

**VILLAGE OF ANNA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**April 8, 2014 – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.**

Present – Members: Kathleen Eshleman, Richard Eshleman, Cindy Naseman, Jenni Shoffner, Gary Strasser, Mayor Robert Anderson, Village Administrator Nancy Benroth, Fiscal Officer Linda Pleiman, Police Chief Scott Evans, Fire Chief Tim Bender  
Residents and Guests: Eileen Boyer, Mark and Jana Pulfer, Pat and Deb Freisthler

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 March 25, 2014 regular meeting. Second by Strasser. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$61,188.38 were presented for payment. K. Eshleman moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

**Citizen Concerns & Guests:**

Pat Freisthler, 207 Cherry Lane, had several questions regarding the sidewalks that will be constructed in Whispering Meadows. Will all of Whispering Meadows be getting sidewalks? Benroth replied that it is broken down into two phases and it will be done in-house in order to keep costs down. Phase one will be south side of Cherry and west side of Apple. Phase two will be done in 2015. Benroth noted that the guiding force behind this is the Safe Routes to School program. Freisthler also wanted to know if there was a plan for sidewalks for the rest of the town and if there were payment options. Benroth replied that there are no definite plans at this time but this will be discussed with Public Works employees. The cost can be assessed to property taxes over a period of years or residents could also set up a payment plan with the Village.

**Legislation:**

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

Third Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 772-14 – A RESOLUTION URGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT STATE ISSUE I, RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6, 2014 BALLOT

K. Eshleman moved to adopt. Second by Shoffner. Roll call – all yeas.

**Reports:**

Mayor Anderson reported that the Shelby Co. Mayors met at Meyer's at Botkins on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Traffic fines collected in March totaled \$1,300. \$450 was sent to the State. Letters regarding zoning ordinance violations have been sent to residents. Police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Anderson reported that the Regional Planning Commission met on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Anderson noted that Chief Evans said he would make sure that all non-emergency calls (messages) will be returned. The officers will also be keeping a log of calls.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that R. Eshleman suggested that we create an extension on the east side of the first three bays of the storage units to provide extra room for the Village vehicles and then install garage doors. We could then convert the bay attached to the building as a records storage unit. R. Eshleman made a motion to replace all doors and enlarge the first three units at a cost not to exceed \$7,500. Strasser seconded the motion. Roll call – all yeas. Benroth ordered a new Village entrance sign. She also reported that a solar light has been installed on the flag pole next to Town Hall. Benroth has contacted two companies to provide quotes to refinish the tennis courts. The Public Works employees are waiting on two quotes to install a permanent generator at the Water Treatment Plant. Naseman made a motion authorizing Benroth to enter into a contract with Bug-a-Boo for mosquito spraying at

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a cost of \$175 per application. K. Eshleman seconded the motion. Roll call – all yeas. Benroth has two quotes from Frost Roofing for Town Hall roofing - \$30,000 for asphalt and \$45,000 for standing seam. She will be meeting with a representative tomorrow to get a quote for metal, stone coated roofing. Naseman mentioned the soccer camp that was scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Park. Brandt noted that the date has been changed to April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to noon. Regarding the British soccer camp that is scheduled for this summer, Naseman suggested that we charge for the use of the Park for that camp.

Chief Evans reported that there was a smash and grab early Monday morning at the Shell gas station. There was also a similar incident in Franklin, Ohio. Evans is working with Franklin detectives. Evans also reported that the National Child Safety Council will be presenting a program to the elementary school on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Evans presented information on heroin awareness to Council and guests.

Finance and Personnel met this evening. Shoffner reported that February and March financials were reviewed and approved. Pay ranges were discussed. More information will be gathered from surrounding Villages. Also discussed was the possibility of hiring another full-time police officer. The Committee also reviewed six-month evaluations for Shuster, Homan and Romanowski.

Public Works Committee will meet April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00.

Safety and Refuse met on April 1<sup>st</sup>. K. Eshleman commended Chief Bender and the Fire Department on the organization and success of the Tidwell benefit. K. Eshleman reported that it was the recommendation of our insurance carrier that calls to the Police Department not be transferred to their cell phones. Evans is getting quotes for touching up the paint on the Crown Vic.

Parks and Recreation met this evening. Strasser reported that Donna Furrow and the Eco-Warriors will be tagging trees at the Park. Park events schedule:

April 21, 4:00-6:00 – Kites in the Park and I Spy     Rain date is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

May 10, 3:00 – Jazz in the Park

May 23, 5:00 and 7:30 – Circus

June 14 - Singing Duo Spring and Fall

June 27, 6:00 – Family Campout

July 12, 8:00 am to noon – Walk-a-thon

July 12, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Thick and Thin

August 3, 1:00-3:00 – Petting Zoo

September 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Dance

October 12, 1:00-5:00 – Scarecrows in the Park and Craft Show

Strasser also reported that a grant was received from Honda in the amount of \$5,000 for additional exercise equipment for the Park. Money from the Natureworks Grant will provide a new swing set for the Park which will be handicap accessible.

**Old Business:**

Benroth sent letters to residents on Cherry Lane and Apple Drive informing them of Phase 1 of sidewalk construction.

**New Business:**

R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to sponsor the Cruise-In for the Anna Homecoming at a cost of \$30. Roll call – 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Naseman abstained.

Benroth asked for Council approval to contact business owners asking them to enclose dumpsters per ordinance or have penalties applied. It was consensus of Council to approve Benroth enforcing the zoning ordinance. Six-month evaluations have been completed for Shuster, Homan and Romanowski. These employees will receive a \$1.00 per hour pay

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increase. Shuster's will be effective March 28th and Homan and Romanowski's will be effective May 4<sup>th</sup>. Naseman moved and Shoffner seconded the motion to approve these pay increases. Roll call – all yeas.

It is the recommendation of the Safety Committee that we hire a second full-time police officer. This was discussed in Finance and Personnel but we currently do not have funds to provide for this position. After some discussion, it was decided that Benroth and Pleiman will check to see if an additional percentage of income tax could be implemented or if there are other options.

**Other Business:**

It was moved by Naseman and seconded by Shoffner to appoint Mark Pulfer to the Council seat left vacant by Kurt Ehemann's resignation. Roll call – all yeas. At this time, Mark Pulfer was sworn into office by Mayor Anderson.

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: 8:27 pm

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Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer