Present – Members Carol Ferguson, Gary Strasser, Kathleen Eshleman, Laura Lentz-Fogt, Joel Kranenburg; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Village Administrator Mike Homan, Village Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Scott Evans, Village Public Works Superintendent Lindsey Alexander, Justin Radick, Angela Wildermuth, David Klopfenstein, Steve Geise, Cindy Naseman, Todd Garrett, Mitch Middendorf.

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

Strasser moved and Lentz-Fogt seconded to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel. Roll Call – All Yeas.

After returning to open session, Mayor Pulfer appoints Justin Radick to Cindy Naseman’s vacant council seat. Justin Radick is sworn in by Mayor Pulfer.

Strasser made a motion to waive the reading of the February 26, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Ferguson. Roll call – Radick, Abstained. Remaining, All Yeas.

Ferguson moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 meetings, seconded by Lentz-Fogt. Roll call – Radick, Abstained. Remaining, All Yeas.

Invoices totaling $13,211.43 were presented for payment. Eshleman moved and Strasser seconded the motion to approve payments. Roll call – Radick, Abstained. Remaining – All Yeas.

Ferguson moved and Eshleman seconded to approve the bank reconciliation and reports. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Amended agenda approved by verbal vote. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Anna Rescue Squad Chief David Klopfenstein presented their 2018 annual report. They had a total of 670 calls in their territory, 11.19% being within the Village of Anna. There was an average Anna Village response time of 3.72 minutes and a total average response time of 3.62 minutes.

Steve Geise presented himself as a Republican candidate for Sidney Municipal Court Judge. He has been practicing for 25 years, including being the solicitor for the Village of Anna at one time.

Todd Garrett of Pioneer Electric Cooperative introduced himself to council. As part of his position, he attends various meetings and has met with Homan and Meyer regarding service in the Village. He is the manager of community and government relations. Feel free to reach out to him with questions.

Mitch Middendorf presented council with a proposed possible development in Anna. Several questions were emailed to the Village pertaining to the development and answers are currently pending. CRA (community reinvestment area) questions and terms also involve Anna Local School as well as the Upper Valley Career Center. The CRA board will meet soon. There was also discussion regarding demolition and building in the Spring 2020. Various zoning questions are dependent on the type of development.

**Legislation:**

None

**Reports:**

Mayor Pulfer – Police statistics are available for review as well as the rotary report collection of $300. Pulfer announces that council member Joel Kranenburg has decided to step down at the end of this meeting. He has made a career change and will not be able to fulfill the duties of his seat. Joel will be missed on council. At the end of the meeting, Angela Wildermuth will be sworn in as Kranenburg’s replacement.

Administrator – Answers will be provided to Middendorf soon. The engineering quote for the 2019 sidewalk program has been reviewed. Streets that are targeted are N. Linden and E. Walnut. Members of Republic Services and North Central Solid Waste District attended the safety & refuse committee meeting last week. Possible changes and/or solutions were proposed to the schedule and regular handling of certain things. The I-75 utility extension project is progressing and questions are being answered. Ground should be breaking soon while equipment has been being brought in.

Fiscal Officer Meyer – The unemployment determination has been made on a previous employee. There was a correction on the income tax monthly report. The updated copy was included in the council packet.

Fire Chief Bender – On February 27th there was a semi that had a ruptured tank and leaked approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel at the Shell gas station. The driver was able to get off the interstate and the spill was contained. The EPA was notified and satisfied with the fire department cleanup of the spill.

Police Chief Evans – State Route 119 was blocked for some time due to a train stopped on the railroad tracks for repairs. Several semis were unable to detour.

Finance and Personnel – There is an upcoming 7% increase on the health insurance premiums when the policy renews. The purchase of a utility truck for the fire department was discussed. A recommendation was made that if the recycling cart change is made, the Village will wait to do the increased charge all at one time.

Public Works – Will meet March 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Will meet April 2, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Will meet April 9, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

Republic Services has proposed moving the Village trash and recycling pickup to Wednesday instead of Monday. They feel this will help equalize the weekly schedule. Council is in favor of moving to Wednesday. Republic Services will help with the transition. A date has not been determined at this point.

Various discussion was had regarding the recycling carts and the extension of the Republic Services contract. During the safety & refuse meeting Terry Thompson assured us, in the event that our concerns were not addressed we have the option to get out of the contract. With the change to recycling carts vs bins, the recycling would be picked up every other week and would have a $.43 increase per home per month; in addition to the regularly scheduled $.09 increase. Council is willing to move forward with the change with the assurance from Jack DeWitt and Terry Thompson that things will be handled more effectively. Cindy Naseman recommended a trash Ordinance with various specifics.

**New Business**

Meyer notes the health insurance renewal will come with a 7% increase in premiums. The increase will range from $1.99 to $6.13 more per pay period for the employee share. Being a member of the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) benefit plan has helped to keep the premium costs down.

Strasser moved and Eshleman seconded to renew the health insurance policy. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Chief Bender presented information regarding a utility vehicle purchase for the fire department. Two quotes have been obtained, one being the state purchase price. It will be used for transporting various equipment, members of the fire department and will have various other uses. There has also been an increase in EMS response and it will be used as a primary vehicle for those calls as well.

Ferguson moved and Kranenburg seconded to approve the purchase of the F-250 heavy duty pickup truck and various supplies. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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 ORC.

Time: 7:55 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer