

**Council of the Village of Yellow Springs  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**In Council Chambers @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Monday, September 21, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President of Council Lori Askeland called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Vice President Lori Askeland, Gerald Simms, Brian Housh and Marianne MacQueen. Village Manager Patti Bates was present, as were Assistant Village Manager Melissa Vanzant, and Village Solicitor Chris Conard.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:02, Simms MOVED to ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION for the Purpose of the Discussion of Pending or Resolving Litigation. Housh SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

At 6:17, Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION. The MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

MacQueen noted that she had had surgery earlier in the day and would leave following the Special Meeting. She stated that she would put her Board and Commission information in written form.

**I. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Askeland noted the letters received, stating that those related to the Glass Farm grant proposal would be discussed at that time.

The Clerk will receive and file:

Karen Wintrow re: Letter of Support for Home, Inc.

Marcia Wallgren re: Vernay Cleanup

Environmental Commission re: Information on Glass Farm Possible Contamination and Grant Application

Camp Kids re: Thank You to YSPD

Shelly Wing re: Thank You YSPD

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION (6:15)**

**First Reading of Ordinance 2015-13** Repealing Old Section 1060.05 Service Charges Of Chapter 1060 Storage And Collection Of Garbage And Other Wastes Of Title Six Other Public Services Of Part Ten Streets, Utilities And Public Services Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of Yellow Springs, Ohio And Enacting New Section 1060.05 Service Charges. Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Vanzant explained that the ordinance brings charges for garbage bags and stickers up to the rate of their actual cost, which have not been updated in a number of years.

Askeland CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 on a ROLL CALL VOTE.

**Reading of Resolution 2015-32** Supporting Environmental Commission's Application for a Grant from Clean Ohio to Support the Glass Farm Area. Simms MOVED and MacQueen SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Bates noted that the Village has the ability to test samples through the lab it uses, and stated that Brad Ault had pulled samples for testing from the detention pond area.

Tom Dietrich identified himself as an Environmental Engineer who is a member of the Environmental Commission. He explained that he reviewed the samples provided by the firm responsible for providing testing for the Vernay site, and stated that rates of contamination have fallen consistently over the past 16 years.

In response to a question from Housh, Dietrich explained that there are two different standards for water quality, one being an acceptable present water standard, and the other being the standard for drinking water. Dietrich speculated that a misunderstanding of this difference may have led to Marcia Wallgren's assertion that the water is unsafe.

In response to a question from Simms, Bates explained that easement language will be obtained after the application for the grant takes place.

Vickie Hennessey commented that she had made contact with Kevin Callini, who is charged with oversight of the cleanup for the Vernay property. He confirmed that samples were taken as far out as the detention pond starting immediately following the identified contamination, and continuing regularly until the mid-2000s, when the levels of contamination dropped below the "acceptable risk" level. Samples are still taken at the Dayton Street outfall.

Hennessey commented that because a wetland normally acts as a filter, the Village may wish to pull samples past the beaver dam to test this theory.

Askeland CALLED THE VOTE and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

**Reading of Resolution 2015-35** Amending the Bylaws of the Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County, Ohio. Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Askeland explained that she attends the Regional Planning Commission meetings, and had asked for clarification as to why the rates are significantly higher for smaller municipalities. She did not receive a clear response to this, other than that it was an attempt to hit the needed budget numbers.

Askeland noted that the Village has used the services of GCRPCC in the past, but is unlikely to use them for planning purposes in the future.

Following brief discussion among Council members, Askeland CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION FAILED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

**III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Oct. 5            General Fund Budget  
Approval of Ordinances Standardizing Language for Certain Boards and Commissions (Consent Agenda)  
Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-13 Regarding Solid Waste Rates  
First Reading of Ordinance 2015-14 Adjusting Water and Sewer Rates for 2016  
Reading of Resolution 2015-36 Adopting a Policing Vision for the Village of Yellow Springs  
Reading of Resolution 2015-37 Adopting a Public Art Policy for the Village of Yellow Springs  
Resolution 2015-38 Approving Preliminary Legislation Permitting the Ohio Department of Transportation to Commence Sidewalk Construction Related to Safe Routes to Schools
- Oct. 19        Work Session: Enterprise, Special Revenue Funds and Capital Budgets
- Oct. 29        Special Meeting re: ACE Task Force Participation
- Nov. 2 (5:30) Executive Session to Discuss the Review of the Village Manager  
2016 Budget Workshop ó collective budget with revisions  
Ordinance re: Municipal Tax Collection in Response to House Bill 5
- Nov. 16        Work Session: 2016 Budget, First Reading
- Nov.17 (6pm) Special Meeting of Council for Presentation from Finalists for Water Plant Design/Build Finalists

Dec.7            2016 Budget, Second Reading  
Results of Village Manager Evaluation  
Dec. 21        Work Session  
Dec. 21(6pm) 2016 Budget  
Levy Resolutions

**ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION**

At 6:40pm, Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

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Lori Askeland, Vice President

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Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk