

**Record of Proceedings  
Village of Aquilla  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015**

Council members present: Bennington, Eging, Glover, and Mitchell. Scherer absent.  
Others present: Fiscal Officer Linda Petkosek, Russell Fleckenstein, Larry Jenkins and Ann Walden from GC Dept. of Job & Family Services.  
Mayor Richard Wolfe presiding. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Walden, a social services supervisor from the Department of Job & Family Services, was present to discuss the upcoming Geauga County Children's Services additional levy that will be placed on the ballot in November, requesting support from the Village officials. She provided a fact sheet for the needed additional funds and asked that anyone with questions please contact her.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 11, 2015 were reviewed. Motion by Mrs. Bennington, second by Mrs. Mitchell to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote, all yes.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The following bills were presented for payment:

2253 School Outfitters	\$850.36
2254 Treasurer of State	\$234.00
2255 Alvord Insurance Agency	\$300.00
2256 Illuminating Company	\$528.87
2257 Clemson Portable Restrooms, Inc.	\$95.00
2258 Windstream Western Reserve Telephone	\$98.76
2259 Gas U.S.A.	\$21.60
2260 Donna Kelso	\$145.00
2261 USPS	\$88.00
2262 USPS	\$98.00
2263 OPERS	\$192.00
2264 Joy Bennington	\$147.83
2265 Ron Eging	\$147.83
2266 Leonard Glover	\$147.83
2267 Jeanette Mitchell	\$147.83
2268 Timothy Scherer	\$147.83
2269 Richard Wolfe	\$591.30
2270 Linda Petkosek	\$1,182.60
2271 Russell Fleckenstein	\$344.93
2272 Laurence Jenkins	\$246.38

Motion by Mrs. Mitchell, second by Mrs. Bennington to pay the above mentioned bills totaling \$5,755.95. Roll call vote, all yes. Council received the bank reconciliation for the month of August, 2015 showing an ending balance of \$114,731.67. Included in the reconciliation was a purchase order report for 2015-27-30 total \$1,706.36. Mrs. Petkosek furnished a copy of the second half real estate tax for 2014 showing the net amount of \$11,206.49.

In order to pay the UAN fees for the rest of the year, a transfer of funds needed to be made.

**ORDINANCE 2015-5:** transferring \$366.00 from 1000-790-390 Other Contract Services to 1000-715-343 Uniform Accounting Network Fees. Motion by Mr. Eging, second by Joy Bennington to suspend the three full readings. Ordinance read once in full and twice by title only. Roll call vote, all yes.

Ordinance 2015-5 an ordinance to amend appropriation # 2015-2 and declaring an emergency due to the lack of monies appropriated to meet and present future obligations read once in its entirety and twice by title. Motion by Mr. Eging, second by Mrs. Bennington to approve the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote, all yes.

### **2015-6R RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES**

Mrs. Petkosek presented and read the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates from the County Auditor for 2016. Motion: by Mrs. Mitchell, second by Mrs. Bennington to suspend the three full readings. Resolution read once in full and twice by title only. Roll call – all yes.

Resolution 2015-6R Accepting the Amounts and Rates are determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Motion: by Mr. Eging, second by Mrs. Bennington to accept Resolution 2015-6R as presented.

Roll call vote, all yes

### **2015-7 CLARIDON TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT**

Council received the contract for the 2015-16 snow removal contract from Claridon Township.

Motion by Mr. Eging, second by Mrs. Mitchell to suspend the three full readings. Ordinance read once in full and twice by title only. Roll call – all yes. After review of the contract it was noted that the cost remained the same as last year \$10,500.00. An additional fee of \$60 per hour will be charged with a minimum of four hours for any extra equipment for the removal of snow due to extreme weather conditions. Motion by Mrs. Bennington, second by Mrs. Mitchell to accept the contract from Claridon Township for the 2015-16 snow removal as presented. Roll call – all yes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Council received information on the Annex Q-Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Preparedness Annex approved by Ohio Emergency Management Agency and from the US Geological Survey a copy of Groundwater Quality in Geauga County for their review. Mrs. Petkosek reported that the IRS issue has been resolved.

Mayor Wolfe was in contact with someone from Dominion Gas that was willing to discuss the installation of gas in the Village. He will pursue this issue.

### **VICIOUS DOG ORDINANCE**

After reviewing the reply from Mr. Gillette and Mrs. Bennington's extensive research it was determined that the Village needs to follow the State of Ohio guidelines for handling vicious dogs in the Village as it takes precedent over our ordinance.

### **ROADS**

Mr. Wolfe talked to the Illuminating Company regarding tree trimming. He was told the Village is on a four year cycle. With that in mind, he will get estimates for the dead tree in the Park and one that goes across Cornelia.

### **ZONING**

After viewing the dilapidated homes with Mr. Gillette, Mr. Jenkins took the pictures from 138 Turner, 140 Turner and 222 Turner Drive to Mr. Gillette. They will be sent a letter giving them 30 day warning to take care of the situation. Rabbit violations were also discussed on properties at Goredon & Loring and Turner & Loring. Also on 226 Turner there has been a refrigerator out by the road that needs removed or the door removed.

### **PARK**

The condition of the baseball field was discussed. Mr. McCaskey did during the season but Mr. Wolfe will check to see what it would cost to have him drag the field now.

There being no further business to come before Council at this time motion by Mrs. Mitchell, second by Mrs. Bennington to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.