

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
June 24, 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, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Scott Evans, Solicitor Stanley Evans, Aaron Lowe
Guests: Randy Locker, Eileen Boyer

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 June 10, 2014 regular meeting. Second by Pulfer. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$33,326.38 were presented for payment. Shoffner moved and Strasser seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

K. Eshleman moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve the May Bank Reconciliation. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved by verbal vote.

Citizen Concerns & Guests:

Randy Locker was present to clarify the issues which arose on June 14th concerning the 5K and the accident on I-75. Chief Evans had advised Locker to cancel or postpone the race but Locker recruited volunteers to man the intersections and went ahead with the race as scheduled. Evans returned to the scene of the accident and was not aware until later that the race happened. R. Eshleman asked Evans how he was notified about the accident and Evans replied that he was notified by the county. We were not officially asked to respond to the scene but Evans stated that it was normal practice to assist if we are the closest unit and that those decisions are made on a case to case basis. Eshleman stated that it was his understanding that officers did not leave the Village unless they were asked to assist. Evans replied that it depended on what the circumstances are.

Eileen Boyer asked Council if they were as critical of other Police Chiefs as they are of Evans. Naseman replied that she, as a new Council member, does not intend to be critical but she was just asking for procedures to be clarified. Naseman voiced her concern about the safety of residents when all Village officers are attending the scene of an accident. She felt that someone from the county should have been called to assist.

Legislation:

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

Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 1653-14 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LIBRARY SERVICE AGREEMENT

Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 1654-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUS WATER ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR UTILITY BILLING

Second Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 1655-14 – AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING THE FEES PERTAINING TO UTILITIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 1036-93, 1244-99 AND 1517-08 IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Reports:

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Anderson reported that he has been contacted twice regarding a stray cat problem in the Village. There were no suggestions from Council members of how

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to remedy the problem.

Anderson will be attending the Regional Planning Committee meeting tomorrow. The meeting of Shelby County Mayors will be held Monday, June 30th at the Inn Between at 7:00 pm. Anderson has been contacted by Dave Takhar, owner of Sav-A-Ton and the Shell station, in regards to the possibility of running water and sewer under I-75 to the Sav-A-Ton. Kurt Ehemann contacted Mayor Anderson regarding semis turning right from South Main onto Pike. They have run over the cement pad that was constructed at his corner and into his yard. There was some discussion about patrolling that area more diligently and also the possibility of installing a camera at the intersection. Anderson read a directive from Chief Evans to the auxiliary officers regarding the prompt return of calls left on voice mail.

Fiscal Officer Pleiman, at the request of Mayor Anderson, gave a brief synopsis of her vacation to Africa.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that she and Schroer picked up five bike racks from Honda to be placed at different locations in the Village. A bid from M&W Construction Enterprises has been received for the replacement of the Town Hall roof. The initial quote is for \$43,495 but there are options for additional costs. The high bid for the Crown Vic was \$625. Action will be taken under Old Business. Benroth has received complaints regarding the stoplight at Pike and Main. She sent letters to Mark Fridley and Kurt Ehemann asking them to trim back their trees to improve visibility. We were not awarded the 2013 OPWC grant for reconstruction of Young Street. Benroth asked Kaye Borchers from Choice One to re-submit for 2014. Crack sealing of Main Street should take place this week. Benroth will be taking vacation the week of June 30th through July 4th. Benroth addressed the issue of running Village water and sewer under I-75 to Sav-A-Ton. Current cost would be about \$600,000. Mr. Takhar could loan us our portion but he would have to install everything according to our specs. We, in turn, would make payments for our share directly to him. If we borrow the money from an agency such as OWDA, we would have to head the project. We would have to go through the engineers and we would have to pay prevailing wage which would increase the cost. Benroth, Anderson and R. Eshleman will meet with Mr. Takhar and discuss options.

Chief of Police – Chief Evans reported that he has had complaints from neighbors regarding grass and weeds at the Burden property at 107 Brentwood. Anderson commented that it was mowed last Saturday. Evans said that there is still building material in the back beside the patio. Evans had also contacted the owner of Anna Machine and gave him twenty days to have the property cleaned up. The tires and some of the junk have been removed. The skids get rotated out.

The Public Works Committee met this evening. R. Eshleman reported on items discussed: Water Valve Exercising Program – Benroth is working on grant application. Radio read meters are in. The company will set up times with residents for installation. Traffic signals – equipment is here. CJ Electric will come in to check everything. Sidewalk program delayed till next year. Work session for sidewalk program is scheduled for July 15th. Doors have been ordered for storage unit. Quote for Town Hall roof replacement has been received. Switch village-owned street lights to LED - Waiting on delivery of material. Gator will need to be replaced - approximate cost of \$10,000 - \$3,000 for trade in

Parks and Recreation – Strasser commented on the success of the concert on June 14th featuring Spring & Fall. Approximately 55 people attended. The family campout is scheduled for this Friday, June 27th.

Planning Commission will not be meeting in July but the Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet on July 15th at 5:00 to discuss the dumpster enclosure for Wells Brothers.

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Old Business:

R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$625 for the administrator's Crown Vic. Roll call – all yeas.

R. Eshleman moved and Naseman seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$43,495 from M&W Construction Enterprises for the replacement of the Town Hall roof. Roll call – all yeas.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

R. Eshleman noted that the City of Sidney is discussing the possibility of passing a one quarter percent increase on their income taxes. If they do, that will affect us and we may have to consider our options.

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: 8:04 pm

Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer