

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

**Monday, August 21, 2006            7:30 p.m.**

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in a regular session on Monday, August 21, 2006, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio.

With President of Council, Mrs. Carol Steiner, presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Steiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Christopher Scott, Mr. Adrian Achtermann, Mrs. Carol Steiner, and Mr. William Church.

Roll call of Council – 4 members present                    3 members absent

Mr. Church made a motion to excuse Mrs. Despina Mulrooney, Mr. Gerald Jones, and Mrs. Karen Fuller from this evening's Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Achtermann, and all of Council agreed.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 7, 2006, Council meeting.

There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as sent out.

Mrs. Steiner asked Mrs. Teresa Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer, for the reading of any pending legislation that is up for a first reading.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 86-2006    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. \$87,161.76**

Resolution No.: 86-2006 was assigned to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience regarding pending legislation.

There being none, Mrs. Steiner recessed the Council meeting at 7:31 p.m., to discuss the one pending item on the agenda from the cancelled Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Steiner called upon Mr. Church, Chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, to lead discussion on those items on the agenda pertinent to his committee.

**FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Church asked for questions or comments on **Resolution No. 86-2006**, Payment of Claims.

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The following items were reviewed:

- ◆ EaseMD Systems for the amount of \$613.80 is the off-site computer back-up. The billing is for the last five months.
- ◆ Joe's Auto in the amount of \$652.66 was used for the repair of automobiles in the Police Department. The Purchase Order has been increased for future use.

Mr. Church indicated the committee will recommend the adoption of Resolution No.: 86-2006 at this evening's Council meeting.

The recess adjourned at 7:33 p.m., at which time the Council meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Steiner continued with the agenda.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance and Appropriations Committee – Mr. William Church, Chairman**

Mr. Church stated Resolution No.: 86-2006 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Church moved for the adoption of Resolution No.: 86-2006, seconded by Mr. Scott.  
Roll call on adoption:           Yes   4           No   0

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Bernie Hovey** will be asking Village residents and staff to observe 9/11 with a moment of silence at 8:45 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. on September 11, 2006.

Mayor would like to thank everyone who lined the streets on August 14, 2006, for Cpl. Tomci. Mayor would also like to thank Silver Lake residents, Scott and Betsy Meyer, for purchasing flags to line Kent Rd with, as well as Stow residents, Butch and Karen Baer, for purchasing flags.

Mayor had a meeting with a representative from AT&T. They want to compete with Time Warner Cable for service. There are boxes that will be placed on utility right-of-ways throughout the Village. There is nothing the Village can do to stop this, because the PUCO allows AT&T to use public right-of-ways. A representative from AT&T will be here on September 22, 2006, at 7 p.m. to make a presentation to Council. (The date has now been changed to October 2, 2006).

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Mayor is concerned about the price of gas for winter. Since the last meeting with Buckeye Energy, the gas price has increased. The price will have to be struck soon. Mayor has asked Buckeye Energy to investigate the price of a fixed gas rate for the full twelve months.

Mayor would like Council to consider legislation for contractors working in the Village requiring them to be registered. This way the money that is earned in Silver Lake will have income taxes paid to Silver Lake.

Council, as well as others, met at the possible gas well site earlier this evening. This project is still in the discussion phase. The Mayor is interested in producing revenue for the Village. The gas well may be the way to do that or it may not. The pros and cons will be discussed further.

**Chief Gary DeMoss** stated the new format of the Police Department schedule was included in Council's packets.

**Service Director, Richard Fenwick** reported the resurfacing project for 2006 has been completed.

**Clerk-Treasurer, Teresa Spohn** met with Ms. Jenny Markovich with the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA). Ms. Markovich would like to start a program in Silver Lake called "Get Caught Green Handed". She will be driving through the Village on trash day and if she catches a resident with a recyclable container with recyclables in it, the resident can win a prize.

Tina Merlitti from the Summit County Executives Office has asked to make a presentation to Council about the prescription health plan available to senior citizens and those currently without insurance.

**Village Solicitor, Robert Heydorn** had no report.

Mrs. Steiner asked if there were any questions or comments from anyone in the audience.

Mrs. Bobbie Christman asked Council how Beck Energy was aware of the property by the soccer field.

Mayor stated Beck Energy approached the Village.

Mrs. Christman stated it sounded as if Dominion East Ohio Gas will have control over the site.

Mayor informed Mrs. Christman that Dominion will not have control over the site. The property will be in the same condition it is currently in, if not better condition.

Mrs. Lila Nissel asked if there is an ordinance that states how much land is needed for drilling to be done.

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Mr. Heydorn stated the drilling regulations, right to drill and drilling location is completely now controlled by the State of Ohio. Legislation was passed to Columbus that lifts regulatory authority completely away from City's and Village's. If a person meets the regulations, then they have the right to drill. Since it is the Village's land in question we have the choice whether we want it or not. If a resident wanted to drill then there is nothing the Village can do about that. Mrs. Nissel asked about the noise while the well would be drilled.

Mayor stated there will be noise for about seven days.

Mrs. Nissel stated since the well will generate approximately \$3000 a month she would be happy to give a dollar a month instead of drilling the well.

Mr. Dennis Chroback stated he believed that Mr. Beck, with Beck Energy, has the intentions of signing an agreement with the Village and not with the residents. At the first meeting Mr. Beck estimated that the total cost of the well is \$240,000. Mr. Chroback estimated that the residents of the Village last year paid half a million dollars in natural gas bills.

Mr. Chroback believes that Mr. Beck is taking a risk because there is no risk. He believes there is a tremendous opportunity here and why should the Village not make the money.

Mrs. Steiner asked Mr. Chroback if he is stating the residents pay the \$240,000.

Mr. Chroback responded he believes the Village should drill the well. Why would the Village give away an asset?

Mr. Church stated this was an idea at one time, however, the money is needed up front and it's not available.

Mr. Paul Moskowitz believes Mr. Chroback's idea sounds promising. How do we know there is gas at the site if no one can guarantee it?

Mr. Chroback replied Mr. Beck stated it is a very high possibility that there is gas in the area.

There were no further comments or questions from the audience.

Mr. Scott made a motion for an Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Achtermann.

Roll call -    yes    4       no    0

Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Council reconvened and then adjourned the regular Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Carol Steiner, President of Council

ATTEST:

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Teresa M. Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer

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