

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

**In Council Chambers @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Monday, April 3, 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**

Greene County Combined Health District Presentation: Tobacco Free Public Spaces. Shernaz Reporter presented information on a grant the GCCHD has received to try to make public areas in Greene County tobacco free, encouraging Council to pass legislation to do the same with Village-owned properties. Council discussed how this could be done effectively.

Simms commented that citizens continue to ride bikes after dusk without lights, and that this is a concern.

Housh noted that police officers have been provided with bike lights and vests to hand out, and segued into an announcement of Rails-to-Trails Opening Day on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at which lights and helmets will be given out and bikes will be safety checked and repaired between 10am and 2pm.

Housh also announced National Public Health Week April 3-9; Arts Alive, a music venue “Jam Night” April 8<sup>th</sup>, and an Ice Cream Social at Young’s Dairy on April 9<sup>th</sup> to rally against the mining proposal submitted by Enon Sand and Gravel.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Financials for February

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

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

MacQueen asked for update on the US Bank situation and this was added to Old Business.

The Council letter regarding mining was moved as a discussion item to New Business.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Housh reviewed communications received as follows:

Greene County Public Health: Public Health Week, Annual Report and Seat Belt Challenge (online only)

Elise Click re: Opposition to Mining Permit

Vickie Hennessey re: Opposition to Mining Permit

The following individuals wrote letters supporting either sanction or divestment from US Bank for reasons of its financial support of companies connected to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project:

Jeff Reich; Katie Egart; Sandy King; Donna Denman; Vickie Hennessey; Dave Brown; MJ Gentile; Sharon Mohler; Sommer McGuire; Catherine Roma; Charles Fairbanks; Abby Cobb; Ruth Hoff; Michael Casselli; Carol Simmons; Jeremy Malchow

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION**

**First Reading 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.

Swinger 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 foot 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.

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 foot 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.

MacQueen asked a clarifying question and was told that lot requirements will change only regarding the number of square feet per unit requirement.

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

Wintrow recused herself for reasons of conflict of interest regarding Ordinance 2017-06, and left Council Chambers.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2017-06** Repealing Section 1262.08 “Specific Requirements” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 1262.08 “Specific Requirements.” Simms MOVED and Hempling SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Swinger explained that the zoning code regulates short-term rentals through a conditional use process, and that the renting of homes or rooms in a home on a long-term basis has never been regulated. Short-term rental (STR) units, however, are regulated under the zoning code. STRs are currently defined in the zoning code as: *A dwelling unit that is rented or leased to one person, family or entity on a weekly or monthly basis, but typically less than one year.*

Because the Planning & Zoning office has had several inquiries about Airbnbs and because it was not clear as to whether the language in the zoning code was specific enough to regulate Airbnbs, the matter was brought before the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission then amended the definition to “A dwelling unit that is rented or leased to one person, family or entity *for fewer than 30 days.*”

Swinger stated that the Planning Commission believes it is important that the Village has knowledge of how to contact the property owner in case of emergency, and that information be available to neighbors and to the Yellow Springs Police Department in the event of a conflict or emergency.

Swinger noted that in the case of a conditional use, neighbors are informed of a hearing, and so would be made aware of the use within their respective neighborhoods.

In response to a question from Housh, Swinger stated that the Village does not regulate long-term rentals, and that the current definition of “short-term” fails to capture the bulk of what truly constitute short-term rentals, so either the definition should be made clear or the requirement should be eliminated entirely.

Marianne MacQueen stated that she would recuse herself after speaking to the topic as a citizen. She then stated that she owns a short-term rental, and described her situation as a proprietor of both an overnight rental establishment and a longer term rental.

MacQueen called the situation “inherently un-regulatable.” MacQueen proceeded to speak to the value of adding income for property owners and “authentic experience” for the renters. She did make reference to longer term rentals as a part of her argument, although these rentals are not up for discussion or regulation. MacQueen then left the room.

Swinger repeated that the existing regulation is of no use unless it is clarified, and asked that Council make a determination either to remove or to clarify the regulation.

Dan Rudolf spoke as a rental property owner, stating that none of the regulations would seem to apply to him. He argued that the rentals “support the people coming in to town.” Rudolf then stated an objection to the regulation (only two adults per accessory dwelling unit), which is a regulation pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units and is not a newly proposed regulation on short-term rentals. Rudolf stated objection to the limitation of one curb cut per lot (no additional driveway access to an accessory dwelling).



Katherine Burkland stated that she has begun renting out an addition to her home as an Airbnb, stating that it has been a good support income for her and has “restored her faith in adults”.

Eric Johnson stated that he is building an accessory dwelling unit and objected to the limitation of “two people”; he also stated that his unit would require a driveway to be practicable.

Swinger clarified that the two adult policy is in existence as regards accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and is not a new regulation. She stated that the number of children is not regulated.

Housh received clarification that a permit would continue with the use, though the files should be updated if there is a change in ownership.

Swinger addressed an issue raised by MacQueen regarding a duplex, stating that a duplex is a separate unit.

Swinger commented that long-term lease holders are known within the community and are more readily contacted. If something were to happen to a short-term renter, Swinger stated, there may be no way to contact anyone responsible.

Swinger further clarified that the Village would want to know the contact information for whomever was responsible, whether property owner or property manager. She commented that the Village does not need the names of renters, but does need contact information for the business or property.

Nick Boutis described himself as a Bed and Breakfast proprietor, and asked for clarification regarding the limitation to “one unit”, suggesting that this would not be productive and giving the example of a duplex or one room in a house and an ADU. He stated that the threshold number of five persons should serve as adequate to regulate numbers.

Swinger opined that the reason for that regulation was to prevent a person from renting all bedrooms and an ADU.

Hempfling stated her opposition to the ordinance. She acknowledged that the Planning Commission was attempting to solve the problem of a definition. Hempfling stated that her feeling regarding government regulation is to limit it unless there is a specific problem. “We should assume that people are responsible,” she stated, commenting that nuisance ordinances should catch any problems. She stated her objection as rooted in her dismay at having to pay large fees to rent her property in Amherst, MA, which is regulated and has required fees.

Hempfling stated that she did not believe that Yellow Springs has a traffic problem, and noted her objection to parking regulations related to short-term rentals.

Hempfling stated her objection to any required hearing, and commented that any effort on the part of neighbors to prevent short-term rentals would be a hindrance.

Simms commented that from a staff perspective, the definition needs to be clarified or the regulation struck.

Bates clarified that existing short-term rentals would not be required to have a hearing but would be asked for contact information.

Housh suggested there be no vote taken, and encouraged those interested to attend the next reading of the ordinance.

Housh stated that he agrees that if there is no problem, there may not need to be regulation, but also agreed that if the definition needs to be clarified, then that should occur.

Swinger asked that if Council decides not to tighten up the definition that it remove it entirely.

Hempfling suggested Council come back with a suggested alternative.

Bates asked Ken LeBlanc, Greene County Regional Planning, if Miami Township is regulating Airbnbs, and the response was “no”.

Housh suggested that Council not vote on the first reading.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2017-07** Repealing Section 1284.08 “Definitions: R-S” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 1284.08 “Definitions: R-S.” THIS ORDINANCE WAS NOT READ.



**First Reading of Ordinance 2017-08** 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 Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Swinger explained that the Planning Commission had met several times with two Environmental Commission members, Duard Headley and Nadia Malarkey.

The EC finally decided to remove the mowing date and to suggest a maximum number of inches of grass height as 12 as well as to add a section on managed landscapes and to add to the list of invasive species. This was what was presented to the PC at its March meeting.

Swinger clarified that the EC did not recommend that the ordinance be changed to mow other than the perimeter.

Wintrow pointed out that there is no mowing regulation regarding the perimeter of a managed natural landscape with regard to sightlines.

Bates read the ordinance as applying the need to mow the perimeter to managed natural landscapes as well.

Council asked that sections three and four be switched.

Bates stated her concern related to the 12-inch height for grass, commenting that this is not considered a managed natural landscape, and noted a number of calls of complaint regarding bugs and rodents. She explained the process of enforcement, which does take a number of days.

MacQueen objected to the caveat that only the perimeter has to be mowed, and noted that she was the only member of the EC who thought that mowing of the entire property be required.

Wintrow asked Boutis whether longer grass encourages rodents.

Boutis commented that a managed natural landscape is likely to offer more of a habitat for creatures than would grass.

Swinger commented that the EC weighed in on the environmental issues only, hence did not wish to promote mowing.

Bates noted complains received regarding long grass and rodents in 2016.

The Clerk noted that the “no mow” date had professed to protect nesting habitats, and noted that the EC had stated that grass is not considered a nesting habitat, hence its willingness to dispense with the “no mow” date.

Housh suggested adjusting the height and asked how Council felt about mowing the entirety of the yard.

MacQueen suggested that the ordinance give a height limit and that the entirety be mowed.

Hempfling suggested that large lawns are hard to mow in entirety.

Housh commented that the code does permit non-mowing if neighbors agree to this.

Sharon Mohler pointed out that mowing became a general policy not due to esthetics but as a way to prevent rodents from entering homes as readily, and she for this reason questioned the mowing of the perimeter only.

Ken LeBlanc commented that grasses tend to bring ticks.

Nick Boutis, Glen Helen Director, encouraged a maximum height of nine inches for grass. He referenced the list of invasive species, and suggested an update to this list, which is weighted towards aquatic species. He asked that the wording be stronger regarding property owners’ not planting invasive species. Boutis offered to assist in creation of an updated list.

Wintrow suggested that the ordinance be tabled and returned to the Environmental Commission (EC) for amendment.

MacQueen asked for photographs, and Boutis directed her to the Ohio Invasives Land Council.



MacQueen suggested that the EC would deal with the list of invasives, but would not discuss the mowing issue.

Wintrow commented that there needs to be a height limit and that mowing should be changed to include the entire lawn.

Wintrow determined that the EC does not in fact need to be included again at this point, and called for a MOTION TO TABLE.

Housh indicated that the revised ordinance should be brought to the next meeting so that another mowing season does not pass without this issue being resolved.

Simms MOVED TO TABLE ORDINANCE 2017-08. Housh SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Reading of Resolution 2017-17** Authorizing the Village Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Buckeye Trail Association Designating the Village of Yellow Springs a Buckeye Trail Town. Simms MOVED and Housh SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Mark Heise spoke about the Buckeye Trail and about his efforts to make Yellow Springs a designated Trail Town. He spoke to the benefits of this designation.

Bates noted that the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Village in the effort.

Wintrow abstained from the vote due to the involvement of the Chamber.

Housh CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 on a voice vote.

**Reading of Resolution 2017-18** Entering into an Agreement between the Village of Yellow Springs and the Greene County, Ohio Engineer for a Cooperative Paving Program. Simms MOVED and Hempfling SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Bates noted that this resolution is enacted every year as a cost savings to needed paving in the Village. She then noted the streets targeted for paving in 2017 are: Dayton, Cliff, Orton and Allen.

Bates responded to questions, noting that Railroad Street is not slated for paving because of infrastructure work that must be done first, but will receive some patching.

Wintrow CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Reading of Resolution 2017-19** Authorizing the Village Manager to Renew Health Insurance for Village Employees 2017-2018 Plan Year. Simms MOVED and Hempfling SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Bates explained that the legislation is the annual plan renewal, and carries a 7.5% increase. Last year, there was a decrease in costs but that was not possible this year.

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

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Mike Verbillion spoke on behalf of Citizens Against Mining Mad River Township. He asked for Council support in opposing Enon Sand and Gravel's request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for both continued use and combined permits. Verbillion stated that the proposal includes a dewatering plant, which would significantly lower the water table and will empty into the Mud Run Creek. He commented that his family farm would be directly affected, as would the wells of those living in proximity to the dewatering plant, which is projected to pump at a rate of 220,000 gallons per minute at a depth of 130-150 feet.

Verbillion stated that the cone of depression caused by the dewatering plant has a five-mile radius and will encompass Ellis Park, and will be active for the next 40 years.

Verbillion stated that the operation is projected to produce up to 300,000 tons of limestone per year, which would require as many as 25-30,000 dump trucks, which would move through the area discharging the limestone.

Anyone with a well could be affected, chemicals could leak into the aquifer, and damage to bricks and windows could be expected from the blasting, Verbillion said. He commented that insurance



adjusters who were contacted suggested that homeowners would need to increase their policies to include earthquake and mining coverage.

Verbillion commented that property values will be lowered by up to 25%, thus lowering tax income to the area. He then suggested ways in which Council could assist, including a list of entities to whom to send letters.

In answer to questions from Council, Verbillion responded that the ODNR will hold a hearing on April 21 to approve or deny the permit requests. These tend to be “rubber stamped” he stated, making the subsequent zoning board hearing perhaps the critical hearing.

In answer to Council questions, Verbillion stated that the land in question is currently zoned Agriculture, so has not yet been zoned for mining.

Verbillion emphasized that the greatest concern of the citizens opposed to the mining is the potential for damage to existing wells. He noted the if a well is damaged or goes dry, the well owner must prove that it is as a result of the mining operation.

Krista Magaw, Tecumseh Land Trust Director, spoke in favor of opposition to the mining and characterized the aquifer located in and around the land as “our most valuable resource”. She commented that there is no way to accurately predict potential damage to the aquifer.

President Karen Wintrow introduced a letter she had written in response to citizen outreach and in the expectation that Council would want to address the concerns. Council members discussed the letter and agreed to add their concern regarding potential damage to the aquifer, though they acknowledged that the mining is unlikely to affect the aquifer that feeds the Village water supply.

Sharon Mohler stated that she had opposed a mining operation in the past and commented that it creates an ugly area of destruction.

Dan Reyes suggested that an independent hydrological study to determine potential impacts be requested before any approval.

Shernaz Reporter stated that water is a public health issue.

Verbillion commented that the hydrologist for Enon Sand and Gravel and ODNR had not covered areas of concern to Enon, and supported the idea of an independent hydrological study.

Council agreed that President Wintrow should send the letter as soon as it is written, with the proposed changes incorporated.

Krista Magaw stated that she is working on a grant, aiming for a larger scale greenbelt restoration effort.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Library Commission End of Year Report.** Karl Colon presented his annual humorous, informative and gracious annual report. He made special mention of the installation of the Virginia Hamilton Historical Marker and its importance, and of the new Maker Space at the Xenia Library and kits available to the YS Library.

**Energy Board End of Year Report.** Rick Walkey reported on the EB’s activities over 2016, highlighting work on identifying a solar provider for the Glass Farm solar field, divestment from the Fremont Energy Center to make the Village’s energy portfolio greener, re-examination of the Village’s solar ordinance, and work on replacing the Energy Smart program with alternative programs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Glass Farm Potential Future Uses Report.** Ken LeBlanc presented a report on potential uses for the Glass Farm. He noted that due to the type of soil and the height of the water table, larger or multi story homes or homes with basements are not recommended. He made note of potential access areas and utility access as positives for housing in this location. He made note of potential walking or biking trails to access the area as additional positives.

Hempfling and MacQueen questioned the recommendation to limit the size or number of stories of homes on the property.

Wintrow commented that building larger homes might be possible but could be more expensive given the need for soil mitigation.



LeBlanc made recommendations regarding best points of access to the proposed housing area and regarding drainage or retention pond areas, and made mention of rain garden techniques.

Bates noted that any biking or walking trails entering the conservation area would need to be undeveloped trails.

MacQueen asked for clarification as to how much space would be needed on the northeast corner of the property.

LeBlanc opined that a minimum of 60 feet would be needed to assure proper access.

MacQueen noted that it is not clear how the conservation easement will run, hence her question.

LeBlanc noted that his presentation is conceptual and open to changes.

Bates noted that 60 feet had been left on that corner as outside the easement.

MacQueen then stated that she was more concerned about the northwestern portion of the easement.

LeBlanc stated that his map simply presents general ideas.

Wintrow asked Simms whether the Planning Commission should see the plan, and he stated “yes”.

Wintrow asked that a development RFP go out.

Council discussed the nature of such an RFP.

Hempfling commented that Council needs to ask for more specifics rather than an open RFP. She stated that a housing study would be a useful tool in this process, and suggested that the housing study should occur first. She asked whether Swinger could play a role in that process.

Emily Seibel, Home, Inc. Director, was mentioned as a resource.

Wintrow suggested that a consultant should be engaged to obtain a housing needs assessment (HNA).

Swinger commented that there has been increased growth under the new zoning code, and that there are several areas available for potential housing development, which should be considered with any planning for new housing.

MacQueen commented that there needs to be a way to involve the community.

Wintrow asked that an HNA move ahead promptly.

Hempfling asked that the process not languish, opining that most members of Council were ‘elected on the idea of housing at the Glass Farm.’

Council and the Manager discussed the process involved.

Housh brought the matter back to the issue of the conservation easement, noting that this is a time sensitive issue.

Krista Magaw, TLT, commented that there are more invasives that need removal, so the matter needs either to be resolved soon or the work done without payment being received until a potential later date. OPWC will not permit further expenditure until the easement is in place, Magaw said, and the survey needs to be in place for the easement to be finalized.

MacQueen commented that the easement area simply needs to be adjusted slightly.

Wintrow asked whether there is any downside to putting a conservation easement in place prior to having a development plan in place.

MacQueen responded that for most of the conservation easement, there would be no homes there since it is not developable.

Patti Purdin commented that the road seems to curve around the Community Gardens and asked about further development.



Bates commented that LeBlanc had suggested housing in the northeast corner, but noted that it is conceptual in nature.

Wintrow commented that the only issue currently of concern is the area of the easement.

Bettina Stolsenberg asked whether a road could go in if the area is zoned conservation, and it was explained that the zoning would have to be changed to put in a road.

Dan Reyes asked why there would need to be a primary access from King Street, and offered that this need not be a given.

LeBlanc commented that the initial access does need to be off of King Street.

Bates stated that she will walk the Glass Farm with Magaw on Friday and will have something for the next meeting's packet.

Bates will also work with Swinger to gather preliminary information regarding a housing needs assessment.

**Council Retreat Agenda Discussion.** Wintrow provided a draft agenda and went over it briefly. Council discussed the agenda and added an executive session to the end of the agenda. MacQueen asked that a section on how the Village hires consultants be added. Hempfling asked for information regarding the state of the budget. Wintrow offered to further revise the agenda for the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**US Bank Proposed Divestment.** Bates reported that the YS Federal Credit Union has informed the Village that it is unable to provide all needed services to the Village. Bates commented that other options will have to be explored if Council wishes to pull funds from US Bank in support of the opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline Project (DAPL). She cautioned that it will be difficult to find any financial institution that does not hold investments or make loans to entities that would present as objectionable to some or many Villagers.

MacQueen asked that the Village put out an RFP for services and ask with whom applicants are invested. She asked that WesBanco and Huntington be approached. She commented that unless an attempt is made, things will not change.

Wintrow asked whether a local bank is a consideration in terms of the positives of local involvements.

Hempfling commented that a local bank saves on staff time and energy costs. She asked all community members to consider the issue for their own investments. Hempfling supported the idea of an RFP.

Council determined to ask the divestment group and the Treasurer to look into the matter and to do initial research.

Wintrow commented that US Bank is working on a response to the letter sent last month asking for its divestment from the DAPL project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Village Manager reported on the following:

Limits have now been set on the electric car chargers at the Bryan Center to allow more people to be able to use them. There is a 4-hour maximum use period and no overnight use.

Last summer, as part of 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. The Village is now ready to move forward with a test plot using safe, organic products and nutrients based on the soil report prepared by Beyond Pesticides. These will be used on half of the open field at the northeast corner of Gaunt Park. There will be a sign noting the help of Beyond Pesticides in the area.

Trish Gustafson owns a 1.71-acre parcel on King Street that is not annexed into the Village. This parcel is unique in that it is an island within the Village and completely surrounded by properties that ARE currently in the Village. Ms. Gustafson wishes to petition the Village to be allowed to annex this property into the Village municipal limits in order to develop the lot. While the Village does not normally allow annexation that extends our current boundaries, this annexation request is distinguished



by the encirclement of the parcel by properties already within our municipal limits. Staff recommends Council entertain Ms. Gustafson’s request.

Wintrow asked that a resolution for annexation be brought to the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bates stated that she will be looking into alley clearing solutions.

In response to a question from Housh, Bates stated that while about 200 disconnect notices go out monthly, only about 20-30 disconnects are enacted per month. Bates stated that this represents a reduction in numbers from several years ago.

Bates confirmed that Greene County Parks & Trails did make donation to the Greene Space Fund in response to the request of support from Krista Magaw and Brian Housh for conserving the Arnovitz Property

Bates asked that boards or commissions fill out event request forms as needed.

**INTERIM CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Carlson reported the following:

The police department has scheduled its first implicit bias training seminar with Bias Recognition Diversity Specialist Mr. Keane Toney of [toneypolicconsulting.com](http://toneypolicconsulting.com). All officers will participate.

The department is sending two officers for 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training during the third week of April.

Yellow Springs was ranked the lowest in the county regarding seat belt usage among teenage and parent drivers in 2016. Yellow Springs has the opportunity to change this standing during the month of April, when the Greene County Safe Communities Coalition will be conducting its annual Spring Break Seat Belt Challenge to raise awareness about seat belt use and encourage students to buckle up every trip, every time.

The PD is now working with the Ohio Department of Public Safety to emphasize the importance of seat belt usage even when home in the Village. The YSPD has installed two “buckle up” signs at the exit of the high school and hope to bring seatbelt statistics up for 2017.

The YSPD is still seeking student volunteers interested in walking with officers to share experiences of life in Yellow Springs.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk reported business as usual.

**AGENDA PLANNING**

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| April 17: | 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.”<br>First Reading of Ordinance 2017-06 Repealing Section 1262.08 “Specific Requirements” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 1262.08 “Specific Requirements.”<br>First Reading of Ordinance 2017-07 Repealing Section 1284.08 “Definitions: R-S” of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio and Enacting New Section 1284.08 “Definitions: R-S.”<br>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”<br>Ordinance 2017-0X Granting a Permanent Conservation Easement on a Portion of the Glass Farm<br>Reading of Resolution 2017-20 Declaring Willingness to Provide Village Services to Gustafson Property<br>Reading of Resolution 2017-21 Declaring April 27th “Coretta Scott King Day” in the Village of Yellow Springs<br>Housing Needs Assessment Discussion<br>ESC End of Year Report/CBE Uses Discussion Summary |
| April 24: | Council Retreat (Antioch University Midwest; 9-4)  |
| May 1:    | Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2017-0X Granting a Permanent Conservation Easement on a Portion of the Glass Farm<br>Design Nine Final Community Fiber Report   |



Housh and Hempfling offered to work on possible changes to ordinance 2017-06 together. Wintrow asked for the Planning Commission minutes to be placed in the Council packet as a matter of course to provide information and clarity.

MacQueen expressed some confusion regarding the issue of recusal. Wintrow commented that she had believed that she was unable to speak if she was recusing herself.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:52pm, 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](http://www.yso.com).*

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Karen Wintrow, President

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Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council