

VILLAGE OF MINSTER, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 06, 2015

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Map: Public attendance included Don & Linda Kitzmiller. Jay & Shirley James own the Cottage Café located at 278 S. Main Street and are requesting an amendment to the official zoning map, so that the property located on Lot 142 and the south part of Lot 141 of Block A be rezoned from single and double family residential to general commercial. The James' currently have a conditional use permit to operate a commercial establishment in a residential zoned area, similar to two other businesses on Main Street located in residential zoning. The Planning Commission previously held a similar public hearing and voted to deny the request. The Planning Commission has recommended to council that the request be denied. Adjacent property owners also are objecting, stating that any business such as fast food or gas station could then locate at the property in the future. Don & Linda Kitzmiller who live across the street from the property attended the meeting and are against the change. Also a letter was received from Colonial Village Apartments stating they are strongly against the re-zoning. Council will vote on the issue at a future Council meeting.

Council Meeting: Council convened at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers with six council members present: Tom Herkenhoff, Craig Oldiges, Curt Albers, Nicole Clune, Paul Enneking, and Rick Schwartz. Also present were Dennis Kitzmiller (Mayor), Don Harrod (Administrator), Jim Hearn (Village Solicitor), and John Stechschulte (Fiscal Officer). Mayor Dennis Kitzmiller called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Councilperson: Solicitor Jim Hearn administered the oath of office to Curt Albers as the new Councilman. Curt has been selected to fill the term left open due to the resignation of Steve Kitzmiller. The un-expired term ends 12/31/17. Congratulations Curt.

Attendance: Andrew Wilson (Evening Leader) and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard), and David Friend (Police Chief).

Approval of Minutes: N. Clune and T. Herkenhoff motioned to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2014 regular meeting and the December 22, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed on six aye votes.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Webster Street Assessments: With the completion of Webster Street the final piece of legislation is to assess the property owners for a portion of the project. The total assessment that the property owners will be required to pay is \$30,006.46. They will have the option to pay now or have it placed on the property tax and paid over 10 years with interest. P. Enneking and C. Oldiges motioned for the 2nd reading of **Ordinance 14-12-04** assessing property owners a portion of the project. Motion passed on six aye votes.

State Purchasing Program: This resolution authorizes the Village of Minster to participate in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program (State Purchasing) for 2015. The benefit of not having to bid items far exceeds the cost of \$110. T. Herkenhoff and R.

Schwartz motioned to suspend the rule of three readings. Motion passed on six aye votes. R. Schwartz and P. Enneking motioned to pass and adopt **Resolution 15-01-01** authorizing the Village to participate in the State Purchasing program. Motion passed on six aye votes.

Solar Project and Energy Storage System: At previous meetings David Dwyer of American Renewable Energy and Power has asked Council to consider allowing the addition of an energy storage system to the power purchase agreement for the solar array. The resolution authorized Don Harrod to negotiate an amendment to the power purchase agreement. Council has discussed the issue, and want to tour a similar system in Dayton. Mike Kaiser of MK Power Solutions has reviewed the project and sees no harm to the village's electrical system if the energy storage system is placed onto the village's electrical system. R. Schwartz and T. Herkenhoff motioned to suspend the rule of three readings. Motion passed on six aye votes. P. Enneking and N. Clune motioned to pass and adopt **Resolution 15-01-02** authorizing the negotiation of an amendment to the power purchase agreement with American Renewable Energy and Power. Motion passed on six aye votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Craig Oldiges reported the Utility Committee met to discuss the planned solar field and discussed the proposed addition of an energy storage system at the north substation. Rick Schwartz reported the Parks Committee met to discuss the protective netting at the baseball fields located at the Four Seasons Park.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President: C. Oldiges and N. Clune motioned to appoint Mr. Rick Schwartz as Council President for 2015. Motion passed on five aye votes and one abstention by Rick.

Mayoral Appointments: Annually the mayor realigns various committees and appoints open positions on various boards. R. Schwartz and P. Enneking motioned to approve the following recommended mayoral appointments. Motion passed on six aye votes.

Western Ohio Rail Authority (3 year term): Steve Dirksen – 9/31/2017

Purchases over \$3,000 Dollars: Council reviewed a list of invoices which were over \$3,000. Council has authorized the Administrator to purchase items under \$25,000, however, per the State Auditor; the purchases over \$3,000 and under \$25,000 require Council approval. N. Clune and R. Schwartz motioned to approve the invoices over \$3,000. Motion passed on six aye votes.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- On December 22, 2014 a water leak occurred on an 8 inch line in State Route 66 in front of Dannon. Village crews excavated the area and made the necessary repairs.
- Reminder to residents that Rumpke will go back to its regular schedule for trash pick-up.
- Village crews will begin to remove the Christmas decorations. We will be leaving the lights in the trees as we did last year.

Receipts: Council reviewed the monthly cash receipt ledger of \$1,331,588.41. T. Herkenhoff and C. Albers motioned to approve the report. Motion passed on six aye votes.

Invoices: P. Enneking and C. Oldiges motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$1,061,268.79. Motion passed on six aye votes.

COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

P. Enneking and R. Schwartz motioned to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion passed on six aye votes.

Dennis Kitzmiller, Mayor

John Stechsulte, Clerk

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