyer: Informed Council a progress meeting with the RCAP field staff was held last week to review the project. At this point, the data collection is virtually completed. We have completely reviewed the sanitary sewer mapping and a portion of the water mapping at this point to resolve any discrepancies/trouble areas. Additional data collection will take place over the next few weeks to hopefully finalize this portion of the project.

Informed Council a revision is complete to the draft of the Vacant Building Registry ordinance. A response was received from Jerry Hoxworth stating he was opposed to the ordinance. Several individuals from the community addressed Council. Jim & Denise Cheyney; Andrea Kellogg; Tom Bird; Judy Lamp; and Eric Smeby all expressed their opinions. The Cheyney's, Kellogg and Smeby were in opposition of the ordinance. Differences ranged from the fees involved; exemptions, penalizing main street owners and not the entire Village; to other ways of marketing the Village. Bird and Lamp expressed their desire for Council to enact the ordinance citing the Village will die if Council doesn't do something soon to stop the empty and crumbling buildings. They felt there are safeguards in the ordinance through exemptions that protect owners who are actively pursuing sale or rent of their buildings. After much discussion on the ordinance, Council opted to make a few changes. The coverage area mentioned in the ordinance will remain the same (downtown area) and may be changed to include other areas at a later date. A section will be added to specify what fund the fees would be deposited in and how the money would be used. In addition, the exemptions would be spelled out more clearly and apply to the entire ordinance. A revised copy will be provided when it becomes available.

Informed Council the High Tank Project application with OPWC has moved on to the district level.

Informed Council he and Solicitor Hines are working on an ordinance for the Tree City program and anticipate having this to Council at the 11/24 meeting.

Informed Council recycling totals for October were 8.49 tons of recyclables collected. This brings us to 38.09 tons collected through the first 4 months of the program.

Informed Council septage receiving totals for October were 138,500 gallons collected for a total of \$8,475.00.

Clerk Treasurer Shaffer: Presented the October 2014 Financial Reports consisting of the Bank Reconciliation; Appropriation Summary, Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Payment Summary and Payroll. There were no questions or comments.

LEGISLATION: Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2014-27 "A Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Sums From The Water Operating Fund To The Water Repair And Improvement Fund" for the second time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2014-28 "A Resolution Authorizing The Transfer Of Sums From The Sewer Operating Fund To The Sewer Repair And Improvement Fund" for the second time by title only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Baird to adjourn into executive session to discuss salaries and wages of Village personnel. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Baird, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Shoemaker and Beechy voting aye. (Street Superintendent Pat Mellor was asked to remain for executive session).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION: Motion made by Beechy to remove Jim Strouse from probationary statues and increase his hourly wage to \$12 per hour effective November 15th. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Vaughn, Polen, Hofstetter, Shoemaker 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, Shoemaker, Beechy and Baird voting aye.

Approved Date _____

Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Huebner, Mayor