

Village of Minerva Park  
Minutes of Special Meeting December 21, 2004

Present were:

Mayor: Lynn Eisentrout; Council members: Sharon Bierman, Don Champney, Pam Park-Curry, Dave Stahr, Ron Yarano. Marty Grosh joined council at 6:49 p.m. due to a previous commitment.  
Fire Chief: Rick Hoechstetter

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Sharon Bierman moved that Pam Park-Curry be appointed to record the minutes for this meeting. Ron Yarano seconded; Motion passed.

**Interview Candidate for Attorney for Minerva Park.**

Ms. Sarah Lynn from Bailey Cavelarie was introduced. Ms. Lynn described Bailey Cavelari as a firm with an array of specialties and that she did environmental work and has represented municipalities in a variety of ways. She mentioned that often annexation and development issues will involve environmental issues. Others in the firm have had other types of municipal experience and she would be able to draw upon the expertise of the rest of the firm. She emphasized that she is extremely responsive returning calls with 24 hours and has a strong relationship with the City of Columbus, the Ohio EPA, and County Commissioners. She has represented the City of Gahanna (a response to a question by Don Champney) and while her rate is higher, would negotiate a fee in the \$180 to \$200 range. In response to other questions, she mentioned that: in regards to wetlands, we would need to be aware of state and federal regulations concerning and she has dealt with that issues; she has experience in grant work; the firm has done some real estate work but not with DH and she has not worked with or for them; when discussing the dam, she would know who to talk to and that from an environmental standpoint, answers would be from a construction/engineering perspective.

Ms. Lynn left and council discussed the pros and cons of hiring Ms. Lynn as well as the pros and cons of the other candidates. It was felt that the Mayor should hire the person she is most comfortable working with.

**Legislation:**

Resolution 2004-28 A Resolution Providing For The Employment Of A Director Of Law For The Village Of Minerva Park And To Declare An Emergency.

Pam Park-Curry moved that council suspend the rules and waive the three readings of Resolutions 2004-28. Sharon Bierman seconded. Roll Call:

Sharon Bierman	Aye	Dave Stahr	Aye
Ron Yarano	Aye	Don Champney	Aye
Marty Grosh	Aye	Pam Park-Curry	Aye

Motion Passed.

Pam Park-curry moved that Resolution 2004-28 be passed as an emergency. Marty Grosh seconded. Roll Call:

Marty Grosh	Aye	Pam Park-Curry	Aye
Ron Yarano	Aye	Don Champney	Aye
Dave Stahr	Aye	Sharon Bierman	Aye

Motion passed.

### **Safety and EMS funds**

Rick Hoechstetter attended the meeting to discuss the EMS Vehicle Fund. Rick pointed out that in the past we used to have \$10,000 in approved budget under EMS Capital Outlay. At the end of each year, any unspent money would be moved by resolution out of the general budget and into the EMS Vehicle Fund. That is how the EMS Vehicle Fund was built up.

According to Rick, this year, the amount was not \$10,000 but was instead \$5,000, and he was attending to have any unspent money moved from the Capital Outlay line to the EMS Vehicle Fund. During the discussion, two separate budget documents for 2004 were found: one had 0 dollars in EMS Capital Outlay and one had \$5000 in EMS Capital Outlay. Without the Clerk-Treasurer present, it was hard to know what caused the two documents to reflect different amounts. We felt that anything that is done needs to be done by legislation but that we cannot do anything without the Clerk-Treasurer letting us know how much money is left in the line to transfer to the fund. Rick stated that he worked very hard to offer Council a substantial saving on an updated EMS vehicle, but it is important to begin to save for a future vehicle. We concluded by waiting until Suzanne gets back to clarify it with her.

### **Planning and Zoning.**

With a vacancy on Planning and Zoning, Lynn will be appointing someone. She has asked Arleen Stuart to serve. Arleen has been with the City of Westerville for 27 years, is a long term resident in the Village, and takes a hard line on code enforcements. Marty added that he felt that she would be a great addition to Planning and Zoning.

Marty moved we appoint Arleen Stuart to Planning and Zoning. Sharon Bierman seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed.

### **Other items:**

Mayor Eisentrout reported that a letter will go out from RITA to the 61 businesses in the Village (not the private home businesses) notifying them of the new income tax and its requirements.

Various items from the development text and DH's feeling that various items are costing them disproportionately were discussed including insisting on full basements, top soil requirements, building permit fees and others. We also continued to discuss type of house, square footage of ranch versus two story, limiting smaller size houses, insisting on full basements, materials used, tree requirements, eliminating parts of the development text and having our code cover those items, among other things.

A work session is scheduled for Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the development text and other annexation items.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Park-Curry