

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
November 11, 2014 – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.

Present – Members: Kathleen Eshleman, Richard Eshleman, Cindy Naseman, Mark Pulfer, Jennifer Shoffner, Gary Strasser, Mayor Robert Anderson, Village Administrator Nancy Benroth, Fiscal Officer Linda Pleiman, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Scott Evans
Guest: Eileen Boyer

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with roll call followed by opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Shoffner moved to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2014 regular meeting. Second by Strasser. Roll call – 5 yeas, 1 abstention. R. Eshleman was abstaining vote.

Invoices totaling \$22,954.68 were presented for payment. K. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

Citizen Concerns:

Eileen Boyer commented on how nice the new roof looks.

Legislation:

Remains Tabled – ORDINANCE NO. 1638-13 – AN ORDINANCE DISBANDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tabled - ORDINANCE NO. 1660-14 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SIDEWALK POLICY

Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 779-14 – A RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FIRST QUARTER EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015
K. Eshleman moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call – all yeas.

First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 784-14 – EMERGENCY
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to suspend the rules.
Roll call – all yeas.
R. Eshleman moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call – all yeas.

Reports:

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Traffic fines collected in October totaled \$840 and \$300 was sent to the State. Anderson will be attending Regional Planning Commission scheduled for Monday, November 17 at 12:15.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that the children's fountain at the Park is in the process of being refurbished. This is being paid for through the Anna Endowment Grant. Benroth has been in contact with the donor who would like to expand the walking path. They will continue to research the property lines and railroad right-of-way. "Handicap Users Only" signs will be installed on the handicap swings to deter kids from playing on them. Rubber mats have also been purchased to place under the handicap swings. Benroth approved the lot split for 512 E. Main. The owners are deeding over a ten foot strip to the Harshbargers where their driveway and back garage are over the property line. Benroth also reported that she met with the County Auditor's Office to determine how the different types of annexation will affect property tax distribution. The best option seems to be the normal process rather than Fast Track. Under the normal process the area is incorporated into the Village and the majority of taxes are paid to the Village. A set of solar flashing light bars have been

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purchased to attach to one of the “No Right Turn” signs on Pike Street. If this deters the truckers from turning right onto Main Street, we may purchase more to install on the other signs.

Naseman asked Benroth who would be updating the website, since she had stated in her e-mail to Council that she would no longer be doing the website. Benroth replied that we would be contracting it out as we did before. Naseman stressed the importance of getting information to the public through the website. Naseman also stated that she wanted to make sure that all the items Benroth would no longer be doing would be taken care of and not falling through the cracks. K. Eshleman felt that Benroth should still take care of the website since we paid for the training. She also thought that the health insurance and the liability insurance should be done by the Fiscal Officer since it is a part of her job description. There was some discussion regarding inventories and record storage.

Police Chief Scott Evans reported that he has a pre-trial next week for one of the truck drivers who was cited for a right turn at Pike Street and Main Street. The biggest concern for the truck drivers seems to be the points added to their driving record.

Fire Chief Bender reported that the department helped Sidney with a house fire last Monday. A demo of extrication tools is tentatively set for November 19th on the gravel area at the Park. Bender will confirm date and time later and all are welcome to attend.

Shoffner reported that Finance and Personnel met this evening. October financial statements were reviewed and approved. HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) was discussed.

Public Works will meet on November 25th at 6:00.

K. Eshleman reported that Safety and Refuse met on November 4th and the following items were discussed: Fire Department ceiling, peeling paint on cruiser bumper and replacement of extrication tools.

Planning Commission will meet on December 2nd at 7:00. Hopefully, they will have final plans for the Middendorf subdivision.

Other Reports:

Naseman reported that the Civic Association will be hosting “Christmas in the Village” on December 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Anna Library. There will be games, refreshments, crafts, gifts and Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Lutheran Church will have a Santa’s Workshop and a vendor fair.

Old Business:

Renewal of contract with St. Marys for income tax collection – An Ordinance will be presented at next Council meeting authorizing the Mayor to contract with St. Marys for a period of six months. We are still considering R.I.T.A. as an option. Benroth spoke with Molly Berner from the Anna Income Tax Office and they’ve declined to handle our taxes.

Solicitor Agreement – It was suggested that we contract with Aaron Lowe for a period of one year. Benroth will check with Lowe and an Ordinance will be presented at next Council meeting.

There was discussion on the “Dumpster Enclosure Guidelines” presented by Benroth. The purpose is to use this as a guide for the Board of Zoning Appeals in granting variances. It was consensus that the only guideline should be “The BZA can grant a waiver or modification if installing an enclosure would create practical difficulties or an unnecessary hardship. They will be determined on a case by case basis and a Variance Hearing is required.”

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New Business:

December Council meetings – The second meeting of December is scheduled for the 23rd. After discussing other options, it was decided to hold the meeting on the 23rd.

R. Eshleman suggested that Council have a work session to discuss the financial status of the Village and to plan for the future. After discussion, a work session was scheduled for Monday, December 8th at 6:00.

More discussion ensued regarding the updating of the website. We currently use Dreamweaver software. Naseman will contact Adam Reiss for suggestions on something that is more user-friendly.

There was discussion on who should take minutes at committee meetings.

Other Business:

None

There being no further business to come before the group, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. This meeting is held in compliance with Amended Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Time: 8:08 pm

Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer