

Village of Minerva Park

Minutes of the Council Meeting August 8, 2005.

Roll Call: Council Members: Don Champney, Sharon Bierman, Dave Stahr, Pam Park-Curry, Ron Yarano, Mayor Eisentrout, Treasurer Coulter, Law Direct Hollins, Chief Hillard, Chief Hoechstetter and Engineer Flickenger.

Invocation: Don Champney

Council Vacancy:

Legal Counsel Gene Hollins gave some background on how the Village may appoint a new council member. The Village has published for the vacancy, received résumé's, and can at this time appoint a council member. The 30 days has expired for the council to appoint the council member, therefore, the Mayor now appoints the member.

Mayor Eisentrout stated that only one resume had been received by Mr. Chuck Gibson and that she would like to appoint Mr. Gibson to the vacant council seat. She also asked the Village residents present if anyone else was interested in the council seat. There was no one interested at this time.

Mayor Eisentrout then swore in Mr. Gibson as the new Council member for the Village of Minerva Park.

Minutes: July 11, 2005, Pam Park-Curry moved to accept the minutes as amended. 2nd Sharon Bierman. **Vote: All ayes.**

Citizens Comments: None

Village Officials Reports:

EMS:

Chief Hoechstetter gave the council his department's currant reports.

The EMS vehicle was repaired and the air-conditioning now works as it should.

A cot was also fixed and is back in working order.

Police:

Chief Hillard gave the Council his currant report from his department.

Chief Hillard presented a lease program for a new vehicle to replace the third vehicle. Officer Beach gathered the information for the department on the lease. A 36 month lease would cost the Village \$627.43 per month. It is a Crown Victoria. Councilwoman Bierman asked how many miles were included in this lease. Answer: 15,000. Councilwoman Park-Curry read off of Chief Hillard report on what each car's mileage was last month. It seems that the Officers drive anywhere from 10,800 miles per year to 26,000 miles. The Village is still responsible for repairs to the car. Chief Hillard stated that he would like to rotate each year a new car into the department. This helps to keep

down costs on repairs. Councilman Champney stated that he did not like the fact that we would not own the car after three year lease and we have to put money into the car to fix it before we return it. Chief Hillard feels that the refurbished cruisers are the best option for the Village. Councilmen Stahr stated that he would like us to look at the refurbished used cars.

Councilman Stahr motioned to have Chief Hillard purchase a refurbished car to replace car #3, appropriating up to \$12,000.00 for the car, painting, equipment moving and decals. 2nd Pam Park-Curry. **Vote: All ayes.**

Late Citizen's Comment:

Calla Sue Bush, resident, stated that the Villager was incorrect in July about the group home. There have been several complaints from her and her neighbors about the group home. There are constant problems at the home. There are men outside speaking on their cells phones loudly and late at night. The people who work in the group home are rude and come and go at odd hours of the night. I have been here for six years and have tried to get the Village to fix this problem home. I can not do it any longer; I have purchased a home now outside this Village. I had wanted to stay in this house for a long time. There are horns honking at all hours of the day and night. Thank you for your time and listening. I hope that the next resident will continue to be in your face about this property. This home has not been "normal" for this neighborhood. I am concerned for the safety of all the residents, especially the children. I do not feel safe to go out into my own backyard. If there is anything the Village can do I hope you will. I have tried calling the Dispatch; I have called different agencies in the State of Ohio and have gotten no where. I do have a concern about the companies background checks on their employees. Chief Hillard stated that the last call was last month, a medicine report.

Chief Hillard said that he has training on August the 16th for Homeland Security. It is for reverse 911. This would allow us to get a hold of every resident in the Village in case of an emergency. A 30 second message would be given to all residents on what the emergency is.

Engineer:

Engineer Flickenger reported that the 2005 Street Project is almost complete. Strawser has a few things to complete before he will sign off on the project. Strawser did complete the two areas on Minerva Lake Road that had been missed on the Minerva Lake Road project. Woodward Excavating has completed the storm improvements. \$595.00 proposal from Woodward is to replace one manhole cover. Councilman Yarano moved to approve the appropriation of \$595.00 by Woodward Excavating to fix the water leakage problem in the manhole. 2nd Pam Park-Curry. **Vote: All ayes.** Engineer Flickenger reported on the Hawthorne waterline replacement. They still need to fix the holes in Minerva Lake Road and fixing the Segovia's yard. There is a construction meeting Wednesday August 10, at 3:00PM at Hawthorne. The Mayor, Engineer Flickenger and Mr. Segovia will attend this meeting. Engineer Flickenger stated that they would be fixing the street this week. Engineer Flickenger also reported that he has begun work on the 2006 OPWC project due in the middle of September. The Village will attempt to do some of the work

on the OPWC bid package to save in engineering fees.

Law Director:

Law Director Gene Hollins stated that he appreciated the chance to continue to represent the Village as Law Director.

Planning and Zoning:

Code Enforcement Officer Busick presented his most recent report on violations to the council. Code Enforcer Busick reported that trailers are a big problem in the Village. The Village is also having problems with dumpsters and pods in front of homes. It is important for all residents to let the Mayor's office know when there are violations to keep this Village as it has been.

Community Association:

Lisa Craddock reported that the association is getting ready for founders day at the pool. There will be a lot of fun games and good food from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Pool:

Georganna Cannif from the pool board was at the meeting to answer council questions. Councilman Don Champney asked about the vending machines and how they are working. Georganna stated that it has been a learning experience with the machines. They have not worked out very well. We think that we will just have snacks, pop and ice-cream. The pool has only received a \$270.00 check for the proceeds of the sales. The pool board should get a written agreement in the future to protect the pool from the venders. Mayor Eisentrout asked if the vending machines were well liked by the members of the pool this year. Georganna said that, yes, the members have enjoyed the machines this year. The pool had a very good month for walk in money \$4,521.50. The pool will have closing costs and Reno Volpe and Treasurer Suzanne Coulter will get together to put together the end of year report. The pool board would like to bring back the corn roast. Georganna stated that she would like to see next year that the pool board would not have to sign any paperwork for insurance coverage for the pool.

Mayor's report:

Mayor Eisentrout reported on the AEP tree cutting program and has addressed several issues with AEP on the program. AEP has not been too good at putting the flyers on the homeowner's door to tell them when their trees could be cut.

Golf Course:

Law Director Gene Hollins the developer is asking the Groezinger's to begin the annexation process before the final purchase is done. This would speed up being able to develop the land when the purchase is made. The process has been slowed down due to probate court issue in the Groezinger family.

Community:

Councilwoman Bierman reported on a storm sewer report she received and forwarded on to the Mayor's office. This sewer report has to be filled out on what we have done in the

way of fixing the sewers, what public outreach we have done and pollution prevention. The Village has been very good in this area in the last year. See Councilwoman's report on this, entered into the minutes.

Streets:

Councilman Yarano reported on the alleyway behind the stores on Cleveland Avenue. The Village has cleaned up the area well and is going to get some gravel to put down. Chief Hoechstetter stated that the south end of the alley is still blocked by two trees and a shed that are keeping the way blocked for emergency vehicles. This would allow for kids on bikes to get away from Police Officers. Code Officer Busick stated that the fences are gone, but there are two trees still in the way. We would have to remove the trees to do this. Councilwoman Park-Curry asked why we would want to clear the whole alley. I would think we would not want to encourage vehicular traffic through there. Councilman Yarano moved to approve up to \$5000, for gravel, survey and plow out the alley. 2nd Dave Stahr. **Vote: All ayes.**

Service:

Councilman Stahr presented the FountainTech proposal for the North Lake. The reasons for the need of the two umbrella fountains in the North Lake are to prevent future fish kills like last year 250 fish. The EPA told us that it was not properly oxygenated for the fish to live. There were no chemicals found in the water testing. It would also improve the looks of the North Lake. Resident Dick Paugh who lives on the North Lake is in favor of the project. The cost for the fountains would be \$9660.00 for two fountains. They are a local company and can come out and fix ours while other places have to send the fountains out to be fixed. Councilman Stahr motioned to approve funds up to \$10,000 to install two aeration fountains in the North Lake by FountainTech. 2nd Pam Park-Curry. Councilwoman Curry asked Councilman Stahr if we could wait until the spring to install the fountains. Councilman Stahr said yes, it could wait until spring. Councilwoman Bierman stated that she would like to see us wait to spend the money until we know better what the income tax will bring in next spring. The budget is tight now and Councilwoman Bierman would like to wait until a better opportunity. **Roll Call Vote: Don Champney yes, Dave Stahr yes, Sharon Bierman no, Pam Park-Curry no, Ron Yarano yes, Chuck Gibson no.** Law Director Hollins stated that the Mayor breaks a voting tie. The Mayor **voted no** on the project at this time. **Voted down.**

Councilman Yarano suggested that we ask RITA to send out a reminder letter about the income tax.

Finance:

Councilman Champney presented the finance reports. Councilman Champney motioned for acceptance of the warrants paid in July. 2nd Pam Park-Curry. **Vote: All ayes.**

Legislation:

Council woman Pam Park-Curry presented the following legislation.

Resolution 2005-17 OPWC

Pam Park-Curry moved for the acceptance of the third reading of Resolution 2005-17.
2nd Sharon Bierman.

Councilwoman Bierman noted that the Resolution did not incorporate the changes discussed at the last council meeting. Councilwoman Park-Curry and Engineer Flickenger stated that the wording on the Resolution was ok.

Vote: All ayes.

Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry moved for passage of Resolution 2005-17.
2nd Councilwoman Bierman.

Roll Call: Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Ron Yarano aye, Chuck Gibson aye, Don Champney aye.

Passed

Resolution 2005-18 MVL Audit

Councilwoman Pam Park-Curry moved for acceptance of the first reading of Resolution 2005-18.

2nd Councilman Champney

Vote: All ayes.

Resolution 2005-19 Appoint Councilmember Gibson

Councilwoman Curry moved to suspend the rules and waive the three reading of Resolution 2005-19 as an emergency.

2nd Councilman Yarano

Roll Call: Sharon Bierman aye, Pam Park-Curry aye, Ron Yarano aye, Chuck Gibson abstained, Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye.

Councilwoman Curry moved for passage of Resolution 2005-19 as an emergency.

2nd Councilman Yarano.

Roll Call: Pam Park-Curry aye, Ron Yarano aye, Chuck Gibson abstained, Don Champney aye, Dave Stahr aye, Sharon Bierman aye. Passed.

New Business:

Councilwoman Bierman asked for approval of funds for the Minerva Park Domain name not to exceed \$30.00
2nd Councilman Gibson

All ayes.

COP Canoe Class: on the lake. This organization would like to use the lake for classes on canoeing and kayaking. They teach the basic skills to operate these boats safely. This is a non-profit, volunteer organization. This could help us with grants from ODNR. The organization will have its own insurance to cover liability.

Adjourned: 9:20 PM