

VILLAGE OF ANNA
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
May 24, 2016 – Council Chambers - 7:00 P.M.

Present – Members: Cindy Naseman, Laura Lentz-Fogt, Richard Eshleman, Kathleen Eshleman, Gary Strasser, Jennifer Shoffner, and Mayor Mark Pulfer

Staff: Fire Chief Tim Bender, Public Works Superintendent Tyler Shuster, Solicitor Aaron Lowe, Village Administrator Nancy Benroth, & Fiscal Officer Kelly Schmitmeyer

Guests: Lisa Shepline, Patrick Williamson, and Mark Siegel

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

R. Eshleman moved; seconded by Strasser to waive the reading of the May 10, 2016 minutes and the May 19, 2016 work session minutes. Roll call- all yeas, except Shoffner, who abstained.

R. Eshleman moved; seconded by Naseman to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2016 regular meeting and May 19, 2016 work session.. Roll call- all yeas, except Shoffner, who abstained.

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

Agenda was approved by verbal vote with additions.

Legislation:

Third Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 1696-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE BLANKET AND SUPER BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS.

K. Eshleman moved; seconded by Shoffner to adopt Ordinance No. 1696-16. Roll call – all yeas.

Second Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 1697-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN OPT-OUT GAS SERVICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 4929.26; AND DIRECTING THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT THE BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Second Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 1698-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE AN OPT-OUT ELECTRIC SERVICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 2928.20; AND DIRECTING THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT THE BALLOT QUESTION TO ELECTORS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AGENT FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 1699-16 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX ON INCOME AT THE RATE OF ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (1/4%) IN ADDITION TO THE ONE AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT (1-3/4%) TAX CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED AND COLLECTED: TO BE USED FOR THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COLLECTION COSTS FOR THE ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (1/4%) INCOME TAX INCREASE REQUIRING THE FILING OF RETURNS AND FURNISHING OF INFORMATION: IMPOSING ON EMPLOYERS THE DUTIES OF COLLECTING THE TAX AT THE SOURCE AND PAYING THE SAME TO THE VILLAGE OF ANNA: PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAID TAX: THEREOF TO BE A MISDEMEANOR AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREFORE.

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Third Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 821-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI VALLEY LIGHTING, LLC (MVLt), AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY OF DPL INC.

R. Eshleman moved; seconded by Strasser to adopt Resolution No. 821-16. Roll call – all yeas.

First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 824-16 A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AS THE DATE FOR SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO FOR THEIR APPROVAL, THE LEVYING OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON INCOME AT THE RATE OF ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (1/4%) OVER AND ABOVE THE ONE AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT (1-3/4%) CURRENTLY BEING LEVIED AND COLLECTED, AND DIRECTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO TO CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS.

Mayor's Report: Pulfer attended a day at Anna Elementary, giving a proclamation to staff and teachers for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The next mayors' meeting will be May 31, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Botkins. A letter of appreciation was read from S. Cline, Executive Director for Shelby County Libraries. She commended the Anna Village Council for reaching out to them to recognize Sheila Strunk, Anna's head librarian, for her countless hours of dedication to the community of Anna.

Administrator Report: Benroth reported that letters have been sent to engineers for Qualification Based Selection Services and that the Village has been enrolled in the BWC Industry Specific Safety Program, in hopes of acquiring a 3% rebate by meeting criteria. New cell phones have been ordered for various employees, and Benroth updated Council on donations for trees at the park and the denial for the grant for the climber. Several people were contacted by letter to install sidewalks as requested, and the quarterly report has been finished for the safety grant concerning the valve turning machine.

Police Chief Report: Chief Evans was absent.

Fire Chief Report: Bender reported that the dept. responded to a hit and run pedestrian fatality recently and that those seem to be on the increase.

Finance and Personnel Report: The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Committee Report: Naseman gave updates on several projects. The Young Street Phase 1 project is complete; there has been no word on the Phase 2 application yet. We are continuing to work with Choice One on the Applegate Ditch excessive drainage issue. We will be included in the request for the proposal of the Solar Power Energy for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is no AED yet for the park; the Timber Trail intersection still needs a light. Quotes have been received for the 2016 paving project and sealcoat. The large meter installation is finished, and the South Street guardrail is up. The Timber Trail storm water problem is still being looked into. Painting of curbs will be completed this summer.

Safety/Refuse Committee Report: The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation Committee Report: Strasser reported that the Foreign Learning Trail Kit was received from the United Way, and that there are some projects being worked on for this Fall. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Report: The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- A. Farm Land- postponed
- B. Income Tax Levy-November Ballot

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A work session was held on May 19, 2016 to discuss the details of the income tax levy for November. Shoffner and Lentz-Fogt were absent. It was decided to move forward with the ¼% Police Levy, but whether it will be a renewal or permanent is still being decided. The levy would generate funds for the police department, but general funds not needed for the police department could be used for other projects. Shoffner requested more time to look at the details; the levy discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

New Business:

A. Health Insurance

Sheipline was present to answer any questions on the new insurance plan which will begin on July 1, 2016. She stated that MEWAs are something new (approved by the state in April) and are for groups of 50 or less. The concern about coverage for employees during the month of June was brought up by Council. Sheipline assured all that there was an “in-between” policy to cover that month. Council members looked over the different options of new policies. It was noted that the biggest difference between them is in the Inpatient and Outpatient deductibles. Shuster asked whether he would be able to decline insurance, and if so, whether there were any incentives or benefits. Naseman felt that the new policies were something we need to look at since the costs were less. When premiums come down, the deductibles go up. Naseman motioned to move forward with choosing the Anthem MEWA 12 as the new health insurance policy. Shoffner seconded; roll call – all yeas.

B. Vehicles for Veterans

Benroth was contacted with a request about linking the Vehicles for Veterans program to the Village website. All Council members were opposed; the request was denied.

C. Alley Vacation Petition

P. Williamson presented the petition that was signed by himself and Troy Kies, requesting for the vacation of the alley between their properties. Williamson would like to tear down a building currently on his property and rebuild in the same area, moving the building back farther. If the alley is made vacant, Williamson and Kies would split the alley property. It is a dedicated alley; Strasser moved to approve the vacation of the alley; K. Eshleman seconded. Roll call – all yeas.

D. Street Sweeper

Benroth was asked by the Botkin’s Village Administrator of whether the Village of Anna would be interested in going in with them on purchasing a street sweeper. Currently, the streets are swept twice a year, right before the Community Garage Sales. Council members decided that the cost and maintenance of a street sweeper would be too much, so therefore the consensus was that we do not have interest in purchasing one at this time.

E. New Volunteer Firefighter

Bender reported that Zachary Wade has completed an application to be a volunteer Firefighter with the department. Wade lives on Lochard Rd., is an Anna graduate and has a Bachelor’s Degree from Ball State. Bender felt this was a good addition – this would put the dept. at 28 firefighters, with their limit being 30. Strasser moved to approve the addition of Wade. Lentz-Fogt seconded; roll call – all yeas.

Executive Session:

R. Eshleman moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation; Strasser seconded. Roll call – all yeas.

Council resumed regular session.

Naseman moved to adjourn; Strasser seconded. Roll call – all yeas.

Adjournment

Time: 7:57 p.m.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor

Nancy Benroth, Fiscal Officer