

MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 15

The Municipality of Germantown Council met in regular session on June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Stephen Boeder, Mr. Mark Heistand, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Robert Rettich, IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Anna Sizemore, Municipal Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Dan Alldred, Fire Chief; Roy McGill, Chief of Police and Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council.

Mayor Boeder stated that there would be a change in the agenda and allow Chief Alldred to give his report so he can get to another commitment.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Alldred reviewed the May Fire-EMS report and reviewed recent events.

Mr. Koogle questioned how many neighboring Fire Departments assisted in the fire on Stiver Road. Chief Alldred replied six departments assisted.

He went on by explaining the items that were recovered from the Camp Miami property before the demolition began. Dated stones, a large sign from the pool house, light fixtures, a paneled door with the hardware and a box containing papers and very old coins were the items collected. We did our best to salvage items but many of the items have already been removed by others over time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor and Council reviewed the June 1, 2015 Regular Session minutes.

Mr. Wafzig stated on Page 5 under his report should read "could" not "should" when speaking of the fiber network.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to approve the June 1, 2015 Regular Session minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Rettich, abstained; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 6-yes, 1-abstention. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

None.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

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MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Sizemore stated that the issue with Lois Campbell's outstanding water bill on Butter Street was discussed at the last meeting. The tenant came to the City Building and has made arrangements to make payments on the outstanding water bill.

She asked if any of the Council Members would like to update their bio information for the website to please let her know. She is also looking at getting the Council Members their own city email address instead of what we are currently doing. She will update Council with any new information.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that the Fire-EMS has received a donation for \$200.00 and Council needs to accept this donation.

MOTION: Mr. Heistand moved to accept the donation to the Fire-EMS.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogler, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mrs. Sizemore went on by saying that the street lighting assessment is currently being calculated by Mr. Griffith and his daughter, Marty. We should have legislation on the August agenda concerning those numbers.

We will also be having a resolution authorizing us to participate in the street lighting bid that is done through Gov Tech and Miami Valley Communications Council. This should be on the next agenda.

Ms. Brown has contacted another asbestos person regarding the pile of debris at her property on Center Street. They should be moving quickly and hopefully have the debris removed before the next Council Meeting. Ms. Brown will update her regarding the progress.

Mr. Heistand questioned what would be done with the cellar of the Center Street building. Will it be filled in, because he feels that the cellar did not collapse. Ms. Brown mentioned the cellar today and Stark Wrecking Company should have someone on sight from the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency to supervise. National Inspection Corporation has been in touch with Ms. Brown during the process as well.

Mr. Heistand stated that he has been told that the cellar is one of the more unique features of the building. Maybe we would be able to document the cellar before it is filled in if it is still intact. Mrs. Sizemore replied that she will look into documenting the cellar.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that she met with Vectren Gas Company and Culy Construction last week regarding a natural gas system modernization project that they are doing in the Municipality. This project will begin now and hopefully be completed in December. They will be moving meters to the exterior of some homes and doing service relocations. Permits will be pulled and National Inspection Corporation will be inspecting each residence. Residents that are involved will receive notification from Culy Construction. If anyone has any questions they can call the Municipal Building or Culy Construction. They will be beginning on Moler Avenue, North and South Circle Drive and South Walnut Street. We will put the information on the website and on channel 5. We will be monitoring the project as they move forward.

Mr. Rettich questioned if the gas line project would cut the streets. Mrs. Sizemore replied that some streets will have to be cut but they will have to make any repairs.

Council discussed the gas lines that will be placed in the right of way, the street cuts and locations of meters.

Mrs. Sizemore stated that Vectren is aware of all our upcoming projects throughout the Municipality. We are required to supply them with any plans for projects like Cherry Street and Peffley Street.

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The demolition of Camp Miami started today and everything is going well so far. We have collected a couple of truck loads of brick from the site. She is keeping a list of people who are interested in getting a brick from the site. She would like to know if Council has made any decisions on if the bricks will be given to the Historical Society and if any will be given or sold to the public. She was asked by a resident for 100-150 bricks to make repairs to his home.

The consensus of Council was that they will make a final decision on what to do with any remaining bricks after the memorial is complete.

She would like to do a Father's Day special at the pool by handing out free hot dog coupons to all the fathers and grandfathers that attend. The consensus of Council was to move forward with the free hot dog event for Father's Day.

We have a resident on South Cherry Street with a drainage issue and needs a storm sewer installed. The Engineer has looked into the issue and feels that it is the property owner's responsibility. He estimates the project to cost approximately \$20,000.

Council briefly discussed the drainage issue on South Cherry Street. The consensus of Council was to have the Engineer provide a report of his findings and the Law Director give his opinion of the situation to Council.

Under Introduction we have Resolution No. 15-34 which is the monthly transfer of funds for June in the amount of \$6,150.49.

Under Public Hearing we have Resolution No. 15-31 which allows the Manager to enter into a contract with Strawser Construction for the 2015 Street Maintenance Program in the amount of \$118,700.00. Resolution No. 15-32 is a request for the Montgomery County Auditor to certify the tax valuation. This would be in preparation if the levy did not pass in August. We will go through the process like we did just a few weeks ago to ensure we are on the next ballot. Resolution No. 15-33 declares Fire/EMS Department surplus property that includes the various sized outdated fire hoses that we are no longer able to use.

We are currently looking for a new Senior Center Director. We have received several applications and hopefully will be interviewing by the end of the week. Volunteers are currently running the center and she is checking in several times a day.

Mr. Wafzig questioned if the water quality report was correct; it has 2014 data. Mrs. Sizemore replied yes. He went on by questioning if the report has to show results from 2013. Mrs. Sizemore replied yes, she believes it is a requirement to leave the results on for so many years.

Mr. Heistand was glad to see the water quality report included in the water bill. Mrs. Sizemore stated that she would like to insert a one page update in the water bill every other month. This would include upcoming events and should be included in the July water bill.

Mrs. Sizemore went on by saying that Jackson Township will no longer be participating in the joint newsletter. We will be meeting with the school to see if they would be interested in joining the newsletter. She will update Council with any new information.

Council briefly discussed the newsletter and including the local businesses.

Mr. Johnson asked that the Street Department look into an issue with the road on Astoria Road near the nursing home. Mrs. Sizemore replied that the Engineer has looked at that situation and we need to do some work in that area along with an issue at Pennsylvania Avenue and West Market Street.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief McGill handed out the May Police Department report. He stated that the new police cruiser was in service and was very pleased with it. They are currently in the process of hiring a new officer to replace Sergeant Moreland who will be retiring.

He has been looking into the information on the mobile radar signs. He is in the process of trying to contact the West Carrollton Chief to get more information and their feedback. West Carrollton has a few of them that they use.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Boeder stated that he and Jonathan Moore attended the Franklin Regional Waste Water Committee meeting and it went very well. They seem to be taking a more businesslike approach.

The Regional Dispatch is having an issue with high turnover. They are working to correct the issue but in the mean time some people are working a lot of long hours. The Emergency Communication Committee is waiting on a report from the local Police and the County on how to address the problem. This issue may affect the cost for each community.

He attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting. It was business as usual. Brian Martin, Executive Director of Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, did encourage everyone to visit the website for some good information.

He participated in the Tour de Cure in Cincinnati this past weekend and Mr. Heistand was also present. He rode 25 miles to help support diabetes. It is nice to do for someone who cannot do for themselves.

The Relay for Life event began last Friday evening and was interrupted by the rain. There was a great turnout for the event. He encouraged everyone to get preventative testing done. He read the Relay for Life Proclamation.

Mayor Boeder questioned if Council would want to participate by walking in the July 4 Parade. He asked that everyone wear their blue logoed shirts and they would pass out flags and candy during the parade. The consensus of Council was that they would participate in the parade.

He spoke with Lynn Zuch from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission regarding the Camp Miami property and she has given them a lot of good information. They are looking at the City's needs and what would be the best use for the land. He is going to sit down with the Manager and gather information for an outline of where Council will need to put their input. We would also like to include Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission in the planning process and Ms. Zuch is willing to attend Council Meetings to have discussions.

Miami Conservancy District will be having their 100th anniversary celebration on June 24. The deadline to attend this event is June 17 and there is no cost to attend.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:

Mr. Heistand's Report:

Mr. Heistand stated he was struck by the passion and comments that were made by David Shortt when he visited Council at the last meeting and hopes that Mr. Shortt's comments and thoughts will be taken into consideration with the process of any final decision with the Camp Miami property.

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He commended the Fire Department for their hard work on the fire that occurred on Stiver Road last week. It shows just what great people are not only here in town but in the neighboring communities by showing up to help during these times.

He congratulated the Germantown Alumni Association for their successful banquet this past weekend. There were nearly 300 people who attended from a school that has not had a graduate since 1968. The first Cardinal Re-Tweet at Neff's Lawn Care was also a huge success. He is sure that next year's alumni event will also be a huge success with Mr. Koogle as the President.

The City Beautiful Commissions 2015 Spring and Summer Flower Contest is underway and will continue through July 31. This year's theme is Best Flower and Landscape. We encourage everyone to submit photos and addresses to the City.

The Friends of the Library is hosting their annual Taste of Valley View on June 27. Tickets are available from any member, at the local banks, Fox Gallery or contact the library for information.

He commended the Relay for Life organization for a very successful event last weekend.

He thanked Mrs. Sizemore's husband for taking over the Saturday Night Out event after the very successful years of Mr. Wafzig and Mr. Kuhn. He is looking forward to the Saturday Night Out event this weekend.

He announced that there will be a free community event on July 4 at the Mudlick homestead. This will also be a celebration for the 50th anniversary for moving the covered bridge that is on the property and a rededication ceremony at 5:00 p.m. for the bridge. He thanked Dr. Laws for hosting this event for the community.

Mr. Johnson's Report:

Mr. Johnson reviewed the July 4 parade agenda and rules. He encouraged everyone to attend.

He thanked the Manager and the pool staff, Rachel Drake, Hanna Haesecker and Charles North for all their help with the birthday party that he held at the pool this past weekend. The staff members were very professional and did a great job. The kids had a blast.

He wished his wife, Heather, a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Koogle's Report:

Mr. Koogle attended the Cemetery Board meeting. They are currently remodeling the interior of the building to be more pleasing to visitors. Don Hurley is retiring after many years of service. He was the person that placed all the records onto the computer for the Cemetery.

He is very interested in the hiring process for the Senior Center.

He is thrilled with the items that have been recovered from the Camp Miami site. He thanked Chief Alldred for being on site during the demolition process.

The process of deciding what to do with the Camp Miami property cannot be done quickly. This will be a decision that we will have to live with forever.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn stated that the Economic Development meeting has been cancelled for this month.

He spent some time at the Camp Miami site today. As somber as it is watching a 140 year old building being demolished, they are doing a very efficient job. He spoke to Brian Wooley, with the Service Department, and he was keeping a watchful eye out for any items that may be able to be reused in the memorial in some way. He was glad to see it on the ground for a safety issue but it was horrible to see a building that great and beautiful come down due to neglect.

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Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and an enjoyable and safe July 4th holiday.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council staff for capturing some fantastic footage of the Camp Miami property and of the demolition today. The drone pilot was on site today and captured some great aerial footage too.

Mayor Boeder questioned if the footage that was taken during demolition would be on the website. Mr. Wafzig replied it has not been decided but they will get the footage out so people are able to view it.

Mr. Koogle stated that he was thrilled that the film crew was able to document the condition of the buildings and property and solidify their decision. The amount of money it would take to maintain a facility like that would be a phenomenal cost.

Council discussed the horrible condition of the buildings and the footage that was taken to document the buildings for future reference.

Legislation:

Introduction:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-34
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE
GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mayor Boeder stated the Public Hearing would be July 6, 2015.

Public Hearing:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-31
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION, INC., 8600 BERK
BLVD., HAMILTON, OHIO 45015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,700.00 FOR
THE 2015 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

Mayor Boeder opened the Public Hearing, Mayor and Council were not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-31.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-32
A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR
TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION IN
ANTICIPATION OF A NEW 4.00 MILL LEVY FOR GENERAL
CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF
STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mayor Boeder opened the Public Hearing, Mayor and Council were not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Heistand moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-32.

Mayor Boeder stated that this Resolution is in anticipation if the levy fails on the August ballot.

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ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-33

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT SURPLUS
PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL SAID PROPERTY.**

Mayor Boeder opened the Public Hearing, Mayor and Council were not addressed. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Mr. Wafzig moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-33.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Boeder, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Stephen A. Boeder
Mayor