

COUNCIL MEETING

VILLAGE OF JACKSON CENTER

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 14, 2013

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INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council of Village of Jackson Center convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Mayor Scott Klopfenstein called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Present	Mr. Larry Wahrer	Present
Mrs. Karen Woodruff	Not Present	Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Present
Mr. Jim Frye	Present	Mr. Jesse Fark	Present

EMPLOYEES: Village Administrator Bruce Metz, Fiscal Officer Bev Wren, Chief Joe Cotterman

VISITORS: Kerstin Gasson, Brittany Foster

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Mr. Larry Wahrer made a motion to excuse the absence of Mrs. Karen Woodruff. Mrs. Leisha Elchert seconded the motion. All "Aye". Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Jesse Fark made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2012. Dr. Ken Gloyeske seconded the motion. All "Aye". Motion carried.

PRE-SCHEDULED:

Election of President Pro-tem – Council members cast their ballots for the election of President Pro-tem for the year 2013 and Dr. Ken Gloyeske was elected the 2013 President Pro-tem for Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 12-21 – An Ordinance Adopting A Personnel Policy And Procedure Manual For Employees Of The Village Of Jackson Center, Ohio, And Declaring An Emergency. *2nd Reading*

Administrator Metz stated that there are no updates or changes to this ordinance. However, we are trying to get electronic copies to distribute to employees.

This Ordinance Will Stand As A Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 13-01 – An Ordinance Authorizing Certain Adjustments In The 2013 Annual Appropriations Of Public Funds For The Village Of Jackson Center During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013 And Declaring An Emergency.

Administrator Metz stated that this ordinance is for the \$476,000 that the village will be receiving in grant/loan monies for the Water Well Installation Project that is currently in process. This was overlooked in the original permanent appropriation ordinance that was passed in 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Jim Frye made a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Jesse Fark seconded the motion. Votes were:

Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye	Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye
Mr. Jim Frye	Aye	Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye
Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye		

MOTION: Mrs. Leisha Elchert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-01. Dr. Ken Gloyeske seconded the motion. Votes were:

Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye	Mr. Jim Frye	Aye
Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye	Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye
Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye		

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RESOLUTION 13-01 – A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Make Application For And Enter Into A Contract For Funds Administered By The State Of Ohio, Department Of Transportation Safe Routes To School Project And Declaring An Emergency.

Administrator Metz stated this resolution will allow us to apply to the Ohio Department of Transportation for this grant. If our application gets accepted the State of Ohio will do the travel plan. The village's first expense if the application is accepted is engineering costs which will be incurred in 2014. Currently, the school is gathering information regarding the number of addresses of students that walk to school each day within two miles of the school. If accepted this project may entail crosswalks, sidewalks, lighting and pavement projects to enable walking students to travel to school safer. If this project is funded the project is one hundred percent (100%) funded.

MOTION: Mr. Jim Frye made a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Jesse Fark seconded the motion. Votes were:

Mr. Jim Frye	Aye	Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye
Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye	Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye
Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye		

MOTION: Mr. Jim Frye made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-01. Mr. Jesse Fark seconded the motion. Votes were:

Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye	Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye
Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye	Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye
Mr. Jim Frye	Aye		

RESOLUTION 13-02 – A Resolution Strongly Opposing The Passage Of HB 601 By The Ohio General Assembly In Its Current Form, Which Proposes Uniformity Measures For Municipal Income Tax In The Form Of Unfunded Mandates And A Substantial Loss Of Revenue, And Declaring An Emergency.

Administrator Metz informed council that this resolution has to do with the income tax reform that is being considered under House Bill 601. This bill proposes that the State of Ohio would take over the municipal income tax collection process and standardize all municipalities with the same rules and regulations. Metz went on to say that last year the Regional Income Tax Agency performed the collection of municipal income tax for the Village of Jackson Center at a rate of 2.07% of collections. The fear is that if the state takes over collection this percentage will be much higher and not as much monies will be coming back to the Village of Jackson Center to be spent on capital and general improvements within the village. The village has already lost 29% of the local government monies that it was receiving, the estate tax has been cut out and will no longer be received and the promised reimbursement for the loss of revenues due to the repeal of the Tangible Personal Property Tax is no longer received by the village. This resolution when passed will be given to the Regional Income Tax Agency, the Ohio Municipal League, Governor Kasich, Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, Senator Faber and Representative Buchy.

MOTION: Dr. Ken Gloyeske made a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Mr. Larry Wahrer seconded the motion. Votes were:

Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye	Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye
Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye	Mr. Jim Frye	Aye
Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye		

MOTION: Mr. Jesse Fark made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-02. Mr. Jim Frye seconded the motion. Votes were;

Mr. Larry Wahrer	Aye	Mrs. Leisha Elchert	Aye
Mr. Jim Frye	Aye	Mr. Jesse Fark	Aye
Dr. Ken Gloyeske	Aye		

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DISCUSSION:

Post Office Hours – Administrator Metz stated that the Post Master sent out a survey stating that the Jackson Center Post Office would be reducing their hours of window time to six hours a day. The survey asked for preferences from residents and business owners on which way they would prefer that the hours be presented. Metz stated that there is a meeting scheduled on January 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center for interested residents and business owners. Metz went on to say that he would like to get as many people at the meeting as possible to voice our displeasure with the changes that the Post Master wants to make in the Jackson Center office. Metz stated that when the study was performed on the Jackson Center office, they used the wrong results or figures and that in turn made them determine that our hours needed to go from eight hours to six hours window time. Our neighboring villages have half the mail volume that Jackson Center does and they will have eight hour windows. Metz informed council that he has been in contact with Congressman Jim Jordan to ask for help, guidance or assistance with getting this changed or resolved.

Rescue Squad – Police Chief Joe Cotterman stated that he does not want to disparage the Jackson Center Rescue Squad in any way. However, the daytime coverage of the Jackson Center Rescue Squad is a major concern. Cotterman went on to say that one of the calls in which the squad was paged it took 28 minutes to get help to the individual that needed care. Cotterman went on to say that he has had some discussions with squad members and they are having issues with membership and have some of their members out on medical leave at this time. Metz stated that he and Chief Cotterman have met with the squad chief from Anna to get his take on the situation before they had the meeting with the Jackson Center Squad. The chief from Anna stated that he by no means wants to take over this territory, but he is willing to help out until they can get back on their feet. It is currently set up through the county that Anna does not get paged for mutual aid until the fourth page. There are three minutes between each page, therefore, nine minutes go by before Anna Rescue is paged. Then when Anna is paged they have to drive to their squad building and then to Jackson Center to answer the call. The Jackson Center Rescue Squad was invited to the meeting tonight, but was not able to have a member free to get to this meeting. We would like to see the two squads work something out which will reduce the amount of time it takes for a response. Chief Cotterman and Administrator Metz wanted to bring this to councils attention to bring them up to speed on the situation and to help encourage the process between the Jackson Center Rescue Squad and Anna Rescue Squad. Council recommended to Administrator Metz to contact the Jackson Center Rescue Squad and encourage them to get a plan worked out and inform Anna Rescue Squad and the County Dispatch and let them know what that plan is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Klopfenstein stated that he has reviewed the 2013 Council Committee listing and has talked with council members about staying on their current committees or if they wanted to change. Council members stated that they would stay on the committees that they are currently serving and there will not be any changes regarding that.

Mayor Klopfenstein stated that he spoke with Russell Helmlinger about continueing to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Helmlinger stated for personal reasons that he would like to step down from that committee. Klopfenstein is recommending that Russell Helmlinger be replaced on the Planning Commission. Klopfenstein stated that he has been in contact with Ed Maxwell who has agreed to fill that position but that he is open to other suggestions for the position. Walter Hulls name was brought up during discussion, however, council members decided to choose Ed Maxwell at this time.

MOTION - Mr. Larry Wahrer made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ed Maxwell to fill the position on Planning Commission. Mr. Jim Frye seconded the motion. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Klopfenstein stated that he has also contact Linda Wahrer to see if she was interested in continueing on the Parks and Recreation Board. Linda agreed to continue for another five year term.

MOTION - Dr. Ken Gloyeske made a motion to accept the recommendation of Linda Wahrer to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Jim Frye seconded the motion. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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Klopfenstein then recommended that Mr. Jesse Fark continue on the Tax Board of Review for another term.

MOTION – Mr. Jim Frye made a motion to nominate Jesse Fark to the Tax Board of Review. Mrs. Leisha Elchert seconded the motion. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: None
Utility Committee: None

Safety Committee: Mrs. Elchert reported that there is a blood drive tomorrow at the United Methodist Church from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and there are still slots open to make appointments to donate blood.

Also, it was decided at the Safety Committee meeting to go ahead and advertise for the Police Officer position. Administrator Metz stated that he would get the ball rolling and get the advertising in the newspaper for the position.

Public Property Committee: None
Wage & Benefits Committee: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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- * Electric Department
 - * Read meters
 - * Took down Christmas decorations/tree
 - * Snow removal
 - * Equipment maintenance
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 - * Equipment maintenance
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- * Water/Wastewater Department
 - * Read meters
 - * Normal operations
 - * Two water main breaks and replace sewer lateral on James St.
 - * The well project is moving ahead and they are planning on starting to drill the wells on the 21st of January.

- * Administrator
 - * EMA Board meeting
 - * Final review of 2013 budget with Bev to check figures to Auditor
 - * Administrators meeting
 - * Area Growth Executive Board meeting
 - * Jackson Center Board of Education meeting
 - * Choice One Engineering on Safe Route to School grant
 - * Ethics training in Sidney with Meghan
 - * Met with Reliable Tanks for diesel
 - * Safety Council
 - * Have been doing some investigating on the Utility Deposit Fees and the reconnect fees and will try to have something ready for the next meeting regarding increases to these fees.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: None

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CITIZEN COMMENT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS: None


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before Council. Dr. Ken Gloyeske made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jesse Fark seconded the motion. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned till January 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers.



Scott Klopferstein, Mayor



Beverly A. Wren, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Council of Village of Jackson Center concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.