

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
March 24, 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

Guests: Angie Wolters, Grant Wolters, Vicki Quinter, Dona Furrow, Alex Albers, Kyle Wuebker, Joey Berning, Matthew Bruce, Karinne Lotz

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 March 10, 2015 regular meeting. Second by Strasser. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$35,460.64 were presented for payment. Shoffner moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

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

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

Citizen Concerns:

Grant Wolters was present to meet requirement to earn his Citizenship Merit Badge.

Legislation:

First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 1670-15 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 22.527 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO

K. Eshleman moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to table Ordinance No. 1670-15. Roll call – all yeas.

Reports:

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Anderson updated Council on the status of the clean-up at Anna Machine. On March 20th, Weinstock was given thirty days to remove the car from the rear of his building. Anderson reported that Chief Evans will provide to the Safety Committee a monthly report of the number of hours worked by auxiliary officers. The county Mayors' meeting will be held Monday evening at 7:00 at Russia. Anderson will be attending Regional Planning Commission meeting tomorrow evening, March 25th, at 7:30. Mayor Anderson presented a proclamation to Vicki Quinter, Dona Furrow and the Eco-Warriors, commending them for their involvement in placing pavers in the Park to identify trees' names, dates, and donors. Council members thanked each of them for their contribution.

Fiscal Officer Pleiman reported that the auditors completed the on-site portion of the audit last Friday. Pleiman also informed Council that she will be attending the Local Government Officials' Conference in Columbus on April 1st and 2nd.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that she received an AED from the Chamber Safety Council Grant. The grant was in the amount of \$500. She has given the AED to the Police Department. We received two quotes to tuck-point the Town Hall. Hatton Masonry Services quoted \$2,100 and Moseley Masonry quoted \$12,400. Benroth will be getting another quote from a local company. Benroth distributed reference information for GovPayNet. We were awarded \$600 from the Anna Endowment Fund. Christmas wreaths for Main Street were purchased. Rope lighting will be purchased at a later date. We were not awarded the DP&L grant for musical equipment at the Park. Benroth contacted Tim Zimpfer and he has agreed to construct six more picnic tables next year. Benroth reported that Choice One is compiling

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bid specs for Sapphire Drive repaving. We are also getting quotes on reconstruction of the alley south of the north detention basin. Choice One is also working on bid specs for the first phase of reconstruction of Young Street. Benroth sent a Letter of Intent to ODOT for the 2015 Transportation Alternative Funds for a grant to construct sidewalks on the north side of East Main Street from Pike Street to I-75. We are eligible to apply for the grant which is due May 15th. We have purchased a pallet of material to patch Commerce Drive. It will also be used to repair Mill and Christie. Sludge hauling has been completed. We will be changing the cycle so that sludge hauling will be done in the fall.

Police Chief Evans reported that he continues to work with Shell regarding non-compliance with the dumpster enclosure ordinance. He now has a contact and will give them a deadline of April 28th. Chief Evans has given Stacey Weinstock thirty days to remove the car from behind his business. R. Eshleman distributed a letter to Mayor and Council Members from Julie Ehemann regarding the traffic situation in the Village last evening due to the traffic pile-up on I-75. Evans responded that his auxiliary officer had been called by OSP to stop northbound traffic at the on ramp at I-75 and 119. When Evans returned to town, he determined that the biggest tie-up was northbound traffic on Pike Street. He directed traffic at the Walnut Street light. R. Eshleman asked Evans if we have a plan for when something like this happens. Evans replied that it depends on how and where it happens. Evans also noted that he is limited on the auxiliary officers he can call in because of their full-time jobs. It was also suggested that the stoplights be changed to flashing lights in these instances. R. Eshleman also mentioned vehicles that have been parked for longer than seventy-two hours and trash that is piling up behind properties. Evans replied that he will be addressing this with his officers.

Fire Chief Bender reported that his department went above and beyond any expectations as they dealt with the drownings last week.

Public Works met this evening. Pulfer reported that they discussed patching of Commerce Drive and other concrete streets. They received two quotes for a generator for the Water Plant. CJ Electric quoted \$30,350 and Wells Brothers quoted \$31,250. Pulfer will be distributing Public Works job schedule for 2015. Street projects for 2015 are repaving Sapphire, first phase of reconstruction of Young Street, reconstruction of alley south of the north detention basin and paving of stone strip between sidewalk and street on South Pike. Naseman asked if sidewalks would be assessed on the Young Street project and Benroth replied that they would not be assessed. Naseman noted that when it was discussed in Public Works last year it was decided that all future sidewalk projects would be assessed. Pulfer reported that Romanowski has done an updated drawing of the Park. There will be more training tomorrow on the valve-turning machine. Fencing will soon be completed for the detention basins and the Main Street sanitary lines will be “camera-ed”. Naseman asked about the status of sidewalk projects for the year. Pulfer replied that when weather permits, decisions will be made on which sidewalks need to be repaired or replaced and where new sidewalks will be constructed.

Strasser reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is preparing for Kites in the Park scheduled for April 20th. The extension to the walking path has been marked off to make it almost a mile. \$15,000 to \$20,000 has been approved to make it happen. The Committee has received a \$2,500 donation from St. Jacob Lutheran Church to be used for repair/construction of the large shelter.

Planning Commission will meet on April 7th at 7:00.

K. Eshleman reported that Jackie Troller is the new assistant at the library. The library received \$696 from the Anna Endowment Fund Grant for bookcases and \$1,500 from St. Jacob. The summer reading program theme is Every Hero Has a Story.

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Old Business:

Electronic Utility Billing - After some discussion, Naseman moved and Shoffner seconded the motion to proceed with electronic notices for utility bills. Roll call – all yeas.

Income Tax Increase – R. Eshleman will set up a meeting with the Citizen’s Committee.

There was discussion regarding GovPayNet, a program we would use to accept credit card payments. No action was taken.

New Business:

R. Eshleman moved and Pulfer seconded the motion to approve the contract for Choice One for Young Street Phase I Engineering in the amount of \$19,880. Roll call – all yeas.

Strasser moved and R. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve the sponsorship of the Cruise-In at the Anna Homecoming in the amount of \$30. Roll call – 5 yeas, 1 nay. Naseman was dissenting vote.

Solicitor Lowe provided information regarding the liability of the Village in the event of a data breach situation.

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

Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer