

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
April 22, 2014 – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.

Present – Members: Kathleen Eshleman, Richard Eshleman, Cindy Naseman, Mark Pulfer, Jenni Shoffner, Gary Strasser, Mayor Robert Anderson, Village Administrator Nancy Benroth, Fiscal Officer Linda Pleiman, Police Chief Scott Evans, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Solicitor Stan Evans, Aaron Lowe
Residents and Guests: Eileen Boyer, William Balling, Paul Workman

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

Strasser moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 regular meeting as amended. Second by Shoffner. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$19,987.88 were presented for payment. R. Eshleman moved and Pulfer seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Shoffner moved to approve the March Bank Reconciliation. Second by K. Eshleman. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

Citizen Concerns & Guests:

William Balling, 505 Apple Ave., was present as spokesperson for his neighbors on Apple Ave. and Cherry Lane with questions regarding construction of sidewalks in their neighborhood. Is there a long-term plan for sidewalks? What about sidewalks along 119 coming off of Interstate regarding initial appearance of the Village? What is the consistency of residents paying for their sidewalks? Benroth replied that a two year plan has been proposed for the Apple/Cherry area. There is currently not a long-term plan for sidewalks. We will start looking at a long-term plan on an address by address basis. Balling noted that one of the biggest concerns is that residents in that area are being invoiced for their sidewalks but the residents on South Pike did not have to pay for theirs. R. Eshleman commented that Council needs to adopt a plan and stick with it.

Legislation:

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

Reports:

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Anderson attended the Shelby County Safety Council Annual Awards Banquet April 16th. We were presented with a 100% Achievement Award for preventing accidents and injuries in the workplace. This is sponsored by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Anderson will be attending the Shelby Co. Regional Planning Commission meeting tomorrow, April 23rd. Anderson welcomed our newest Council member, Mark Pulfer. He also recognized Richard Steinke and Kurt Ehemann by Proclamation for their years of dedicated service to the Village. Anderson and Benroth attended a meeting with school officials today at 4:30. Some of the topics discussed were: the possibility of another full-time police officer, sidewalks, Family Dollar, Middendorf subdivision and Village/school cooperation in striping of streets and parking lots. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 4:30 in Council Chambers. The Anna Education Foundation Banquet will be held Thursday evening, April 24th, at 6:30 at Shelby Oaks. Anderson voiced his concern about the condition of the property located at 202 West Main. The property was recently sold at Sheriff's Sale.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that she has contacted Sidney Sealcoat to re-do parking space striping and crosswalks in town. She was informed that Sidney Sealcoat no longer does this. Benroth has also contacted several contractors to get quotes for sidewalks for the entire

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neighborhood of Cherry Lane and Apple Avenue rather than breaking it up into a two year project done in-house.

Chief Evans reported that the National Child Safety Council will be presenting a program for the Elementary School on Friday. Evans will be presenting programs on drug awareness to the Middle School the second week of May and to the High School the following week.

Finance and Personnel will meet on May 13th.

Public Works Committee met this evening. R. Eshleman reported that a valve-exercising program was discussed. Radio-read meters have been ordered from Neptune and have a six to eight week lead time. We have been getting quotes to have our traffic signals switched out to LED. The cost will be \$15,540 with a \$1,200 rebate from DP&L. Total cost with battery back-up will be \$14,340. The project will be paid for from the State Highway fund. The committee is looking at putting a permanent generator at the Water Treatment Plant. Benroth is waiting on another quote for Town Hall roof. The committee is also looking at switching out street lights to an LED light system.

Safety and Refuse will meet in two weeks, May 6th at 4:30.

Parks and Recreation – Strasser reported that approximately fifty people attended Kites in the Park on Monday. Plans for the Circus are being finalized. Ticket prices are \$10 and \$6 pre-sale.

K. Eshleman reported that the Anna Library Advisory Committee met. They received \$1500 from the St. Jacob Endowment Fund to purchase books on CD and family videos. The summer reading program is titled Fizz, Boom, Read! The committee also discussed property maintenance for the summer.

Old Business:

Siegel property – There has been an on-going issue with the owner of the property and the failure to comply with zoning regulations, particularly paving in front of the business. The information regarding this issue was turned over to Solicitor Evans upon his hiring. Evans stressed that if we decide to pursue legal action, all of Council must be on board. After some discussion, R. Eshleman made a motion authorizing Solicitor Evans to pursue legal action. Second by Shoffner. Roll call – all yeas.

Dumpsters – Benroth sent letters to businesses asking them to enclose dumpsters per zoning regulations. Benroth is asking for clarification from Solicitor Evans regarding the “grandfather clause” in the zoning code.

New Business:

R. Eshleman made a motion to proceed with the upgrade to LED traffic signals with battery back-up at a cost of \$14,340 to be paid from the State Highway fund. Second by Strasser. Roll call – all yeas.

At last Council meeting, Benroth was asked to check into financing for the Police Department in regards to hiring another full-time officer. Benroth contacted Joy Bond from St. Marys. An additional ¼ % income tax would generate \$85,414, ½ % would generate \$170,828 and ¾ % would generate \$256,242. Benroth and R. Eshleman estimate \$250,000 needed to maintain and run the Police Department for one year with two full-time officers and decent equipment and vehicles. The other option would be to reduce the tax credit which does not need voter approval. Bond was not able to put together data for this option at this time. Currently, Anna allows full credit for taxes paid to other cities ranging from 0 to 1 ½%. Benroth also contacted Auditor York regarding millage. We are currently at our max of ten mills. Anything additional would need to go on as a levy. We would need a millage of 10.53 to generate the \$250,000 needed. The owner of a home valued at

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\$100,000 would be paying \$368.50 per year. This information will be taken to the Citizens' Committee.

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: 8:10 pm

Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer