

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

Monday, November 21, 2005 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 21, 2005, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio.

With President of Council, Mr. Duane Scott, presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Jack Ingram, Mr. Robert Gray, Mr. Duane Scott, Mrs. Carol Steiner, Mr. Bernie Hovey, Mr. William Church, and Mrs. Karen Fuller.

Roll call of Council – 7 members present

Mr. Scott asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 7, 2005, Council meeting.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO.: 120-2005 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Scott assigned Ordinance No.: 120-2005 to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

RESOLUTION NO.: 121-2005 A RESOLUTION RE-APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE SAME FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Scott assigned Resolution No.: 121-2005 to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

RESOLUTION NO.: 122-2005 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. \$ 87,315.47

Mr. Scott assigned Resolution No.: 122-2005 to the Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions from the audience regarding pending legislation.

There being none, Mr. Scott continued with the agenda.

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REPORTS OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance and Appropriations Committee – Mr. Jack Ingram, Chairman

Mr. Ingram stated Ordinance No.: 120-2005 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and will be treated as a first reading.

Mr. Ingram stated Resolution No.: 121-2005 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Ingram moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 121-2005, seconded by Mrs. Steiner.

Roll call on suspension: Yes 7 No 0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Church.

Roll call on adoption: Yes 7 No 0

Mr. Ingram stated Resolution No.: 122-2005 was discussed in committee earlier this evening and is ready for adoption.

Mr. Ingram moved to suspend the rule that legislation be read at three meetings for Resolution No.: 122-2005, seconded by Mr. Hovey.

Roll call on suspension: Yes 7 No 0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Gray.

Roll call on adoption: Yes 7 No 0

Personnel Placement Committee – Mrs. Carol Steiner, Chairman

Mrs. Steiner stated the Personnel Placement Committee met earlier this evening to discuss a step increase for Sergeant Dann Nivens.

The Personnel Placement Committee has recommended a step increase for Sergeant Dann Nivens to move from Sergeant Step C to Sergeant Step D.

Mrs. Steiner made a motion to move Sergeant Dann Nivens from Sergeant Step C to Sergeant Step D, seconded by Mr. Church and all of Council agreed.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mendenhall reported the Village of Silver Lake and its residents have saved \$431,331 during the five years of participation in the Electric Aggregation Program. The program ends December 31, 2005.

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The Mayor was negotiating a program for 2006 with Green Mountain, an electric supplier, when they decided to pull out of Ohio's electric market. Subsequently, the Mayor is searching for an electric supplier for 2007, which needs to be certified by December 31, 2005.

On November 11th, the Village put out a request for proposals and did not receive a response. At this point, all Village customers will default to Ohio Edison as the electric supplier and provider for 2006 and 2007.

Mr. Ingram asked if the best the Village could hope for was a rate for 2008, unless there was a rate established by December 31st of this year.

Mayor stated the best chance the Village will have for an aggregated rate would be for 2008. This would include the other cities/villages that participated in the aggregation program.

Mayor passed around a picture of the area that would be part of the bike and hike trail that will run through the Village. Currently, there are no costs attached to this.

There are many assumptions that negotiations need to be reached with the various boards at Crystal Lake and the Silver Lake Country Club to see if the trail could step off the railroad and set up along the service roads at the Country Club.

Councilman Williams, from the City of Hudson, was the person who put in all the time to try and make this happen. He was defeated in his bid for re-election for Council.

Whatever the cost of the trail in a community would be what the community pays for in order to make it happen. The special circumstance the Village has is that there is already an existing trail. If we move the trail from Silver Lake Blvd. to the railroad, then that will become a trail that will be apart and not based on a community cost projection. This is still undecided.

If we move the current trail, the Village will not be responsible for the cost of developing the trail.

Mayor stated sound wall readings were done on the Cuyahoga Falls side while the wall was down. This will help when the Village decides what will be done on the Village's side. The technical information of having a baseline of what the sound levels are with no wall might be of help to the Village in achieving its objectives.

Mayor reported the state legislature is considering taking eminent domain completely away from local governments and making eminent domain totally a decision of the legislature.

Mayor stated there has been and will continue to be an issue of a ½ percent sales tax in the county. The share we would get has fallen from \$31 to \$9.20. At this point the Mayor believes that Mayors from other communities are going to oppose this.

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Mayor reminded Council, as they think of Capital Funds in regards to storm water and sewer issues, we have a huge liability coming in Colony Allotment when the houses are finally torn down. There will also be sanitary sewer repairs that need to be done.

There was a bill introduced last week that increases the amount paid into the Police & Fire Pension.

Mayor informed Council that Mr. Sovchik, the jogger who had a coronary on a Village street, was a photographer. He showed Council a book with pictures of Silver Lake that Mr. Sovchik had taken.

Village Solicitor, Mr. Robert Heydorn, stated the brief on the train case is due Wednesday, November 23, 2005. After the other side writes a reply brief, the Village will have one more opportunity to write a brief in reply to theirs.

Chief Gary DeMoss reported the Council of Governments (COG) have had two meetings to research and study the idea of a centralized dispatch for the communities involved. This is still in the study phase.

The new mobile data terminals have been installed in two of the three older cars. This has created a problem as to where the shot guns are mounted and a solution is in the works.

Trick or Treat went very well and was very safe.

Service Director, Mr. Richard Fenwick, stated the workers are about two days behind on leaf pickup.

Mr. Fenwick spoke with an environmental specialist in the Division of Drinking and Ground Water. The Village had a violation because we did not collect our water sample by the deadline. The letter we were mailed gave an incorrect deadline date and we never received the corrected letter that was sent out. We are trying to appeal this and are now required to send a letter to the residents informing them of this violation.

We received a letter from the EPA stating the Village did not file for E-Check. This was completed and the information has been resent.

Mr. Church asked Mr. Fenwick what the big white X's on the street are for.

Mr. Fenwick has not yet found out who has marked the streets.

Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Teresa Spohn, reported she is going to be reviewing the solid waste specifications, which expire on March 31, 2006.

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There have been some changes with the financial reporting for most Villages. The financial statements need to be put together to look like generally accepted accounting principles. Our software company has put together a package that will pull the information from the financial package and put it into these reports that need to be done. The cost for this is \$2,500.

Med Group is not offering flu shots this year because they did not receive the vaccine that was ordered.

Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

There being no comments or questions, Council adjourned at 8:13 p.m. until the next regular Council meeting on Monday, December 5, 2005.

APPROVED:

Duane N. Scott, President of Council

ATTEST:

Teresa M. Spohn, Clerk-Treasurer

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