

Village of Muir Regular Council Meeting  
April 11, 2017

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Muir Village Council met Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Doug Hyland.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- III. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
**PRESENT:** President Doug Hyland, Trustees; Jessica Anthony, Tom Ciganick, Jason Herbstreith, Derek Kacos, Dan Parker  
**ABSENT:** Trustee Laura Stewart  
**VILLAGE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Treasurer James Newman, DPW Superintendent Lyndon Randall
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**BOARD ACTION:** No changes or additions were made to the agenda. Motion by Trustee Dan Parker, supported by Trustee Jessica Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Dan Parker, supported by Trustee Jason Herbstreith, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/BILLS: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Jessica Anthony, supported by Trustee Dan Parker to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.
- VII. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer James Newman presented the Treasurer's Report including reports of Cash Summary of accounts, and Certificate of Deposit investments. Noted three (3) newly purchased CDs; Water Operating (\$45,000), Water R&I (\$50,000) and Water Bond Debt Retirement (\$7,500). CD's all at 2.26%, four (4) year term.
- VIII. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** Gary Bennett, Ervin Trumble Jr., Ellen Trumble.
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ellen Trumble requested assistance in establishing a location within the Village for a "Book Store". The "Book Store" provides access to books provided by the public for the public. Several different locations were discussed by Trustees. No Board action was taken at this meeting.
- X. **BUSINESS TO DISCUSS:**
  1. **MERS Plan Change.** Discussion perused regarding changing from the current "defined benefit plan" to a "defined contribution plan", funded at 3% by the Village per employee.

Prior to making any changes in the current plan a projection study needs to be completed by an outside firm.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Dan Parker, supported by Trustee Tom Ciganick to freeze and move forward with a defined benefit plan.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Anthony, Ciganick, Herbstreith, Kacos, Parker, Hyland

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Stewart

**Motion Carried**

## 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR BUDGET PLANNING

Trustee Jason Herbstreith will contact other members to set a date to start planning for the upcoming budget. Members are Chairperson Laura Stewart, Derek Kacos and Jason Herbstreith.

3. **RADAR SPEED SIGN from ELAN CITY.** Discussion perused regarding the purchase of a radar speed sign. Benefits are traffic speed, general traffic count, and traffic count for speeders. President Doug Hyland presented the idea to project foreman at the newly built Dollar General for consideration of them buying a second sign. Waiting for reply from Dollar General.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Jason Herbstreith, supported by Trustee Jessica Anthony to purchase one radar speed sign from ElanCity.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Ciganick, Herbstreith, Parker, Anthony, Hyland

**Nays:** Kacos

**Absent:** Stewart

**Motion Carried**

4. **LIONS CLUB BUILDING INSURANCE.** Trustees discussed options for the Village to assist with insurance and liability obligations for the building. Trustees agree that there is a need to keep the organization viable for the benefit of this community.

**BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Tom Ciganick, supported by Trustee Derek Kacos to approve placing the building under the Village's insurance policy for the amount of \$225/year.

**Motion Carried**

XI. **TABLED ITEMS:** None

XII. **DPW REPORT:** DPW Report presented by DPW Superintendent Randall.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED;**

1. Announced Dylan Erridge accepted the position of DPW Assistant.

2. Selected streets are in need for street overlays or crush & pave.

3. Trees throughout the Village are in need of trimming and/or cutting down.

1. Lift Station Improvements include the addition of a power generator for use during power outages.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE:** President Doug Hyland shared the communication sent to the Village of Lyons regarding the increase in pay for the Fire Chief and other personnel.

FIRE CHIEF PAY \$425/quarter

FIREPERSON PAY \$11.75/hour

President Doug Hyland reported on attending a seminar provided by Consumers Energy. The seminar centered on cost saving ideas areas such as switching street lights to LED's. Payback could be realized between 1 and 2 years.

**XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Anthony: none

Ciganick: none

Herbstreith: Thanked Trumble Jr. for clearing debris from trail.

Kacos: questioned if payment was received for bridge railing that was sold. President acknowledged receipt of monies and stated the full amount was placed back into the Bridge account.

Parker: none

Stewart: absent

Craft: absent

Newman: none

Randall: none

Hyland: none

**XIIV. ADJOURNMENT: BOARD ACTION:** Motion by Trustee Dan Parker, supported by Trustee Tom Ciganick to adjourn at 7:47 PM. To meet again on May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

James Newman

Muir Village Treasurer