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Regular Village Council Meeting

Monday January 12, 1998

Present Mayor Duane C. Neu, Clerk Treasurer Martha Hanes and the following members of the village council, William Dean Sr., Joyce Craig, Donald Sowers, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, and Bryan Stewart and the Village Solicitor Cecelia Potts.

Also present : Eunice Ott from the Brown County Press, Chief James Canter from the Hamersville Police Department and Edward Martin from the Hamersville BPA and Kenny Green..

Cecelia Potts swore in the Mayor Duane C. Neu.

Cecelia Potts swore in the four (4) newly elected council members: William Dean Sr., Donald Sowers, Wyndal Staggs and Bryan Stewart and the newly elected BPA member Edward Martin.

Mayor Neu called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Neu called for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 1997 meeting. Mr. Dean motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Mr., Sowers seconded the motion. All Voted YEA Opposed None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

The newly purchased salt spreader was discussed and Mr. Green is to get with Mr. Dean next week to get the salt spreader installed on the village truck.

Cecelia Potts explained to the village council that the contract between the Village and Brandstetter Carroll had never been signed and that this needed to be done since the village and Brandstetter Carroll was following the contract.

Mr. Dean motioned to sign the contract and Ms. Sowers seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Potts will send the contract to Brandstetter Carroll for the correction of the typo errors and their signatures.

Mr. Dean reported that he will check with Radio Shack on the purchase of a DB meter.

The following were the winners of the Best Christmas Decorated Homes in the village.

1. Gary and Charlene Bronner on Lucas Road.
2. Marion and Bonnie Oney on West Main Street
3. Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston on Walnut Street.

The emergency light at Bank and Main Street was brought up for discussion.

Mr. Martin reported that he had no cost estimate.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Staggs motioned to purchase a light at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars.(\$500.00) Mr. Dean seconded the motion. All Voted YEA. Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

The question of the village joining the state purchasing plan was discussed and Ms. Potts told the council that she would get all the necessary information for the village.

The question of a traffic light at State Routes 125 and 774 was discussed and the village is going to check on getting another traffic study done. Ms. Potts will check on this also.

The need to have the village streets sweep was discussed and the clerk will contact Cincinnati Sweeper Co. to send the village a contract.

This being the first meeting of the new year the village council reorganize for the year 1998.

Mr. Dean nominated Mr. Staggs as President of the village council. Ms. Craig seconded the nomination.

Mr. Dean then moved that the nominations be closed. Ms. Craig seconded the motion. The following voted YEA: Dean, Craig, D. Sowers, S. Sowers and B. Stewart. Mr. Staggs Abstained. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Neu appointed the following committees for 1998:

STREET COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Staggs
2. Mr. Dean
3. Mr. Stewart

POLICE COMMITTEE:

1. Mr. Dean
2. Mr. Staggs
3. Ms. Craig

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Ms. Craig
2. Ms. Sowers
3. Mr. Staggs

RECORDS COMMITTEE:

1. Martha Hanes
2. Mayor Duane Neu
3. Bryan Stewart
4. Mr. Sowers

5. Mr. Dean

SEWER COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Dean

2. Mr. Staggs

3. Mr. Sowers

LIAISON TO FIRE AND EMS:

1. Mr. Sowers

Mayor Neu reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Thompson of the EOCC Committee and that the village needs to form a enterprise zone however the village cannot do this alone since the village proper does not have the required number of residents. This will have to be a joint project between the Village of Hamersville and the Clark Township Trustees.

It was suggested that the village try and schedule a meeting between the Council and the Township trustees. Mayor Neu said he would check on this and report back to the council.

Mayor Neu reported to the council that Suzanne Elliott was doing very well as the new clerk of the Mayors Court.

Martha Hanes reported to the council that the Financial Report would be coming due March 31, 1998 and that she need help in completing it.

Ms. Craig moved to appropriate twenty five percent of last years actual expenditures for the temporary appropriations.

Mr. Dean motioned to suspend the rules and give second and third readings by title only on ORDINANCE 1998-1 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS:

Ms. Craig seconded the motion. All Voted YEA. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Staggs motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 1998-1 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Dean seconded the motion all voted YEA. MOTION

CARRIED.(A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BECOME PART OF THESE MINUTES ON THE LAST PAGES)

Martha Hanes the village clerk reported to the village council that the BPA would like for the council to pass an ordinance so the Board can move twenty five thousand dollars (\$25000.00) from the village ELECTRIC FUND to the EMERGENCY ELECTRIC FUND.

Mayor Neu called for a motion to suspend the rules and give the second and third readings on ORDINANCE 1998-2 MOVING FUNDS FROM THE VILLAGE ELECTRIC FUND TO THE EMERGENCY ELECTRIC FUND

Mr. Dean motioned to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading by title only. Ms. Craig seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed None **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Dean motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 1998-2. Mr. Staggs seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed: None. **MOTION CARRIED. (A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BECOME PART OF THESE MINUTES ON THE LAST PAGES)**

The condition of the village streets was discussed and Mayor Neu is to call Jerry Cooper and have him start ditching some of the village streets. Mr. Cooper is to be instructed to start ditching the North side of Wooster Avenue from Park Avenue East to Fite Avenue and West to Sisterville Road.

Chief Canter reported that Officer George Baker was going to attend a seminar on Street Survival and the cost is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) Chief Canter requested that the village reimburse Officer George Baker for one half of the cost of the seminar (\$100.00)

Mr. Staggs moved to reimburse Officer Baker one hundred dollars. Ms. Craig seconded the motion All Voted YEA. Opposed None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Canter reported that the village needed to purchase new traffic citations.

The police committee reported that Officers Mark Cresap and George Baker had completed their probationary period.

Mr. Staggs moved to have Officers Mark Cresap and George Baker moved from probationary officers to Part Time Officers. Mr. Sowers seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was suggested that the Police committee look at the police officers wages and make a recommendation.

The question of a storage cabinet for the street department was discussed and Mr. Dean motioned to purchase a storage cabinet for five hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$599.00) Mr. Staggs seconded the motion. All voted YEA. Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Sewer committee discussed the meeting with the Village and Mt. Orab and how the village will be handling the maintenance services for the sewers.

THE SEWER COMMITTEE WILL HAVE A MEETING WITH THE BPA AND GET THE INPUT FROM THE BPA ON THIS ISSUE SINCE THE BPA WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MAINTAINING THE SEWERS ONCE THEY ARE IN OPERATION.

Mayor Neu called for motion to pay the village bills as presented on the voucher.

Mr. Dean moved to pay the bills. Ms. Craig seconded the motion All voted YEA.

Opposed none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Neu asked if there is any further business to come before the council;

hearing none Mr. Staggs motioned to adjourn. Ms. Sowers seconded the motion..

Mayor Neu adjourned the meeting reminding everyone of the next regular meeting to be held on Monday February 9, 1998