The village was forced to raise the surcharge on water bills in order to pay the loans on replacement of waterlines - Phase 1 and 2 and in order to collect money on the cost to replace waterlines on Minerva Lake Road, which will be Phase 3.

The rate is as follows; a flat fee of $30 per quarter plus a $5 per 1000 cubic feet of usage. Residents who were in warmer climate for the winter shouldn't have much of a usage charge but would have been charged the flat quarterly fee of $30.

June 7th 1 to 4

The EMS will be showing its upgrade to Medic Squad at the Community Building. Residents are invited to attend and see the Medic equipment.

The Fourth of July Committee is planning another day filled with fun, games, food and a chance to spend time with neighbors and friends. The following events are being offered:

Field Games, 11:30 am
Field adjacent to the pool
These will include: 3-legged races, sack races, piggyback races, Mom-calling contest, water balloon toss, watermelon seed splitting contest, pie eating contest, and much more. There will be a schedule of these games posted at the pool entrance prior to the Fourth. If you would like to help, please call Nancy Fry 890-6845.

Pool Games, 12:30 to 1:30
Minerva Park Pool
These will be a little different and challenging this year. Don't miss them!

Zoo Animals, 2 pm
Minerva Park Pool
Once again the zoo will be here with a variety of exotic (and petable) animals.

Old-Fashioned Picnic/Ice Cream Social 3 to 5 pm at the pool
Bring your whole family and a picnic dinner and join friends and neighbors for ice cream sundaes and cones provided by the Minerva Park Community Association. Tables and chairs will be available. Drinks will be sold by the pool. Like to help? Call either Rolla Wagner 895-2236 or Bea Hulbert 882-0265.

Pet Show, 6:30 pm
Field adjacent to the pool
Come and show off your dog, cat, rabbit, gerbil or slug and win a prize!

Hope you can join us for a day of fun! Lynn Eisentrout 891-0895
MINERVA PARK COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Council met in regular session with all members present on May 12, 1997.
Representatives from Ameritech and Warner Cable were present and are seeking franchise permits to provide cable/telecommunications to village residents. These companies will write a franchise permit agreement and present it to council.

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved a deck on Alder Vista, a fence on Minerva Lake Road, a deck on Jordan Road. A shed permit variance was granted for 2948 Kerrwood allowing it to sit closer than 8 feet from the lot line.

Council approved the following street improvements; $12,444 for slurry seal, 390 feet of curb repair and $2000 for grinding spots in the streets to improve water flow.

Jack Frencho, Maplewood resident, asked council to change the fence ordinance to allow 7' fence height on properties bordering the village. Ayes - Self. Nays - Blair, Eisentrout, Landy, Park-Curry.

Blendon Township donated $6000 to the Village. Mayor Murray will call to see if this is for 1996 or 1997.

Lou Busick, representing himself and other parents, asked council to purchase a piece of playground equipment for the Maplewood playground. It would be a size more appropriate to toddlers with a cost of $2500. Lou will work with the council community committee and make a proposal to council.

Mayor Murray advised that the replacement of waterlines on Minerva Lake Road has been given tentative approval.

Committee Reports
Community - Jeanne Blair advised that her committee will be meeting to discuss rules for rental and usage of the community building and playground equipment.

Service - Dave Stahr will organize a meeting for ravine residents to discuss rick/rack. He has a source of $12.90 per ton of rock. Bids were received for the 1997 leaf pick up. Davey bid $14,725 and McKinney bid $12,800.

Legislation - council passed the following ordinances; the second reading establishing zoning for annexed territory, the first reading defining the location of accessory structures in the zoning code, rules to govern the provisions of telecommunications services and use of rights-of-way, and increase the work hours of the court clerk. A resolution was passed by council to establish a Nature Works fund to handle grant money received by the village for the pool repairs.

Council urged the owner of the new home on East Shore to finish as soon as possible.

Notes from the clerk treasurer:
In last month's issue we covered the expenditures under Security of Persons and Property, we'll now list the rest of the expenses of the general fund. All figures are from the calendar year 1996.

Recreation programs $ 73
Provide & maintain parks 1168
Building inspections 1406
Community environment 891
Basic utilities 31329
Storm sewer 175
Refuse collection 69010
Leaf pick up 12268
Mayor office costs 14466
Legislative activities 17679
Court clerk 10110
Clerk treasurer 9812
Lands & buildings 17425
Boards & commissions 720
Workers Compensation premium 9869
State audit 3641
Deductions from property tax 3308

All expenditures from the general fund, totaled $379,859 in 1996. This gives one a general idea of the amount of money that is spent to provide services to the Village. Next month, the summary will cover all the other funds of the Village - their revenue and expenditures.

Betty Beatrice
Clerk Treasurer

If your name, address or phone number is not listed correctly in the Minerva Park Directory, please notify Don Champney 882-3318 with any corrections.
The cold spring has left a lot to be desired, but most of the trees and shrubs seem to have enjoyed it. We are fortunate that in spite of our many late frosts the azaleas are blooming spectacularly. Wilcox (2711 Maplewood) have an intense large rose colored azalea in the large bed out front which looks well with the pink dogwood and the many clumps of lavender wild geraniums. When the sun hits it, it is visible far down the street.

Part of the secret of its success is due to the fact that it really is two bushes which have grown together — a good trick to get the large effect without having to wait 20 years.

The large pink dogwood at Kohn's (5150 Lakeland Ct) is underplanted with a pink-lavender group of azaleas. A mass of white azaleas shows off well against the dark brick at 5073 Maplewood. And you sure can't miss the 4 large red bud colored bushes across the left side at 2595 Maplewood. These will be followed by a rhododendron display on the right very soon.

There are numerous pink dogwoods. Three of the most beautiful in terms of size, shape and fullness of bloom are at 3082 Minerva Lake Road and across the street at 3081 (Carfagna's) plus the one at 2647 Wildwood which is particularly effective against the gray house. The one at 2745 Lakewood shares the front yard with 2 white ones - another pleasing combination. A large pink one is visible from all directions on the golf course defying the general recommendation that dogwood like a woodsy location.

The white dogwood are more numerous and more hardy and when the sun shines on them they really glow. Beautiful specimens were seen at 3227 and 3164 (front and back) Minerva Lake Road, 2925 Kerwood, 5284 Westbridge. The one 2530 Wildwood stood out against the aqua green house. The one at 2733 Jordan was complimented by pink azaleas at the mailbox. At 5386 Park Lane the dogwood is placed to frame the door. In addition there is a mass of white azaleas under the trees to the left and a mass of deep red-orange azaleas on the right side.

Creeping phlox is a very colorful plant for late April/May. It tends to show off best hanging over a wall. Examples are at 2848 Maplewood (pink and white tulips above), 2804 Lakewood (blue and white plus "rug" junipers and daffodils above), 2863 Lakewood (pink around a blue spruce), at 2767 Wildwood blue hangs over the edges of a planting box. It is also very effective in a mass of pink on the ground near the mailbox at 3272 Minerva Lake Road and in masses of blue at 2642 Lakewood.

We planted the red variety in the boxes along 161 near the Ponderosa entrance and in this its third year it has spread together and can't be missed.

One of the most colorful spots in the park this week was at 2736 Wildwood. A red Japanese Maple shows off against the gray house. The house beds are edged with blue phlox behind which are planted pansies and geraniums in planters. The white dogwood in the yard is surrounded by mixed annuals and there are lots of pansies by the mailbox. At the west corner are bright azaleas with annuals along the entire west side.

Last August I mentioned that at 2807 Alder Vista everything from the foundation planting to the street had been torn out and I was watching to see what came next. At this moment the planting even though very young is very colorful and in 3 or 4 years should be outstanding. It has both pink and white dogwoods, pink/red azaleas, golden colored euonymus and a purple leaf plum.

Also blooming now are the double pink crabs (probably Bechtel's) at Raile's (2829 Lakewood) and Dooleys (2720 Maplewood). They look like they are covered with rose buds.

I'm sorry I can't comment of any other crabs, but I went to England and the Netherlands and missed the crabs - not only here but they don't seem to have them there. They also don't have dogwoods or red bud. No buckeyes but lots of horse chestnuts. The azaleas and rhododendron were in full bloom and many stand 12 to 20 feet high. Keukenhof with its 70,000 bulbs is a sight to behold. Of course the beds are huge,
but the thing that impressed me was the use of blue. Strips of huge blue grape hyacinths up to 5 feet wide edged beds or wound in a curving pattern through beds to divide colors. Also Forget Me Nots were blooming and screening the dying foliage of early bulbs. In the bulb fields where they are trying to grow top quality bulbs they pick off the blooms as soon as they bloom (the mulch piles are beautiful). You should replant tulips every year for good bloom but you can extend their lives by picking them as soon as they come out and using them for indoor bouquets or at least dead heading them promptly. It is important as with all plants that they use their strength to make blooms for next year rather than seed. (I'd be glad to show my photographs to anyone interested).

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**POOL NEWS**

She hasn't missed a lesson, and she's talked about it for weeks. She's going to do it. She's determined to do it. It's a long way down, but the high dive will be conquered! Swim lesson sign-up is next Monday, June 9th, from 9 - 11:00 a.m. ($30 for members, $40 non-members). Our first Kids Party will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18th, for ages 4-12, $1.00 admission. Bring a friend!

Please check the bulletin board for monthly activities. Come and join the fun this summer at the Minerva Park Swim Club.

Debbie Evans

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**Mayor's Corner**

By Mayor Jack Murray

We will soon be preparing our Village budget for the year 1998 and are faced with some stark realities as to our needs. We have replaced more than half of our aging and deteriorated waterlines and still have the other half to go. So far, we have been very fortunate in obtaining loans from the state to cover these replacement costs.

One loan required no interest, and the other only 3%. These loans must be paid back within 20 years and much of the amount borrowed will be covered by the increase in your water rates. Other increases for continued services must be paid for by other means.

I believe that the most equitable and effective way to provide these needed funds is a tax levy to be paid by all residents.

Several people have contacted me concerning a rumor that an income tax is contemplated by some, but I do not believe that an income tax in this Village is proper or effective. In consultation with our Village Treasurer, we are preparing an estimated dollar amount of our needs for the next few years ahead to provide the services we all want and expect, some of which are listed by the treasurer in another section of this issue.

Our treasurer has, in recent issues of the Villager, explained our sources of income as well as the amounts. The levy will be ready for the November election, and the Village Treasurer will be preparing the amounts needed for services and will inform you in future issues.

We have received a donation of $3,750 from the Kroger Company as a goodwill gesture. Their letter says, "It has always been our commitment to give back to the communities in which we do business," so, let's go Krogering!

King Solomon said, "being cheerful keeps you healthy."
4-02-97 a resident in the 2700 block of Wildwood expired due to natural causes
4-04-97 dispatched to the 2500 block of Maplewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-05-97 disorderly conduct on 3 subjects who entered Page Link USA to complain about pager bill
4-05-97 dispatched to the 5200 block of East Shore on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-07-97 dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-07-97 Village resident received several annoying phone calls
4-09-97 dispatched to the 3000 block of Carleton Ct. on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-13-97 an officer on routine patrol noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in the lot at 5454 Cleveland Ave. When checking for ownership, it was learned that the vehicle was stolen out of the City of Columbus
4-12-97 dispatched to the 2500 block of Maplewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-12-97 dispatched to the 2600 block of Maplewood on a burglary in progress, false alarm
4-17-97 in April, several employees of Minerva Park Place Nursing Home received several annoying phone calls
4-17-97 a resident in the 2700 block of Wildwood received several hang up calls
4-18-97 resident in the 3000 block of Carleton Ct. received several annoying and threatening phone calls
4-21-97 resident in the 5300 block of Park Lane Ct. received several annoying phone calls

Planning on doing any additions to your home or adding a shed or fence to your back yard? Contact the village office for necessary permits. 882-5743

In April, Medic 119 made 88 runs; 29 runs into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park.
Members volunteered a total of 1433.34 hours for the month, bringing the total for the year-to-date to 5916.49. Leading volunteers for the month were Jim Rhodes (120.5 hours), Arron Wilbur (111 hours), Anthony Huffman (96 hours). Jim Rhodes leads year-to-date with 383 hours.
4-02-97 ill person, Wildwood
4-04-97 poss heart attack, Cleveland Avenue
4-06-97 unconscious person, Wildwood
4-19-97 injured person, Park Lane
4-20-97 ill person, Wildwood
4-20-97 PHA, Wildwood
4-25-97 chest pain, Cleveland Avenue
4-26-97 grass fire, Minerva Lake Road and Lake Shore

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THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

The nucleus of the original 1895 zoological garden was located off towards the northeastern part of the park as seen from the Pavilion. (See Figure 1)

Newspapers of the day described the zoo as, “a well grated enclosure including a bear in a cage, in fall sight, which afforded an interesting study of wild life.” Also housed at the zoo was a large eagle captured in the mountains of Tennessee and known as Fighting Tom. The other animals which attracted considerable attention were the deer, black sheep (a rare species) and white hares. (In Figure 2, taken from the cover of T. J. McQuaid’s sheet music Minerva Park Waltzes you can see the bear cage within the woods to the extreme right of the picture. Today the zoo with the bear cage would be located at 2838 & 2844 Wildwood Road)

There were other animals in cages at various other sites throughout the park. The monkey cage was always popular, especially with the children. It was reported to have been located west of the Pavilion, but no actual records of its original location exist today.

In the 1950’s, Herbert Otting formally of 2655 Minerva Lake Rd. informed village resident Ernie Limes that there was an old sign reading “Lions & Tigers” nailed to the tree on the southwest corner of 2636 Minerva Lake Road. Also, a large quantity of dressed bones were excavated from Mr. Otting front lawn. The bones were most likely refuse from the lion and tiger cages which lend additional credence to the fact that the lion and tiger cages were located on Ernie Limes front yard in the early days of Minerva Park. (Remember there was no Minerva Lake Road at the time).

In June 1897, a new 6 acre animal park was constructed on the south side of the lake in conjunction with the building of the new Casino. Being composed of 6 acres, the new animal park would have occupied an extensive portion of the properties west of the new Casino and east of Cleveland Ave.
OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR PARKS JEWELS

SCHOOL’S OUT - WHEREVER YOU SEE THEM PLAYING, BE PREPARED TO STOP. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ICE CREAM VENDORS AND KIDS ON BIKES.

NANCY LIVES AT 2776 MINERVA LAKE RD. SHE IS VERY ACTIVE IN PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN. SHE WAS A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AND UNDERSTANDS KIDS. SHE HAS TWO OF HER OWN. ONE OF HER PROJECTS THIS SUMMER IS TEACHING THESE TOYS SAFETY: IT’S HARD TO MAKE A LITTLE CHILD REALIZE THAT THERE ARE "PEOPLE" WHO ARE TO BE AVOIDED. WEBSTER DEFINES THEM AS PERVERTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING NANCY, CALL HER AT 890-6645. SHE IS ALSO HEAD OF OUR NEWCOMER'S WELCOMING COMMITTEE IF YOU GET A NEW NEIGHBOR, LET HER KNOW.

JULY 4TH PARADE

THE RAUS, ELINOR AND WILSON OF 2577 MAREWOOD OR THINK BUSKY'S PIG FOR PARADE MARSHALL. THEY SAY EVERYBODY IN THE PARK KNOWS OF THE PIG. THEY THINK IT CAN GET TO KNOW THEM, ALSO.

ON THE OTHER HAND, JILL McGREGOR OF MAG CORP. IS NOT SO ENTHUSIASTIC. SHE THINKS THE PIG HAS ENFORCED AND FEARS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BABY GIRL PIG BY HIS SIDE.
We are pleased to inform the Villager that our son, Josh Anderson, has signed a letter of intent to play golf for Malone College in Canton, Ohio. He has also received a junior golf scholarship from the Columbus Dispatch Charities which will be presented to him by Jack Nicklaus at the Memorial Tournament held at Muirfield Village.

Proud parents - Mike & Carol Anderson
Proud grandparents - Ken & Ruth Anderson

Minerva Park Classified

This fifteen-year-old girl is well-experienced, and also is Red Cross Certified. Is willing to house sit, pet sit and babysit weekdays and weekends. Call Lauren at 895-1676.

13-year-old boy will watch your pet when you go on vacation. Small animals can be watched in my home. Cats and dogs will watch in yours. I’ve had a lot of experience taking care of different animals. Call Steve at 891-2532.

Someone you know not on our birthday list? Contact the Villager with the name and date. The Villager is also interested in school or church happenings, anniversaries, or awards or accomplishments of family members. Drop a note to the Villager at 3201 Minerva Lake Road or call Betty Beatrice 899-9246.