

Regular Council Meeting  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The meeting of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert C. Bickley.

Roll call: present- Dickman, Fox, Jenkins, Kovesdi, Maloney and Wolf. Also present- Administrator Bruce Bowie, Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno and Solicitor Vickie Ruffing.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Jenkins to approve the Minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Kovesdi to pay the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Bills in the amount of \$ 44,558.23. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to pay the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Utility Bills in the amount of \$ 20,255.64. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

### **Citizens Participation**

Victor Mooney apologized for his tone at the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Public Meeting. He felt even though he did not say anything offensive, his approach may have been unpleasant. Concerning the income tax, he asked if a term had been discussed to revisit the increase. He felt that all income should be taxed, not just earned income. He was told the Solicitor was asked to draft a 3-year term ordinance.

Randy Rospert asked if a street levy was also on the May 4<sup>th</sup> ballot and was told no. He again stated he would like a term and also ask Council to consider forgiveness.

Fritz Berckmueller began by asking Council to vote the income tax down, and if they didn't he asked the Mayor to veto the vote. He told Council they could petition the courts to have money from other funds, excluding water, sewer and electric, transferred in the general fund. The Fiscal Officer said she would not be in favor of doing this with the special revenue funds as they have very little money coming in and if there were to be an emergency, there would be multiple funds in trouble. Berckmueller felt the Village was trying to make a permanent solution out of a temporary problem. Mooney stated his opinion that it wasn't a temporary problem and things weren't going to get better, they were going to get worse.

Rospert said the school had a levy on the ballot as well as the library.

Carla Rospert, David and Martha Berckmueller, Tina Frederick, Heather Chapin-Fowler from the Sandusky Register and Aaron Krause from the Norwalk Reflector were also in the audience.

### **OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storms Sewers**-The Swan/Liberty Street project is still on hold, however the line has been moved. The Administrator and Street Superintendent are meeting with the contractor at the end of the week.

**Safety**-None

**Finance**-None

**Planning, Building Codes & Inspection**- None

**Utilities**- The Village allocated 660 kw of 1500 kw for the Erie County Landfill Gas Project subscription.

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation**-Currently 119 ballots for the Edison Goes To Washington campaign have been scanned or e-mailed. Wolf said the Village must network to get the tens of thousands of votes it will take to have Edison as the chosen candidate.

**Parks and Trees**-None

## **NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers**-The first yard waste pick up was this week.

**Safety**-Motion by Jenkins, seconded by Dickman to hire James Blevins as a part-time officer, effective April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at a rate of \$9.00 an hour with a one-year probationary period. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

**Finance**- None

**Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection**-None

**Utilities**-None.

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation**-None

**Parks and Trees**-A tree was planted in front of the Administration Building on Arbor Day in honor of William Mattledge.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **LEGISLATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART-ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE NINE TAXATION, CHAPTER 197 INCOMETAX, SECTION 197.03 IMPOSITION OF TAX TO INCREASE THE RATE OF TAX TO ONE PERCENT ANNUM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Maloney to bring this ordinance to its third reading with a three year term and declaring an emergency. Maloney calls for discussion and the Mayor asks Council their feelings on the matter. Dickman states he wants none of it, Fox will pass without an emergency, Kovesdi would like a 5-year term as an emergency, Maloney wants no term and Wolf would like 5-year term as an emergency. Roll call: Fox-yes, Jenkins-no, Kovesdi-no, Maloney-no, Wolf-yes, Dickman-no, motion fails

Motion by Kovesdi, seconded by Wolf to amend the ordinance from a 3-year term to a five-year term. Roll call: Jenkins-no, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-no, Wolf-yes, Dickman-no, Fox-yes, tie vote with Mayor Bickley breaking tie with a yes vote, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Kovesdi to adopt the ordinance as amended with a 5-year term. Roll call: Kovesdi-no, Maloney-no, Wolf-yes, Dickman-no, Fox-no, Jenkins-no, motion fails.

Motion by Kovesdi, seconded by Wolf to adopt as amended with a 5-year term and declaring an emergency. Roll call: Maloney-no, Wolf-yes, Dickman-no, Fox-yes, Jenkins-no, Kovesdi-yes, vote ends with tie. Mayor Bickley breaks tie with a yes vote, motion carries, Ordinance no. 524-04-10

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS [AARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MILNA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion by Wolf, seconded by Fox to suspend the rules. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes. Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only. Roll call: Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 525-04-10

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

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Mayor Robert C. Bickley

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Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno