

**Council of the Village of Yellow Springs
Regular Session Minutes**

In Council Chambers @ 7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Karen Wintrow called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL

Present were Wintrow, Vice President Brian Housh, Gerry Simms, Judith Hempfling and Marianne MacQueen as were Village Manager Patti Bates, Interim Chief Carlson and Solicitor Jessica Brockman. Melissa Dodd is currently on family leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wintrow announced the following: The Chamber is sponsoring the Shred It truck on Saturday, April 22; Home, Inc. will be sponsoring “Power to the People” a workshop regarding home affordability on Thursday evening at the Library.

Housh announced Buckeye Trail Fest for Yellow Springs, which will kick off with the designation as a “Buckeye Trail Town” which will occur on April 27th at Yellow Springs Station; Oklahoma, the High School theater production will run the next two weekends; a “Hip Hop Parkour Jam” will be held at the Bryan Center on Saturday morning, and Miami Township Fire Rescue will hold a public forum to discuss the levy for their proposed new station on April 22nd.

SWEARING IN OF PEACE OFFICER

Mayor Foubert performed the swearing in of Mariah England as a full time peace officer.

SWEARING-IN OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Environmental Commission: Bettina Solas and Deanna Newsome were both sworn in.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Financials for March

Simms MOVED and Hempfling SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a voice vote.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

MacQueen asked for a follow up to the US Bank proposal, and this was moved for discussion to the May 1st agenda.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Housh reviewed communications received as follows:

Chris Conard re: David Carlson
Moya Shea re: Thank You Street Crew
Anita and Michael Brown re: Chief Carlson
Toni Laricchiuta Stratton re: Chief Carlson
Beth Bridgeman re: Chief Carlson
Mary Beth Burkholder and Gary Zaremsky re: Chief Carlson
Libby and Dan Rudolf re: Chief Carlson
Carol Allin re: Chief Carlson
Greene Co. Public Health re: Overdose Information and Distracted Driving
Greene Co. Visitor’s Bureau re: Hamvention
Mayor’s Monthly Report

Wintrow noted a letter regarding the upcoming “Hamvention”, and made citizens aware of the economic opportunities as well as the need for awareness regarding increased traffic during that time.

Wintrow received the permission of Council to write a letter of support for the Home Investment Partnership and for CDBG funding, directed to Ohio legislators.

Simms expounded upon the letter from his daughter, noting the positive impression Chief Carlson has made upon her first graders.

Bates noted a positive letter regarding Officer Charles’ performance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION

Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2017-05 Repealing Section 1248.03 “Spatial Requirements” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 1248.03 “Spatial Requirements.” Simms MOVED and MacQueen SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Bates explained the legislation, stating that in 2016, two development projects were brought to the Planning & Zoning Office for consideration. At that time, she noted that the density regulations in residential districts of a maximum six units per acre in R-A, eight units per acre in R-B and 14 units per acre in R-C, coupled with square feet requirements for two-family and attached single-family caused confusion in the interpretation of the code and led to cases being brought before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for variances.

Bates noted that the current code states that two-family and attached single-family dwellings shall provide 4,500 square feet of property per unit in R-B and 4,000 square feet of property per unit in R-C. The Planning Commission reviewed this language and found it hinders the ability to use available land for infill in both the R-B, Moderate-Density Residential, and R-C, High-Density Residential, Districts. As an example, if a developer wants to put four attached single-family units on a quarter acre of land (10,890 sq. ft.) in R-B, the current requirement of 4,500 sq. ft. per unit would only allow two attached single-family units. Because there are no minimum requirements in the zoning code for the size of a dwelling unit, by following setback and lot coverage requirements as well as parking and landscape screening requirements, the square feet minimum land requirement for a two-family and/or attached single-family unit becomes insignificant, as the other requirements in the zoning code will dictate the density up to the maximum allowed in each residential district.

Wintrow OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

There being no comment or questions, Wintrow CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING and CALLED THE VOTE. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

First Reading of Ordinance 2017-09 Repealing Section 674.02 “Removal of Plants and Weeds by Owner” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 674.02 “Removal of Plants and Weeds by Owner” Simms MOVED and MacQueen SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Wintrow noted that the ordinance had been tabled following the last reading for some revision.

Bates explained that Nick Boutis, Glen Helen Director, had send an expanded list of invasives and several corrections. Other changes to the revised ordinance are that permissible height of grass is set at nine inches and that the entire lawn has to be mowed unless the area is a managed natural landscape, in which case only the perimeter has to be mowed to comply with sightline criteria.

MacQueen asked how persons will know whether a plant is an invasive species. She asked that visual representations be made available.

Bates suggested that Environmental Commission be tasked with provision of a brochure.

Housh asked that the information be posted on the website.

Bates responded to a query, stating that enforcement, like all such matters in the Village, will be complaint based.

MacQueen received confirmation that if adjoining neighbors agree that there is no need to mow, than the perimeter mowing requirement along the side yards can be waived.

Dan Reyes questioned the need for legislation rather than education alone.

Wintrow pointed out that existing legislation is being clarified, rather than new legislation created, and that it encourages natural habitat over grass. She commented that educating the public around invasive species is another goal of the legislation.

Kate Hamilton asked why the section regarding the “no mow” date was removed.

Bates explained that grass was not in fact nesting habitat and hence the “no mow” date was removed.

Hamilton suggested that photos be made available of invasive species, perhaps at the library.

Wintrow CALLED THE VOTE. The MOTION PASSED 4-1 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, with Hempfling voting “no”.

Reading of Resolution 2017-20 Declaring April 27th “Coretta Scott King Day” in the Village of Yellow Springs. Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Wintrow CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Hempfling noted that legislation related to short term rentals has been taken off the agenda and sent back to Planning Commission for further study.

Kate Anderson commented negatively upon the number of warm-weather visitors to the Village, and remarked that the level of safety is lowered on the weekends owing to the high number of visitors. She asked that more be done to control perceived parking and moving violations, which she commented are not consistently enforced.

Rick Sanders asked for more information regarding plans for the Glass Farm. Bates responded that she would be sending informational letters once the construction schedule for the solar array is set.

Wintrow commented that topics for Council will appear in the Yellow Springs News, and that this is a good way to stay abreast of Council business.

SPECIAL REPORTS

ESC End of Year Report/CBE Uses Discussion Summary. Saul Greenburg noted the members of the commission and noted the activities of the commission. Greenburg noted specifically a report from Green Energy Corporation, and agreed to pass this information on to the Energy Board.

Greenburg noted that the group has been working on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), and most recently an offer from the Yellow Springs Federal Credit Union (YSFCU) to potentially administer the RLF.

Housh noted that the ESC is preparing to present Council with a recommendation regarding working with the YSFCU to administer the RLF.

Sammy Saber presented the results of the surveys gathered regarding the CBE land use discussion.

Council discussed the possibility for another informational forum with perhaps some educational aspects regarding permitted uses for the land.

MacQueen asked for a history of businesses in the Village and impact of those upon taxes, use of land for commercial purposes, etc.

Dan Reyes encouraged openness to a variety of options and opportunity. Reyes noted that the covenants seem to align with villagers’ ideas regarding what should happen to the land. He touted the potential for democratic community potential.

Greenburg noted that the recent sale of the Arnovitz properties as well as plans for the Glass Farm have changed the conversation and the possibilities for how the CBE land may be viewed.

Wintrow asked that a date be selected for another forum.

Housh expressed agreement with this plan, noting that familiarity with the covenants will be helpful. He asked for some analysis regarding what uses may most positively impact cost of living in the Village.

Wintrow asked that Dodd provide some of this information at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The 365 Project re: Policing Vision Statement. Hempfling stated that Janet Mueller and Louise Smith brought the 365 Project’s policing vision draft document to the last meeting of the JSTF, and the JSTF decided to support that document, and to recommend its use as a hiring and evaluation guide.

Janet Mueller stated that the document came out of a document produced by Village Council several years ago called the “Vision for Community Policing”. (Housh later corrected this to: Vision for Local Policing”). The 365 Police Policy Committee decided to review that document with variety of perspectives. The group highlighted four sub-areas, those being: Safety Centered; Peaceful; Demonstrably Inclusive and Locally Minded. Mueller noted the high level of concern that the police department be actively anti-racist.

Wintrow asked what the next steps would be if the document is meant to replace the current Policing Vision.

Hempfling stated her expectation that it be put into legislation so that it is a policy of the Village to be used in hiring and evaluation processes.

Housh asked what this would mean for the current Policing Vision document.

Hempfling stated that this would replace that document.

Wintrow stated that she is comfortable with that approach, but asked whether Housh or MacQueen would like to add anything to the document, given that they had authored the original Policing Vision.

Both Housh and MacQueen stated that they would like to work on the document for “wordsmithing” purposes.

Hempfling asked for a resolution stating support of the Policing Vision and delineating how the document would be used. She asked for this to be ready for the May 1st packet.

Housh stressed the importance of operationalizing the policy. He commented that he wanted to assure that all officers were engaged in the community aspect of the policy, and that those engagements were not only undertaken by officers who desire the engagement. Housh noted a number of activities, and stated his appreciation for officers’ level of engagement, but stated that he seemed to always see the same officers participating.

Wintrow asked for comment from either Bates or Chief Carlson on the topic, and wondered where the document should be housed.

Bates suggested that the document become a part of the introduction to the General Orders Manual.

Council discussed how best to make the document accessible, and discussed creating a briefer version.

Louise Smith asked that the document be posted on the Village website to assist in attracting good prospective police officer candidates.

Janet Mueller stated the willingness of the 365 Project members to assist in operationalizing the document.

Wintrow asked whether the document is essentially ready for the next packet.

Gavin Devore Leonard commented that the 365 project would be prepared to create a “postable” version and to work on the longer version.

Simms stated that he would like the opportunity to compare the document against the current Policing vision, but stated that he would be ready to act upon the resolution by the May 1st meeting.

Wintrow asked that the resolution be brought to the May 1st meeting, and asked the Clerk to provide the current Policing Vision for that packet.

Update Regarding Chief Search Process. Wintrow responded to what she characterized as a perception that Council is not being transparent regarding the Police Chief search. She clarified that ‘there is currently no search occurring, and consequently there are no active resumes.’

Hempfling commented that she and Housh had crafted a document in response to concerns regarding the search process, stating that she and Housh recommend that in three months, at the first meeting in July, Village Manager and Council put the issue of hiring a permanent Chief on its agenda and determine with citizens next steps and timeframe. Hempfling commented that Chief Carlson has done an excellent job of restoring stability to the Police Department and in moving forward with stated objectives and bringing a restoration of trust. Whether to do a broader search would be discussed at the July meeting along with a process for evaluation, interviews, community input and final decision-making.

Bates asked to discuss the matter with Chief Carlson before Council makes a decision regarding the time frame.

MacQueen commented that hiring of the Police Chief is the purview of the Village Manager.

Wintrow responded that Council had made a pledge to the community to enact a responsive process. She opined that the current discussion is more about the process—over which Council does have control—than it is about potential candidates.

Bates stated that the position description is complete, and the process discussion is ongoing.

Simms asked that Council expedite the search process, noting that July would mean that Carlson had been in the Interim Chief position for over seven months. He questioned whether it was fair to continue to ask Carlson to put forth the commitment for such an extended period of time.

Simms stated that he has seen only favorable communications regarding Chief Carlson, and that while there has been mention made of negative comment, Simms stated that he has not seen these. He noted that Chief Carlson has brought good new officers on board, even bringing two officers back to the department. Simms questioned waiting until the July meeting. He stated that “I’m in favor of offering Brian a three year contract. . . it appears there are many more good things that he would like to do that he cannot do as interim.” I’m in favor of offering Brian a three year contract and moving on, Simms commented.

Hempfling commented that this is an area over which Council needs to have input. She stated that this was an area in which the Charter states that Council is not to have input, but that she disagrees with that, and believes that it does not work. Hempfling agreed that July seemed like too long a wait to her.

Wintrow commented that “two meetings ago we agreed to put this discussion on hold.” Now the matter is back on the table, she said, and it should move forward, not go “on hold” until July.

Wintrow asked Conard whether the Village Personnel Policy Manual (PPM) mandates that any position has to be posted internally regardless of whether it is posted externally.

Conard responded that he was not sure that that was relevant to the discussion as it currently stands.

Bates stated that the PPM states that when there is an opening, the Village Manager decides “whether to post it internally, externally or both.”

Housh stated that the word “whether” in the PPM seemed to him sufficiently vague to allow either interpretation, but added that in this case he felt that the position should be posted internally as a best practice.

Bates stated that there were other employees who had expressed interest in the possibility of the permanent position, as well as “numerous external interested parties”.

Wintrow commented that there may be conditions listed in the job description which would exclude any number of those interested.

Wintrow and Housh asked that the job description come to the next meeting.

Conard commented that the Village Manager does have the latitude to make the decision as to whether or not there will be an internal posting, bearing in mind that an internal posting is a best practice. He stated that the Charter, “empowers the Manager to make those decisions. . . . The “whether” language seems to allow the discretion of the Village Manger to determine whether or not to go through an internal posting, but it’s not mandated, but is done at the Manager’s discretion. It is certainly not mandated.”

Bates questioned Conard’s interpretation, having read the PPM as offering the option between posting both internally and externally or simply internally, with no option for not posting the position.

Wintrow asked whether a decision could legally and properly be made to simply appoint the Interim Chief to the permanent position.

Conard responded in the affirmative.

Bates argued that this would not be a fair labor practice.

Hempfling stated her support that the position be posted internally.

Housh agreed.

Wintrow asked that the job description be brought to the May 1st meeting.

Wintrow asked that the document regarding process be brought to Council as soon as possible.

In response to a comment from Hempfling, Wintrow stated that if there is to be a search of any kind, there has to be an agreed-upon process. She noted further that in the past, external searches for the position had not brought in a significant influx of qualified and appropriate candidates. She asked what outreach could be done to accomplish this goal, and asked Bates to bring this information to the next meeting.

Hempfling commented that some of the Village’s past practices for searches have been fruitful, and suggested using those as resource material.

Update Regarding YSPD Policy Changes. Hempfling stated that Council had agreed to the changes to the taser use policy at the previous meeting, and had agreed to CIT and implicit bias training as requirements for officers, but that this had not been followed up upon.

Wintrow remarked that what had been done at the previous meeting was that Council had moved to affirm and support the recommendations made to Council by the JSTF and to direct staff and the JSTF to

continue to work on the needed next steps. Each of the actions needed next steps, Wintrow commented, and noted that she did not know whether the Chief had weighed in on the taser use policy.

Hempfling commented that changes were made to taser use, and stated that she did not know how one would get the department to implement the policy. Hempfling acknowledged that Chief Carlson has taken steps in implementing some of the recommendations already.

Wintrow asked Council and Bates whether they believe that the taser use policy as written is ready to implement.

Bates stated that in her opinion it was not ready, and that she is working with the Chief to “hammer it out.”

Chief Carlson addressed the topic in a general sense. He commented that some of the policy changes are “on hold” given that his position is interim. He commented that at present, his role is more that of a caretaker. Carlson commented that “the whole book (General Orders Manual) needs to be changed,” stating that it is outdated in some areas, and has not been tailored to the Village.

Carlson commented that were he in the permanent position, one of his first actions would be to rewrite that document.

Policing at present, Carlson, is not merely about provision of statistics, or participating in activities, or chalking tires, and he expressed a high level of frustration at staffing levels that leave only one officer on duty on the weekends. A top priority when he came into the interim position, Carlson stated, was to increase staffing so that there were always two officers on duty at all times. “We will not be a functional department until we do,” Carlson said, “the reality is that this is on the street level. The changes are going to happen one interaction at a time from officers following the leaders and seeing what their boss likes.”

Carlson described an officer who has begun to change his interactions with citizens because of the modeling from the top.

Carlson commented that the work being done by the 365 Project is brilliant, in particular the request that the department strive to be actively anti-racist. He then noted that many of the infractions attributed to visitors to town during Citizen Concerns are actually committed by residents, many of them employees of downtown businesses.

Bates asked that Carlson address the taser use policy question that was initially asked.

Carlson responded that a myriad of groups and ideas—365 Project, HRC, JSTF, restorative justice, policy changes—have been presented to him as necessary considerations, and that while he agrees with their merit, again, he said, we have to fill shifts, and we have to get officers trained in the manner best suited to the values of the Village. The vision we all share, he said, is not going to be enacted by ‘some genius from the outside,’ but on the street level.

Wintrow asked how a new officer will be trained with regard to tasers.

Carlson stated that he is meeting with his mentor Bill Parsons to review the taser policy. The criticism he has already received from Parsons, Carlson stated, is that “there is too much there.” In the situation where a taser may need to come into use, he said, the officer is not remembering the specific instances under which s/he is permitted to draw that weapon, but is reacting in the moment. What is useful, Carlson said, is a broader framework that lets the officer understand what circumstances may dictate against taser use, eg; a crowd of people who may be injured.

Carlson commented that he is appreciative of the input and efforts, but commented that again, how officers are trained and what is modeled as positive approaches are the most critical elements of enacting change within the department.

Hempfling commented that policy changes should get both public and interdepartmental comment.

Hempfling wondered whether the JSTF needs to slow down their work.

Carlson responded that suggestions regarding change to the department may need to wait until the permanent chief position is filled.

MacQueen commented that the JSTF needs to keep working, but that at present, Chief Carlson is primarily tasked with the day to day operations.

Simms commented that once a document is completed and Council has agreed to it, then an implementation plan should be enacted.

Hempfling noted that the goal is for the changes being suggested become policy.

Wintrow commented that if the end goal is to rewrite the General Orders Manual so that the changes are incorporated, that it makes little sense to “cherry pick” policies to address prior to an examination of the document as a whole.

Carlson commented that there is a “fear factor” involved in addressing some of the policies, and stated that in his opinion having a more restrictive taser policy in place would likely not have changed the course of events on New Year’s Eve.

Hempfling disagreed, commenting that a taser should not be used to gain compliance.

Carlson agreed, noting that such a use is in violation of Ohio’s trainings standards, but acknowledging that such a practice is common.

Bates responded to Simms’ earlier comment, stating that she does not believe that any policy should be passed as legislation until an implementation plan is in place.

Kate Hamilton, who serves on the JSTF, wondered whether JSTF might like to set a priority list. She noted that she is recommending a Police Social Worker position, for example, but knows that this is not a priority.

Gavin Davore Leonard commented that prioritization rather than slowing down seems the best direction to take. He commented as well that there is a discipline process still underway which is taking a full time officer off the schedule. He asked that this be completed as soon as possible.

Housh agreed with the strategy of prioritizing actions of the various groups.

Hempfling asked for an update on the time frame for the disciplinary hearing.

Conard responded only that there is “a process underway.”

Council suggested that concerned citizens write letters addressed to Council to express any concerns they may have.

Housing Needs Assessment. MacQueen noted that the impetus for the HNA started with Swinger, who had expressed some concern over available properties for potential housing, and who had stated that the Village needs to be aware of what could happen if all or most of the properties are developed.

While it is important, MacQueen said, not to react out of a fear of development, those are factors that should be considered in a housing assessment. She also noted that a market needs analysis may be useful.

MacQueen estimated the cost at somewhere between 30 and 40 thousand dollars. She stated that she should have something for Council to review regarding the scope of the HNA for the next meeting.

Wintrow commented that there had been a scare about the Village outgrowing its Village status in the 1960’s, and the response to that scare has ultimately been highly detrimental to growth within the Village.

Retreat Agenda. Wintrow reviewed the Retreat Agenda, and Council discussed it briefly, with removal of a budget session with Melissa Dodd, who will be bringing the 2018 tax budget in July.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Bates reported that:

After meeting with Tecumseh Land Trust and walking the land with Simms and MacQueen, the easement on the Glass Farm is being redrawn to leave a wider access on the north end of the property off King Street. This 100 foot access corridor will remain outside the easement and allow more room to shield a potential future entrance from surrounding homes via a barrier of some sort. The easement will also slant slowly south along the wetland area and creek to ensure conservation while allowing development of the remainder of the property. The re-drawn easement area is expected to be ready for legislation at Council’s May 1 meeting. Bates noted that an allowance for a trail does not have to be contained in the easement, since an unimproved trail is permissible under the terms of the easement.

Community Solutions has indicated to Tecumseh Land Trust (TLT) their interest in a permanent conservation easement on approximately 80 acres encompassing the riparian corridor of the Jacoby Creek through what was formerly the Arnovitz property. According to the agreement between the Village and TLT, the Village would contribute 58% of the funding for the easement (80 acres x

\$1400/acre x .58= \$64,960). These funds will be fully refundable from the Nature Conservancy at a later date if a grant is approved.

Greene County Parks & Trails has received complaints about brush and low-hanging branches along the hike-bike trail, particularly near the Xenia Avenue crossing. To that end, the Village, in collaboration with GC Parks and Trails and Glen Helen Ecology Institute, will be clearing this brush which is primarily honeysuckle. The Village will have the brush cut back and Ecology Institute staff and volunteers will treat stumps following the same management protocol used in Glen Helen and the Village land behind the Bryan Center. The area will be marked appropriately for a short period of time so everyone is aware of the effort to make the trail safer for walkers and cyclists. The work may require a brief trail closure. Notices will be posted to the Village Facebook page once a removal date is set.

Last summer, as part of a Village commitment to use safer, organic compounds on the grounds of all Village-owned properties, the Village and several other local organizations participated in a seminar and training session with Beyond Pesticides. Half of the open field at the northeast corner of Gaunt Park will be used as a test plot for these compounds. There will be a sign noting the help of Beyond Pesticides in the area. These products are safe for use in public areas, including around children and pets.

INTERIM CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Carlson reported that the YSPD is excited to introduce their newest officer to the team. Mariah England will begin her training with FTO Jeff Beam on April 26th.

The police department has scheduled their first implicit bias training session for May 11th with Bias Recognition Diversity Specialist Mr. Keane Toney of toneypolicconsulting.com

Officers will be joining Antioch students for lunch on campus followed by a tour of the campus on April 19th at 11:00am.

The department is sending two officers—Carlson and Watson--to be CIT trained the third week of April.

Preliminary reports suggest that the Yellow Springs High School scored a 90% this year for the annual seat belt challenge.

The police department is seeking student volunteers who would be interested in walking with officers to share experiences of life in Yellow Springs.

Housh had a question regarding the Facebook page.

Carlson commented that the former Chief's page is still up. Bates responded that it was linked to his personal page and that he is having difficulty taking it down.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk noted that the many lights purchased by Council have mostly been distributed, and noted that she would need a commitment from Council to purchase enough to have lights for all schoolchildren in the Village.

Housh MOVED to approve about \$700.00 for the purchase of lights. Simms SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a voice vote.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Simms reported that Planning Commission will be bringing some text amendments to Council after they review them at their May 10th meeting.

Hempfling commented that the JSTF would like to bring recommendations regarding Mayors Court to the May 1 meeting.

Energy Board will be meeting with EMPOWER to discuss energy efficiency ideas. This is a second meeting with that group.

Hempfling commented that she had missed the meeting of the Library Commission, but it was determined that the meeting had been cancelled.

MacQueen stated that she has not met with Steve Conn regarding the School Board.

MacQueen stated that HRC had met with Pastor Aaron Saari regarding sanctuary cities and had approved two grants, one for a Parkour/hip hop event, and the other for the Bulldog Boogie. The Chief also attended the HRC meeting.

MacQueen stated that the Beaver Management Task Force has not met, but that the culvert near the flow device may need attention.

Wintrow noted that Greene County Regional Planning meets on Tuesday, and she thanked Ken LeBlanc for his report which was provided as a part of the Village’s contract with that agency.

Wintrow reported a meeting of MVRPC will meet on Wednesday.

The Chamber meeting is this Thursday, Wintrow said. Wintrow noted that on May 18th, the Chamber will hold a Business After Hours at DMS, Ink.

AGENDA PLANNING

- April 24: Council Retreat (Antioch University Midwest; 9-4)
- May 1: Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2017-09 Repealing Section 674.02 “Removal of Plants and Weeds by Owner” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 674.02 “Removal of Plants and Weeds by Owner”
First Reading of Ordinance 2017-10 Granting a Permanent Conservation Easement on a Portion of the Glass Farm
Resolutions Regarding Gustafson Easement
Design Nine Final Community Fiber Report
Discussion Regarding US Bank Accounts
Draft Police Chief Job Description
Draft Hiring Process Document for Permanent Chief
JSTF Recommendation to Council (re: Mayor’s Court/Social Worker)
Housing Needs Assessment
- May 15: Resolution 2017-XX Adding to the Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement by and between the Board of Greene County Commissioners and the Village of Yellow Springs and Dayton Mailing Services, Inc.
HRC End of Year Report
Environmental Commission End of Year Report

Hempfling asked to add the JSTF recommendation of a social worker to the May 1 agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12pm, Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Please note: These notes are not verbatim. A DVD copy of the meeting is available for viewing in the Clerk of Council’s office between 9am and 3pm Monday through Friday or any time via youtube link from the Village website: www.yso.com.

Karen Wintrow, President

Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council