

**VILLAGE OF ANNA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**January 13, 2015 – 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 Pleiman, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Scott Evans, Solicitor Aaron Lowe  
Guest: Mark Siegel

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

R. Eshleman moved to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2014 regular meeting. Second by Strasser. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$24,555.50 were presented for payment. Strasser moved and Shoffner seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Mark Siegel was present to voice his concerns regarding zoning violations.

R. Eshleman moved and Pulfer seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call – all yeas.

Upon return to regular session, Solicitor Lowe reiterated the proposal he had presented to Mr. Siegel – that he sign off on an order granting the injunction, pay for our attorney fees and we would drop the 189 counts and grant a six month extension. Since no agreement was reached with Mr. Siegel, R. Eshleman moved and Pulfer seconded the motion to proceed with prosecution. Roll call – all yeas.

**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. Traffic fines for December totaled \$385 and \$150 was sent to the State. Anderson and Benroth will be meeting with school officials on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 here at the Town Hall.

Fiscal Officer Pleiman reported that she is running reports and closing out fiscal year 2014 and getting 2015 up and running.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that she has submitted applications to the Anna Endowment Fund, one for the park and one for the town. Planning Commission met and approved the final plan for Timber Trails Subdivision. Benroth should be receiving another sample for concrete street patching from a different company.

Police Chief Evans reported that he talked to Stacy Weinstock of Anna Machine regarding the camper and lawnmowers that are sitting in front of his business. The large dumpster will soon be removed from the property. Naseman suggested that he be given a deadline to have items removed. Chief Evans verified that there would be police presence for basketball games.

Fire Chief Bender reported that, on Friday morning, the department responded to a two-semi accident on interstate. One driver had to be extricated. In spite of the below zero wind chill, everything went okay. They also responded as mutual aid to a fire later that day near

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Jackson Center. One truck sustained minor damage to the exhaust pipe when the passenger side axle fell into a sinkhole. The truck had to be towed. The department also responded to an accident on interstate on Sunday evening during the ice storm – minor injuries to the occupants.

Pulfer reported that Public Works Committee will meet on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Naseman reported that Safety and Refuse met on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief Bender reported that Council, at their last meeting, had approved the purchase of the extrication tools and they have been purchased. Chief Evans reported that Carstar will be repairing the bumpers on the Crown Vic at a cost of \$1684. The manifold on the Explorer will need to be repaired. It was suggested that Evans use Anna businesses for repair and purchases if possible. Mayor Anderson requested that the Village seriously consider hiring of at least one, if not two, full-time police officers. Discussion followed. Naseman asked why recycling wasn't picked up over the holidays.

Benroth reported that Planning Commission met on January 6<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed and approved final plans for Timber Trails Subdivision. They will meet again on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

Benroth and Shuster obtained quotes from four companies for the purchase of four water softeners – for the Police Department, Town Hall, Wastewater Administrative Building and Maintenance Garage. Information was distributed to Council. R. Eshleman moved and Naseman seconded the motion to purchase from Carr Supply at a cost of \$639.97 each. Roll call – all yeas.

Naseman questioned the progress of the website. Benroth replied that she is working with Shelly Bohman of Graphic Communications. She has provided her with the information needed so that she can get in and manipulate our website. She will also be working on formatting pictures.

**New Business:**

Strasser moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to nominate Jenni Shoffner as President pro-tempore of Council for 2015. Roll call – 5 yeas, 1 abstention. Shoffner was abstaining vote.

Shoffner moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve the Rules of Council. Roll call – all yeas.

Benroth informed Council that Shuster was not able to use two days of vacation before his anniversary date and he is requesting that those two days be carried into 2015. K. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to allow the two days to be carried over and they are to be used by the end of February. Roll call – all yeas.

Benroth informed Council of the ant problem in the Town Hall. Benroth has received a quote from Orkin. Total cost would be \$575. Council suggested that Benroth get at least one more quote.

After some discussion, Naseman moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve the final plat of Timber Trails Subdivision. Roll call – all yeas.

Fire Chief Bender requested approval to purchase “Genesis System” extrication tools at a cost of \$39,845 from Howell Rescue Systems. Strasser moved and Shoffner seconded the motion to approve the purchase. Roll call – 5 yeas, 1 abstention. Pulfer was abstaining vote.

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**Other Business:**

Benroth reported that there are four businesses that still do not have dumpsters enclosed. After some discussion, it was consensus of Council that the offenders be cited into Mayor's Court.

Naseman mentioned that she received a complaint from a resident regarding the streets not being plowed on Monday. There was discussion on other issues regarding snow plowing.

Strasser asked if a "5 Minute Parking" sign could be erected in front of the Post Office. When there are basketball games at school, there is no place for residents to park to go in and get their mail.

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: 8:13 pm

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Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer