

February 9, 2004 Regular Council Meeting

Meeting began at 8:01 PM

Role Call: Don Champney, Dave Stahr, Sharon Bierman, Pam Park-Curry, Brian Downey.

Pledge of allegiance

Invocation: Dave Stahr

Interviewing of the candidates for the open council seat.

1. Juan Segovia: He grew up in Minerva Park and would like to serve on council to help solve some of the current problems of the Park. Every community has its problems and Minerva Park has always been very good at coming together and solving them.

Pam Park-Curry- What do you believe is our most pressing problem in the Park at this time?

Juan S.- Roads

Don Champney- Are you a resident?

Juan S.- Yes, I live in my parents house at the corner of Minerva Lake Road and Fairview.

Brian Downey- What about future issues for the Park?

Juan S.-water, sewer, encroachment from other municipalities, flooding.

2. Ron Yarano: I have been a resident for ten years, and have worked on council for the last three months. I would like the chance to continue to work with you on the issues facing the Park at this time. There are many issues to work on, flooding, water, sewer, streets.

Pam Park-Curry moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

2nd Dave Stahr

Roll: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye.

8:10 PM

Returned from executive session 8:15 PM

Vote for council seat:

Ron Yarano : five votes.

Juan Segovia: None

Swearing in of Ron Yarano for four year term council seat by Mayor Lynn Eisentrout.

Lynn Eisentrout: Thank you Mr. Segovia for also applying for our open council seat.

Minutes: Regular council meeting January 12, 2004. Don Champney moved for acceptance of the minutes as written. 2nd Dave Stahr. Vote: all ayes.

Police: We have gotten our issues with the insurance company resolved concerning car number 3. They have reimbursed us for the entire amount of the repair. I have given you my reports.

Mayor Eisentrout: When will car #2 be fixed?

Chief Hillard: We are only waiting on parts to come in.

Engineer:

1. Memorandum for Issue #2 money- our bid has been passed on to the small government commission. This is a state wide bid. We will need to change our loan / grant ratio to receive more points if we want a chance to get the grant. We have 30 days to get our new numbers into the commission and we should hear from them in the spring. I have come up with some alternatives for Minerva Lake Road if we do not get this grant again. These are ways that we can fix the road so that it would last another five years or so.
2. Our firm was asked by Mayor Eisentrout to take a look at the storm sewers on Park Lane Court. We checked it out and found some of the sewers blocked with leaves and sticks. These should be cleaned.

Pam Park-Curry: Should we have this done before spring rains?

Stu Wilms: Yes, we can possible tie it in with the other cleanings we were going to do when the weather breaks some. I will get some numbers together for an estimate.

3. Sewer cleaning approved last month has not been done yet due to the weather. We hope that it can be done soon.

Legal:

1. Mayor's court will be undergoing some changes in the next few weeks- we will be trying to use Franklin County Municipal Courts system.
2. Eric Johnson is our new magistrate.
3. By statute I should approve all contracts that the Village enters into before they come before council.
4. I would like to get all copies of minutes of all meetings.

P & Z:

1. Curry; 2559 Lakewood Drive: came to planning and zoning asking for a variance on their garage. Their current garage is only 2 ft from the property line. They are building a new garage and propose to build it 5 ft from the line. But this is still in violation of our code ordinance for garages. If they move the garage over to the 8ft they will lose all access to the rear of the garage by a path down the side. They are coming before you to ask that council approve a variance to 5ft from the line. Planning and zoning did approve this variance. Pam Park-Curry will abstain from voting on this matter.

Sharon Bierman moved to approve the variance from 8ft from the property line to 5 ft from the property line for a garage at 2559 Lakewood Road, Curry residence. Brian Downey 2nd. Mayor Eisentrout: Will the garage match the home? Pam Park-Curry: yes, and it will be a big improvement from the currant one.

Vote: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye, Pam Park-Curry abstain.

Passed

2. Planning and Zoning discussed new fees for building permits. We will be looking into this and then bringing our suggestions to council for approval of a new ordinance.
3. We would like to make up a pamphlet for new home owners explaining our zoning ordinances. Also for the commercial building too.
4. We are beginning to track our violations better for zoning and watching for the 30/ 60/ 90 days, before they are brought into court.
5. We need to update our ordinance on tonnage allowed into the Village.

Civic Association:

1. Historical marker is in process.
2. We still need a council person or a resident to be our representative to the NCC.

Service:

1. The retainer basin has not been cleaned out yet due to the weather.
2. The group home issue will be our topic of discussion in this Saturdays work session. We feel that they are not in compliance with some of our zoning ordinances and are making plans to do something about it.
3. Golf Course: As you know, we have been discussing this issue for many years, but intensely these last few months in executive sessions. I would like to give a brief history on what we have tried to do concerning the Golf Course. This Village has been in constant talks with the owners of the Golf Course about the future of it. We have talked with them about possible purchasing it from them. In July of 2002 we submitted a bid that was at that time rejected and we were told that they were not ready to sell the Golf Course yet. In November of 2003 we received word that there was in fact a contract on the Golf Course to be bought by a development company. The owners contacted us because in 2003 we had with them a first rite of refusal on the purchase. After finding out the proposed purchase price, we declined. The Village at this time was unable to come up with the amount of money needed to make a counter offer as a result of our debt capacity. We did ask the owners to let us know if the deal fell through, they said that they would. Last week, we were contacted by Dominion Homes. The Mayor, Myself and Suzanne Coulter met with their representatives on Friday February 6, 2004. They at this time presented us with their plans for the land and their desire for annexation into the Village. This is where we are at and are in talks with them about this. We hope to schedule a town meeting on March 21, 2004 concerning this issue. There are still many obstacles for the builder go through before we know whether this will happen. There are many upsides to this annexation. We could get some help with our streets, our pool and get a new community building out of it. We will be contracting with the best real estate lawyer we can find to help us minimize the impact that this will have on the Village. We will be sending out a letter to the residents with as much information as we know.

Safety:

1. Group home

2. EMS is currently doing inventory.
3. The Blendon township contract has been signed for this year. \$6000.00

Finance:

Don Champney moved for approval of the warrants from January 2004.

Pam Park-Curry 2nd

Vote: all ayes.

Legislation:

Ordinance 01-2004: water surcharges. Usage and flat rate.

Pam Park-Curry moved for acceptance of the first reading of Ordinance 01-2004.

Dave Stahr 2nd

Vote: all ayes.

Resolution 2004-01 Appropriation measure for 2004, revised, as an emergency.

Pam Park-Curry moved to waive the three readings of Resolution 2004-01.

Dave Stahr 2nd.

Roll: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye.

Pam Park-Curry moved for passage of Resolution 2004-01 as an emergency.

Brian Downey 2nd

Roll: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye.

Passed

Resolution 2004-02 Magistrate contract, as emergency, through December 31, 2004.

Pam Park -Curry moved to waive the three readings of Resolution 2004-02.

Sharon Bierman 2nd

Roll: Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye.

Pam Park-Curry moved for passage of Resolution 2004-02 as an emergency.

Dave Stahr 2nd

Roll: Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye, Don Champney aye.

Passed

Resolution 2004-03: To designate a representative from the Village to the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium, as an emergency.

Pam Park-Curry moved to waive the three readings of Resolution 2004-03.

Brian Downey 2nd

Roll: Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye, Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye.

Pam Park-Curry moved for passage of Resolution 2004-03 as an emergency.

Sharon Bierman 2nd

Roll: Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Brian Downey aye, Ron Yarano aye, Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye.

Passed

Citizens Comments:

Betty Beatrice: Why does the Village not want to purchase the Golf Course?

Sharon Bierman: We do!!!!

Dave Stahr: The village can not afford the purchase price that Dominion homes offered the owners due to our debt capacity. 7.1 mil offered, our debt can go up to 2.1 mil.

Kala Sue Bush: I want to thank council for its endless hours on the golf course and I am sure you are heart broken with the outcome. But I want to say thanks for all the work to try to keep it the way it was.

Old Business:

Pool: The board is looking at their costs to open this year, and we are working with them on money for improvements.

New Business:

Pam Park-Curry moved to appoint Brian Downey as the council's representative to the planning and zoning board.

Ron Yarano 2nd

All ayes.

9:44 PM adjourned.