

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 14

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in work session on February 3, 2014 at 7:28 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Stephen Boeder, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle and Mr. Michael Kuhn.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Brian Wafzig was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council and two visitors.

Clean Ohio –Stubbs Property

Mayor Boeder stated that the property was appraised for \$87,000. He phoned Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs regarding this appraisal and they were dissatisfied. They feel that the property should be worth at least double that amount.

Council discussed that appraisal and the property. The consensus of Council was to not move forward with the purchase of the Stubbs property.

Roll Call Votes

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she discussed this item with the Law Director and sent an email to Council earlier explaining that the Charter requires a roll call to be done. If Council would like to change this, it would need to be placed on the next ballot as a Charter amendment to go before the voters.

After a discussion, the consensus of Council was to continue to do roll calls at this time.

2014 Street Maintenance Program

Mrs. Sizemore explained that this year's program will focus in the Hillcrest area and will include Paula, Catherine, Rogers, Kimberly, Paget, Bruce, Stewart, South Hillcrest and McCall. The estimated cost of the project based on last year's prices would be about \$166,000. If we do not include Mc call it would be about \$140,000. Council would need to determine if they would want to include McCall Street into the Street Maintenance Program for 2014. If McCall Street is added to the program it would increase the amount.

The consensus of Council was to include McCall Street to the 2014 program and pay the additional money.

Council would also like to meet with the Engineer to discuss the upcoming street projects.

Televising Work Session

Mayor Boeder stated that he had been questioned why the work session is no longer televised. Our meetings are all open session aside from executive session and anyone is welcome.

Council discussed the pros and cons of televising work session. The consensus of Council was that work session would not be televised at this time.

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City Beautiful Commission

Council discussed the problems with the current CBC and what their roll is. The consensus of Council was that the Manager would contact them and try to reform/refresh the committee.

East Market Street Sidewalks

Mayor Boeder stated that Germantown is becoming a “walking community”. There is concern with the safety of those who walk the East Market Street due to the lack of sidewalks.

Council discussed the issues we currently have with the sidewalks throughout the Municipality. The consensus of Council was to have the Engineer look into the cost and prepare a plan to correct the problem in phases.

Other Business

Frozen Water Meters

Mrs. Sizemore stated that five residents have had their water meters freeze and crack due to the lack of heat in their homes during the frigid weather. She does not feel it is the Municipality’s responsibility to replace these meters at our expense when it was the fault of the homeowner. She is planning on invoicing the residents for the replacement cost of the meters.

Council discussed the issue and agreed with this decision.

Various Utility Fees

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she would like Council to determine if residents that do not have water turned on to their homes each month should still have to pay the minimum fee each month. These people include people who are gone during the winter months or very long vacations.

Council discussed the issue and the consensus was that these residents should still have to pay the minimum monthly bill regardless if they are living in the home or they are out of town.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The work session was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor