

COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2015

Council met this PM with the following members present: Blaising, Laferty, Toy, Herold and Buckner. Five (yeas)

Mayor Sharrock presided over the meeting, which was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Councilman Laferty.

Councilman Toy stated the following corrections to minutes.: Section 2 – “A prayer by Councilman Laferty”; Section 4 – Approval of Agenda – (5) yeas, and (1) nay; Village Administrator Report: #2 “Ord. 3110 & Ord. 3111” #4– “Mr. Milliron requested a motion for authorization to request the State Auditor’s office to perform a fiscal analysis”; Chief Butler report: “Councilman Herold asked Chief Butler if he could provide report on quarterly basis: Res. 15-01 third line from bottom should state: “refer resolution back to Police, Fire & Health committee”: Last paragraph of minutes should state: “Councilman Herold stated that procedures/deadlines for submitting petitions for Councilman Mahek seat. Mr. Herold also stated the deadline and requirements for submitting applications for Councilman Mahek seat.” Motion by Toy, second by Herold to approve minutes as corrected. Five (5) yeas.

Motion by Toy, second by Herold to approve agenda. Five (5) yeas.

Tonia Keeler- Ms. Keeler stated that she suffers from Attention Deficit Disorder and that Ptm. Cox was the officer that responded to a recent complaint at her apartment complex. Ms. Keeler stated when she went to police department, she overheard Ptm. Cox state that she was “nuts”. Ms. Keeler asked council if the officers receive any type of sensitivity training. Chief Butler stated that he would look into the incident.

Dave Duncan, 308 W Bucyrus Street- Mr. Duncan request an update re: accusations about sex for tickets. Mayor Sharrock advised Mr. Duncan that the incident was turned over to BCI & I.

Dave Salvati, 408 Colby Rd – Mr. Salvati stated that he was stopped in December by Officer Cox while he was walking along railroad tracks, and was questioning police procedure in reference to how personal information was called in to police department. Mr. Salvati stated that his social security number was broadcasted over scanner and that shortly after incident, his was compromised. Chief Butler stated with an out of state license, it is the department’s policy to use the radio to confirm identity. . Mr. Toy stated that he does not understand why information was called in by phone and is in agreement with Mr. Salvati.

Marc Milliron, Village Administrator – Mr. Milliron commented on the following: 1) County Line Rd/E. Main Street waterline project is completed with street/lawn repairs completed in the spring. 2) Tree Commission in need of more volunteers, there were only (2) in attendance at our February meeting. Mr. Milliron

stated that Jeanne Cozad and Amanda Furth will be graduating from the Tree Academy on February 19th @ 12:00 noon. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

Jon Burton, Law Director – No report.

Mike Weisman, Fire Chief – No report.

Joe Butler, Police Chief – Chief Butler announced the following: Ptm. Eshelman – Officer of the Year and Diane Aidt – Dispatcher of the Year.

Dave Sharrock, Mayor – Mayor Sharrock gave his annual report for 2014 and stated that he will continue to try and bring income into the community, and commented on the following:

- 2014 deficit
- Street/Water & Sewer Departments working hard to stay ahead of EPA mandates
- Fire Dept. working towards full-time fireman becoming paramedics
- Congratulated Fireman Joe McElvain –“Bluecoat of the Year”
- Police Dept. got some bad stuff off street in 2014. Also, stated that the department has a long history of losing officers with approximately 100 over the years, the department has only retired 6 or 7.

Petitions, Memorials & Communication – none

Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation, Toy – No report.

Finance, Clayton Herold – Herold stated that a meeting was held tonight @ 5:45 p.m. with discussion on the following: 1) January financials with an update from the Auditor’s office. 2) Temporary appropriations for police department in reference to Res. 15-01.

Legislation, Mike Blaising – No report.

Police, Fire & Health, Laferty – Mr. Laferty stated that a committee meeting was held on February 2nd with discussion on the following: 1) Police Captain’s position and if it could be financially supported with current budget. 2) Fire Department and Police Department stats with chief’s voicing their concerns.

Streets, Public Buildings & Grounds, Mike Blaising – No report.

Sewer & Water, Aaron Buckner – Mr. Buckner stated that a committee meeting was held tonight @ 5:15 p.m. with discussion on the following; 1) Phase 2 into sewer with completion date in June. 2) Servicing water out to Lower Leesville and Lowe-Volk Park.:

Unfinished Business –

Councilman Toy states that the Fireman's Ball will be held on March 14th and thanked department for invites. Also, Councilman Toy made a motion, second by Herold for Councilman Blaising to take name plate home. Six (6) yeas.

Councilman Buckner states that council needs to move quickly on decision of Police Captain's position.

Councilman Herold – Deadline to submit letter for Ryan Mahek's is February 11th @ 4:30 p.m. Harvest Festival next meeting is March 12th @ 6:00 p.m. and Community Development meeting @ 7:00 p.m. Also, in need of someone to take over beer gardens for Harvest Festival. Mr. Herold stated that contract for Saturday night bands have been signed, but still need band for Friday night.

Mr. Milliron asked Councilman Laferty if Res.15-01 was going to be put back on agenda for next meeting. Motion by committee members Laferty, second by Herold to put Resolution 15-01 back on Agenda. (2) Yeas.

New Business- At this time several members of council spoke about Councilman Blaising:

Mayor Sharrock thanked Councilman Blaising for many years of service and wished him the very best.

Councilman Laferty stated that Councilman Blaising was given a card by council and stated that Councilman Blaising was instrumental with new swimming pool, parks, Field of Dreams, Lowe-Volk Park and Crawford County Park Commission and thanked him for years of service.

Councilman Herold stated that Councilman Blaising was first elected to council in 1992 with 23 years of consecutive service.

Councilman Blaising spoke on behalf of himself and Kevin Taylor stating that former Councilman Taylor's employer was called with false accusations which nearly cost him his job. Councilman Blaising also stated that Mr. Taylor did what councilman are supposed to do listen and follow-up with concerns from citizens. Mr. Blaising also noted that Chief Butler and Mayor Sharrock where unhappy with Mr. Taylor asking questions and inquiring about issue within the departments. Councilman Blaising also denied rumors that he wanted to shut down the fire department, stating that he has supported the fire department for 25 years. Councilman Blaising noted that this is not how he wanted to leave.

Councilman Herold read a statement commenting on a statement made by Mayor Sharrock at January 26th meeting and clarified on how the finances of the village are handled stating the following: Finances are handled by the Administrative Branch and the Mayor is the highest ranking official. Village Council hold finance meetings in order to

receive updates from Village Administrator with council making suggestions and preferred alternatives. Councilman Herold stated that the Mayor failed to distinction between the administrative and legislative branch within the village and continues to fail in taking accountability for our financial situation, which should be top priority. Councilman Herold feels that the Mayor should show a stronger leadership.

Motion by Toy, second by Herold for adjournment @ 7: 12 p.m. Six (6) yeas.

PASSED: _____

Mayor Sharrock

ATTEST:

APPROVED TO FORM:

Clerk of Council

Law Director