

Mayor Opelt called the regular meeting of Council to order on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 7:30p.m. Brandt offered a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present for roll call were: Brandt, Campbell, Madaras, and Mullholand. Barnes and Meismer were absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael Marsh, Russel Eby, Herman Kahler, Norman Romaker, Deb Romaker, Mary Cowell and Jordan Fouts from the Sentinel Tribune.

The minutes from the May 16th, 2006 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved.

A cash summary for May and a supplemental appropriations defining line item transfers were given to Council. Bills in the amount of \$3689.50 were presented for payment. **Campbell moved and Madaras seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried unanimously.**

Clerks Report: The Clerk reported that Tin Man was called out to look at the AC unit servicing the Council chambers. There is a small leak in the compressor and will eventually need to be replaced. Mullholand will contact the Tin Man to get a cost of a new unit.

Mayors Report:

The Mayor congratulated Eastwood's science class for their recognition in the TMACOG Big Picture newsletter. The class of 30 led by Diane Rose was judged Best Presentation for their spoken portion at the Portage River Student Congress held on May 4th.

Rental for the commercial tent this year will be \$110. **Brandt moved, Campbell seconded, to rent a space in the commercial tent for the Pemberville Fair. The motion carried unanimously.** We will use this space to pass on various village information. The need for a newsletter was also noted.

The mayor received a quote for mosquito spraying from Fresh Cut Lawn Service for \$220 per application. **Brandt, moved, Campbell seconded, to have mosquitoes sprayed 6 times at a total cost of \$1300.00. The motion carried unanimously.** The sprayings will be done at two week intervals, the first of which will be either June 7 or 8 and ending the middle of August.

The Mayor proposed to discontinue picking up grass clippings. Residents will be able to take their clippings to the Utility Building. Campbell will work out the details with the street employees and make presentation to Council at the next meeting.

A complaint was received from a resident regarding an increase of rabbits damaging gardens and flower beds.

ODOT will be here on June 27th at 9:30am to do the field study of downtown. This is needed for the next step of the Downtown Revitalization Grant application. Council is invited to join the walkthrough.

The Mayor announced that he has received several calls regarding stray cats. He made reference to a news article in the local newspaper of a program available to pick up strays, neuter/spade them, and return the cats to the location they were picked up. This would eliminate the breeding of strays, however not the eliminations of them. The Mayor proposed that registration of cats would identify pets from strays. A lengthy discussion was held. Some concerns that were identified were:

Cost of registration – \$12.00, too costly?

How will we get people to register their cats?

Having another unenforceable law.

Cats picked up, neutered, and return, not really fixing the problem... cats still roaming.

When returned, are cats carrying other diseases?

Getting residents to stop feeding strays.

It was noted that the program would help reduce the number of cats in the future.

The Program is free to the village and will provide residents with monetary assistance of \$25.00 to have their cat neutered/spade.

Ordinance #1369- Ordinance Requiring the Registration of Cats, had its first reading.

The July 4th meeting of council will be held on July 3rd.

Committee Reports:

Brandt: The regular Personnel Committee scheduled for June 8 has been cancelled. The committee will be holding interviews for the Police Chief position.

Campbell: Utilities Committee: The BPA needs approval of \$500.00 to have the plans approved by the Ohio EPA. **Campbell moved, Madaras seconded, to approve \$500.00 to the Ohio EPA, for the design of the 12" waterline for West College & North Hickory. The motion carried unanimously.** Campbell has concerns that residents replacing their sidewalks are not meeting requirements and wishes they would call him for required specifications.

Madaras: Parks and Recreation: The joint committee is working to put a tax levy on the November ballot for funding the parks. The pool will be opening June 11th. The Finance Committee met and has no recommendations for Council.

Mullholand: The salt bin is in need of repair and it is recommended to use 8 ft plastic sheets to line the bin. Brandt will get pricing on the plastic. Mullholand was able to locate some half round gutters to replace the ones at the Village Hall, but the cost (\$90,000) would be about triple the cost of residential gutters. The gutters are also installed differently and only carry a 1 year warranty. The old fire station building roof was looked at again and it was decided to put up a pitched roof from front to back. This will maintain the original look of the building and be more cost effective at half the price.

The Mayor reminded Council that some thought needs to be given to the old Ford garage. It was noted there are many different ideas and Council agreed this should be done at a special meeting.

Guest comments: Residents Norm and Deb Romaker, and Mary Cowell expressed concern over the excessive noise from the presses at Hercules Stamping Plant. They asked if there was a noise ordinance or any other assistance the Village could offer, as they were told by the Company officials they could not do anything else to reduce the noise. Solicitor Marsh informed the citizens that the Village had no legal means to help as they are not breaking any Village laws. We could only ask the Company to be a good neighbor and reduce the noise. He told the concerned residents; however, they could take legal action. Mayor Opelt read a note from Hercules (copy attached) and stated he would contact them.

As there was no other business to bring before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Mayor

Clerk