

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
October 27, 2015 – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.

Present – Members: Kathleen Eshleman, Mark Pulfer, Cindy Naseman, Jennifer Shoffner, Richard Eshleman, Gary Strasser, Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer Nancy Benroth, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Scott Evans, Solicitor Aaron Lowe, and Mayor Robert Anderson

Guest- Julie Ehemann, Kurt Ehemann, Joel Kranenberg and Bruce Schroer

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

Shoffner moved; seconded by Pulfer to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 regular meeting. Roll call- all yeas

K. Eshleman moved; seconded by Strasser to approve the payment of bills. Roll call- all yeas.

Shoffner moved; seconded by Naseman to approve the September financial statements. Roll call- all yeas.

Agenda approved by verbal vote with additions.

K. Ehemann was concerned about the commitment from the officials pertaining to the police levy because the residents received the letter the day after the town hall meeting. He was informed that the letters were sent out a week in advance and the Sidney post mistress was called and asked for guidance on 3 separate occasions to make sure the bulk mailing was done correctly. After dropping them off and returning to the office, the Administrator received a call and was informed that instead of being non-profit, we'd have to file for-profit and additional charges needed to be paid. Another check was dropped off. Not until residents stated that they never received the letter were the officials aware that they had not been delivered. Benroth called the post office and was told that the mail is shipped to Dayton and there is no guarantee on delivery. It is when they have time to get to the bulk mailing. A copy of the letter with the notice of the meeting was listed in the Sidney Daily News, posted on our website, post office and town hall. The Mayor also had an editorial printed in the paper. Ehemann was also concerned that the sign did not have a disclaimer and wanted to know how the expenses for the campaign were paid. Since the Village is trying to get the levy passed, the monies spent are Village funds and so it was assumed a disclaimer wasn't necessary or a special committee controlling the funds. Benroth will check into it. The levy is to employ another full-time officer and capital improvement equipment.

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K. Ehemann also wanted to know the status of the lawsuit against the police department. Solicitor Lowe informed him that it is still in the discovery phase. He is working with legal counsel through our liability insurance carrier on the matter. Allegations are being investigated.

Legislation:

First Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 1682-15- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE SHELBY COUNTY PROSECUTOR TO PROSECUTE ALL MUNICIPAL COURT CASES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 807-15- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

R. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Shoffner to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call- all yeas. R. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Shoffner to adopt Resolution No. 807-15 as an emergency. Roll call- all yeas.

First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 808-15- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

K. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Strasser to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call- all yeas. K. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Strasser to adopt Resolution No. 808-15 as an emergency. Roll call- all yeas.

Reports:

Mayor's Report: Anderson has the stats and mileage reports for the last two weeks for the Police Department. The Mayor is deeply sorry that the levy letters were not received in a timely manner by the residents. To help get the word out, he is encouraging all of Council members to contact 10 people and inform them of our need and that they pass it on to 10 others. Regional Planning will meet this week.

Administrator/Fiscal Officer Report: BWC will be in to audit for the period of Jan. 1, 2014 until present on Dec. 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to make sure we are filing reports properly and we have our payroll in the correct classifications that rates are based upon. Training for GovNetPay is scheduled for Nov. 19th and Maurer, Kremer and Benroth will be trained. South Pike Street edge line has been striped. With the new asphalt patch, drivers were unable to determine where the road ended. Naseman wanted to know why the center line wasn't also done. Benroth informed her that at the time only the edge lines were discussed and so that is what she contracted for. The refuse contract expires at the end of the year, and Benroth recommends that we enact a one year extension to see if the system will be changed from bags to tags. Naseman asked that Maurer be trained on the basics of updating the website.

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Police Chief Report: Evans stated that when the South Pike Street striping was done, there was drift on vehicles. Benroth informed him that the contract was with the County.

Fire Chief Report: The generator plans are being reviewed by the State inspector and everything is ready for Trick or Treat.

The Finance/Personnel Committee Report: Will meet Nov. 10th at 6 P.M.

The Public Works Committee Report: Pulfer informed Council that the valve exercising program is underway and two employees will be working on it every Wednesday. The Young Street project is moving along and the storm sewer is completed and half the water main and laterals are done. The chopper pumps for the sewer plant have been ordered. The plans for the alum tank have been submitted to the EPA for a permit-to-install. The outside of the water tower will be cleaned and maybe painted in the spring. The employees are gearing up for winter and will be ordering salt. Pulfer asked that Benroth post on the web page and Facebook about the snow plowing and sidewalk cleaning policies. We will be receiving a reimbursement for the street salt as promised by the state. Naseman asked Benroth to remind Shuster to get the South entrance sign installed.

Safety/Refuse Committee Report: No meeting next week.

Park & Recreation Committee Report: Next meeting will be March 2016.

Planning Commission Report: The next meeting scheduled for Nov.3rd at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Garbage Contract-R. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Strasser to extend the Garbage Contract for one year. Roll call- all yeas.
- B. Discover Shelby County Ad- Council discussed the matter and decided just to opt for the free ad under the government listings. K. Eshleman made a motion; seconded Naseman to have our website listed under our ad for \$15.00. Roll call- all yeas.

Other Business:

K. Eshleman wanted to know if there were plans to add patching material to Commerce Drive. Benroth informed her that it was discussed in Public Works and currently the paving budget is all spent for 2015 but there is available funds in the Street Equipment line item that can and will be transferred at the next Council meeting to allow for the purchase of materials.

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Adjournment

Time: 7:35 p.m.

R. Eshleman made a motion; seconded by Strasser to adjourn. All concurred.

Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Nancy L. Benroth, Fiscal Officer