

**VILLAGE OF ANNA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**April 14, 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, Auxiliary Officer Anthony Pearson  
Guests: Sarah-Renee Keller, Kayli Strunk, Commissioner Julie Ehemann, Eileen Boyer

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 as corrected from the March 24, 2015 regular meeting. Second by Shoffner. Roll call – all yeas.

Invoices totaling \$70,059.55 were presented for payment. Strasser moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – all yeas.

Agenda approved as amended by verbal vote.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Sarah-Renee Keller and Kayli Strunk are Fairlawn High School students fulfilling requirement for a government class project.

Julie Ehemann was present to remind Council about Recycling Day this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Items that can be dropped off are electronics, books and drugs. Ehemann also reported that today the Commissioners received an update on a retail market study. The study shows where we are good in retail sales and where we are lacking with the hope that we can entice businesses to our communities in the future. Benroth should be receiving a copy of the report from Mike Dodds. Ehemann also wanted to know if there was any follow-up from her letter presented at last Council meeting regarding lack of police presence in the Village during the traffic pile-up on I-75. Pulfer replied that Chief Evans met with the auxiliary officers and developed a plan of action to handle these incidents in the future. Chief Evans notified OSP that our officers will be unable to assist at I-75 and that our officers' priority is to man the Village during these situations.

**Legislation:**

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

Benroth explained that the Ordinance is tabled because the documents need to sit on the Administrator's desk for sixty days before the reading can take place. Sixty days will be up on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and the first reading will take place at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 1671-15 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH TRED PROPERTIES LLC, ROBERT J. SCHULZE & MARIA A. SCHULZE AND BERBEN LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

K. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call – all yeas. K. Eshleman moved and Naseman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call – all yeas.

First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 791-15 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Roll call – all yeas. R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call – all yeas.

**Reports:**

Mayor Anderson reported that police stats and mileage logs are available if anyone is interested in seeing them. Traffic fines collected in March totaled \$1,280 and \$451 was sent

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to the State. Anderson noted that the patching on Commerce Drive seems to be doing well. He attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and the County Mayors' meeting on March 30. Anderson shared highlights of the Mayors' meeting. The next Mayors' meeting will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Inn Between. Mayor Anderson announced that he would not be running for Mayor in November.

Fiscal Officer Pleiman read a thank you note from the Don Elsass family for the flowers the Village sent in memory of our former Mayor. Pleiman reported that she was honored to be one of nine Fiscal Officers invited to have lunch with Auditor of State, Dave Yost, at the Local Government Officials' Conference in Columbus on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Pleiman also reported that the audit is in the hands of the Audit Manager and should be completed soon.

Administrator Benroth's report has been distributed to council members (a copy is attached). Benroth reported that she has been working with Shelly Bowman to get the new website up and running. Once all the additions and corrections are finished, she will send out a final draft. Benroth was asked to find out if surrounding villages accepted credit/debit cards for payments. Minster is the only village currently accepting cards and Jackson Center is in the process of implementing Point and Pay. At the last meeting, Council requested information on our late utility payers. For 2014, the Village earned almost \$17,000 in late fees and we average about sixty-five late payers per month. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>. Street sweeping was scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> but was moved up to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department was notified regarding a shed at 206 W. Walnut Street. They investigated and sent a letter requesting that it be cleaned up and to close up the area where the door is missing.

Due to the illness of Chief Evans, Officer Pearson was present at tonight's meeting.

Fire Chief Bender reported that he received a check in the amount of \$1,037.04 for reimbursement for materials used to clean up the gasoline spill at Speedway.

Finance and Personnel met this evening. Shoffner reported that investments were discussed, March financial reports were reviewed and there was more discussion regarding St. Marys income tax administration and other options.

Public Works will meet April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Safety and Refuse Committee met on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Naseman reported that items discussed were repair of Explorer manifold, recent repairs to Crown Vic, AED that was purchased for the Police Department, possibility of purchasing RMS software, reviewed the 2014 year end Police report, Police Department budget, emergency auxiliary officers' call-in plan, auxiliary Police monthly schedule, new generator for Fire Department, quotes for Fire Department roof and school safety patrol.

Strasser reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met this evening at the Park. Kites in the Park is scheduled for Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 and Jazz in the Park is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. They reviewed three-year, five-year, ten-year and fifteen-year plans. Strasser also reported that a \$10,000 grant was received from Honda for repair of the tennis courts. This represents about half of what is needed for the repair.

Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> but did not have a quorum.

**Old Business:**

Benroth distributed a form created by Maurer to be used for sign-ups to receive utility billings via e-mail. Software will need to be upgraded before the program can be implemented.

After some discussion, Naseman moved and Shoffner seconded the motion to have Benroth proceed with drafting an Ordinance to contract with GovPayNet for acceptance of

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credit/debit card payments. Roll call – 4 yeas, 2 nays. K. Eshleman and R. Eshleman were dissenting votes.

R. Eshleman requested that we contact our Solicitor to begin the process of putting a one-quarter percent income tax increase on the ballot in November. Council will continue to discuss at next meeting.

**New Business:**

Fire Chief Bender presented two quotes for a “stand alone” diesel generator to replace the natural gas generator currently being used. Wells Brothers quoted \$44,250 and CJ Electric quoted \$37,000. R. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a diesel generator from CJ Electric at a cost of \$37,000. Roll call – 5 yeas, 1 abstention. Pulfer was abstaining vote.

Naseman requested that the Records Commission meet so they can move forward with disposal of records according to policy. Pleiman will set up a time to meet with the committee.

OhioCheckbook.com – Fiscal Officer Pleiman and Council members received information from Josh Mandel, State Treasurer, regarding a program launched by the Treasurer’s Office that allows Ohioans to search and share state spending spanning the past seven years. We are invited to partner with the State in putting our local government’s spending information on this website. Information received from the State regarding the program was minimal. Commissioner Ehemann mentioned that the Commissioners had discussed this quite extensively and have taken a “wait and see” position until more information becomes available. It was consensus of Council that we do the same.

R. Eshleman moved and Naseman seconded the motion to contract with Bug-a-Boo for mosquito spraying at \$175 per application. Roll call – all yeas.

Naseman moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to contract with Jones & Henry for storm sewer smoke testing at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. Roll call – all yeas.

Benroth checked with OPWC regarding assessing for sidewalks on the Young Street reconstruction project. OPWC replied that it is our decision to assess or not. After some discussion, it was decided that Benroth will research to see how assessments were handled in the past and then we will decide if we should assess for sidewalks only or also curbs and gutters.

Shoffner moved and Strasser seconded the motion to renew the lease for 205 W. Main Street for a period from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018. Rent will remain at \$350 per month. Roll call – all yeas.

R. Eshleman moved and K. Eshleman seconded the motion to enter into a CRA Agreement with TRED, Schulze and Berben. Roll call – all yeas.

Funding to repair tennis courts will be discussed at next meeting.

Anderson informed Council that inoperable motor vehicles will be added to the bond schedule - zoning violation 92.02 - \$50 fine, \$30 court cost. If they come to court and are found guilty, they would pay another \$30.

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: 8:15 pm

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Robert S. Anderson, Mayor

Linda D. Pleiman, Fiscal Officer

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