



VILLAGE OF MILLERSBURG

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The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on September 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Huebner called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk-Treasurer Karen Shaffer gave roll call and the following members were in attendance: Devone Polen, Brent Hofstetter, Junior Vaughn, Greg Hardesty, and Jim Beechy. Solicitor Robert Hines was also in attendance. Councilwoman Ruby Baird was absent.

MINUTES: Motion made by Polen to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held September 9 and the special meeting held on September 11. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Hardesty, and Beechy voting aye. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Beechy to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Vaughn, Hofstetter, and Hardesty voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Hardesty to pay bill resolution 2013-28 Bills' \$98681.78; Payroll \$34528.25; total \$133210.036. Seconded by Beechy. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hardesty, Beechy, Polen, Hofstetter, and Vaughn voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Administrator Troyer: Introduced Brenda Fargo from Strategic Aggregation Consultants. Fargo explained her company and the services they offer regarding Electrical Aggregation. The company works with communities to develop, implement and maintain electric, gas and trash aggregation programs. If the approval is given by Millersburg voters in November, by joining together residents could see lower electrical rates. In addition to being voter approved, Fargo explained multiple steps the Village must take to become an electrical aggregator. Bids must be taken from service providers. Her company would prepare Requests for Proposals, send to providers, review bids and make a recommendation, complete with savings and parameters. The Village would need to become a Certified Public Aggregator through the Public Utilities Commission. To become certified the Village will need a plan of operation and governance. Strategic Aggregation Consultants (SAC) would prepare that document as well. Public Hearings will need to be held before the plan is adopted by Council. After the plan is adopted, an application is sent to the PUCO for approval. If approved, the certificate is valid for two (2) years and must be renewed every two (2) years. Once the Village is certified, the program would be ready to implement. Residents will automatically be enrolled in the program, however all residents would be sent an opt-out letter giving them twenty-one (21) days to opt out of the program. The selected supplier will then send a list of accounts that did not opt out to AEP. AEP will then send another letter to those in the program providing them with an additional seven (7) days to opt out. Within two (2) months from then, those enrolled will see a new section on their AEP bill with the new rate. Co-ops such as Holmes-Wayne Electric customers are not eligible. Village residents who have already signed up with their own supplier are also not eligible. Once their contract expires they may join the Village aggregation plan. Fargo estimates the average annual savings would be \$100 to \$120 per year. The fees charged by SAC are paid through the supplier, not the Village. Fargo told Council her company will provide all of the necessary documents and filings that are required. Council unanimously agreed to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with SAC. (Resolution provided under "Legislation" on the agenda)

Informed Council the DRB will meet on October 2nd to review signage requests from Colonial Homestead as well as White Law Offices. P&Z will meet as well on the 2nd to review a lot split/re-plat in Rustic Acres Subdivision.

Informed Council AEP has reviewed all the additional GridSmart application information they requested and informed us that due to a program change as well as the lights we installed our incentive will be \$805.20 higher than anticipated for a total of \$5,715.20. The funds were received today.

Informed Council the final pool inspection was completed by the State on September 16. This inspection went very smoothly and they issued approval at that time. Since then we have winterized the pool and will continue to add water as necessary until next spring.

Informed Council since we were unable to complete a major paving project this year, he asked Strawser to provide a quote on additional crack sealing to be completed this fall. Their quote is \$19,400 to do the following streets: Walnut, Hickory, Close, Woodland, W. Jones, N. Mad Anthony, Perkins, N. Monroe, Clinton, Ledges, Park, Fairview, Alexander, Smith, W. Adams, and Uhl St. Council had no objections.

Informed Council Millersburg Mennonite Church is requesting permission to remove a tree in front of the Living Acts House at 344 E. Jackson Street. The tree is leaning into the roadway and is not in very good condition. Motion made by Beechy to approve the tree removal request at the property owner's expense. Seconded by Hardesty. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Hardesty, Vaughn, Hofstetter, and Polen voting aye.

Reminded Council the Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 28th. We will meet at the Village Offices at 8:00 A.M. and disperse from there. Feel free to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, etc.

Informed Council Millersburg Brewing is requesting permission to utilize a parking space in front of the business on Friday nights. They would like to bring in a food truck on September 27; October 11th and 18th; from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on a trial basis. A motion was made by Beechy to allow the parking space to be utilized by the food truck on the requested three dates. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Hardesty voting aye.

Requested permission for the Antique Festival to close Court St.; S Monroe to Court St.; and N Monroe to Clinton St. for the festival. Motion made by Beechy to approve the street closures. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Hofstetter, Hardesty, Vaughn, and Polen voting aye.

Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer: Informed Council the Holmes County Antique Festival is requesting Discretionary Bed Tax funds to pay for a new sound system (\$1155) and a new website (\$1010) for a total of \$2165.00. With funds still available, a motion was made by Beechy to approve the request. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Hardesty voting aye.

Mayor Huebner: Asked Council for discussion or comments on the health and dental insurance renewal as presented at the special meeting held September 11, 2013. Council agreed with the opinion of Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer. Shaffer noted in a memo to Council that she suggested for the period of November 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2014: Keep the same plan design; Keep the employee contribution the same; Allow employee to keep spouse covered for this plan year. Shaffer's reasoning was that employees have not received pay increases and other benefits have been taken away. To add additional deductibles/co-insurance/contributions would result in once again a decrease in their annual earned income. Shaffer told Council if they decided to change the current benefits, she would encourage them to provide enough of a pay increase to cover the additional costs to the employees, as well as see an increase in their take home pay. The current employees have shown their dedication to the Village in remaining with us through thick and thin. Shaffer also noted that with significant changes coming at the next renewal, other options for next year Council should consider are: For the period of November 1, 2014 and beyond: The plan design will mandated by the "ACA"; Review employee contributions; Require spousal coverage (if available elsewhere) to be dropped from our group plan. Shaffer noted her reasoning: No one knows really what the future holds for health care. Assuming the ACA stays on track, she feels the Village will have no option other than to require the removal of spousal coverage. This alone (estimated on the current census) would save the Village approx. \$55,740 in annual premiums. At our current census, at renewal time next year (an estimated 32% increase) our annual premium would rise by \$72,755. I believe at that time we should really consider an increase in employee contributions. Shaffer noted that the budget allows for a 10% increase in premiums for this plan year. A motion was made by Hardesty to approve the renewal of medical and dental insurance with Aultcare for the period of November 1, 2013 thru October 31, 2014. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hardesty, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Beechy voting aye.

LEGISLATION: Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2013-29 "A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Consultation Agreement with Strategic Aggregation Consultants, LLC" for the first time by title only. Motion made by Beechy to suspend the rules requiring the second

and third reading of Resolution 2013-29. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Beechy, Polen, Hardesty, Vaughn, and Hofstetter voting aye. Motion made by Hofstetter to pass and adopt Resolution 2013-29. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Vaughn, Polen, Hardesty, and Beechy voting aye.

VISITOR: Rose Habrun noted that pool was not full with water. Administrator Troyer informed Habrun that the Village would do what they could to keep the pool full throughout the winter months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Polen to adjourn into executive session to discuss the purchase or sale of public property. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Hardesty, and Beechy voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Polen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Hardesty, and Beechy voting aye.

Approved Date _____

Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Huebner, Mayor