

**VILLAGE OF ANNA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**September 9, 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 August 26, 2014 regular meeting. Second by Strasser. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$75,398.16 were presented for payment. K. Eshleman moved and Naseman seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

**Citizen Concerns:**

None

**Legislation:**

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

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 1657-14 – AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-2 TO R-3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 104 S. THIRD

Second Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 777-14 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 778-14 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

**Reports:**

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Fines collected in August totaled \$1,240. \$412.50 was sent to the State. Anderson attended the RPC executive committee meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Grant funds for home repair are still available to qualified applicants for roofing, furnace repairs, septic system, etc. Anderson advised Council about a resident who was charged a fee and costs for non-compliance of the grass and weeds Ordinance 1486-06. This ordinance does not include a penalty for non-compliance but Ohio Basic Code 10.99 provides for general penalty in certain instances. Council agreed that a penalty needs to be added to the Ordinance.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that the new Gator is in. Benroth and K. Eshleman will be attending the Ohio Municipal League Conference scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Benroth continues to research the ShareOhio Program. Benroth is looking for lights to attach to the "Trucks No Right Turn" signs to make them more visible.

Naseman asked for the status of clean-up at Anna Machine. Chief Evans replied that one of the dumpsters is used for recycling shavings. The owner has been given ten days to remove the vehicle.

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Chief Evans reported that Erica Brant has applied for the position of auxiliary officer. Her credentials are checking out and she will be available for weekends. Anderson asked Evans if he turned in the cruiser accident information to insurance. Evans replied that he had given the report to Benroth. Cost for repair of the vehicle was \$925.20. Deductible is \$500. Discussion followed regarding what constitutes an accident and what procedures to follow after an accident, such as drug/alcohol testing.

Fire Chief Bender informed Council that hose testing is complete and he will be bringing a proposal to Safety Committee for purchase of new hose.

Shoffner reported that Finance and Personnel met this evening. They reviewed July and August financial reports. Items discussed were purging of files, personnel evaluations, stipend for administrator vehicle use and pay ranges. Finance Committee recommends that Utility Clerk pay range be \$8.00-\$18.00, Public Works Employee Level I \$10.00-\$18.00 and Public Works Employee Level II \$10.00-\$22.00. Benroth will draft ordinance reflecting these increases.

R. Eshleman reported that Public Works will meet on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00. They will also meet next Tuesday (September 16<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 to continue work on the sidewalk projects.

K. Eshleman noted that items discussed at Safety and Refuse Committee meeting have already been discussed in previous reports.

Strasser reported that there were not enough members present tonight for a quorum but those present did discuss park events for 2015. There will not be a dance in the park next year due to low attendance at last Friday's event. Naseman suggested a Farmer's Market for next year.

Benroth reported that Planning Commission will meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to discuss a variance for an addition to a patio on Emerald.

Naseman reported on the Civic Association meeting held last evening. She wanted to confirm dates for Trick-or-Treat and Christmas in the Village. Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 and the Civic Association will be hosting a Halloween Party at the Elementary School at 7:00 or 7:30. Christmas in the Village will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. Naseman advised Council that dates for Homecoming for 2015 are currently June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> although they are discussing the possibility of not having the festival or possibly just having it for one day at the Park. The reason for their decision is the cost of DP&L providing electric for the event and the lack of volunteer manpower. They are looking at different options.

**Old Business:**

Water softeners – R. Eshleman will continue to research and we will discuss at next meeting.

Dumpster regulations – Benroth advised Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that the dumpster ordinance come back to Council for possible revisions. There was discussion but no action was taken. At this time, businesses will need to comply with ordinance.

**New Business:**

We are currently under contract with St. Marys for income tax collection. For 2015, they will be increasing our cost from \$15,000 to \$37,500. Jackson Center is currently using RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) for their collections. Benroth will check with Jackson Center Administrator to compare costs and services. Benroth will research other options.

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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: 8:03 pm

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Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer