

Village of Windham, Ohio
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Held July 17, 2006

At 7:16 PM, the Honorable Mayor C. James Moore called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Rachel Barrett – present
Jason DeBolt – present
Sonya Edwards – present
Marian Garrett – present
Scott Garrett – present
Jodi Minotti – present

Also present, Village Solicitor Mark Manlove and Village Administrator Kevin Knight.

The minutes of the June 19, 2006 Regular and June 29, 2006 Special Council Meetings were reviewed. Marian Garrett made a motion to accept with minor corrections. Seconded by Rachel Barrett. Ayes: R. Barrett, J. DeBolt, S. Edwards, M. Garrett, S. Garrett, J. Minotti. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lloyd Billman presented the Village Fiscal Officer's Financial reports for June 2006 and stated that every attempt would be made to have nothing outstanding for the month being reconciled.

Village Council President Scott Garrett had no report.

Rachel Barrett gave the Dispatchers, Police, Fire and Rescue Squad (EMS) reports for the month of June, 2006.

Mayor Moore presented the Mayor's communications. He summarized the results of the trial Olson Fuel and Deli vs. The Village of Windham by saying the trial lasted nearly five days and during the last day a motion was made by the defense attorney for a directed verdict without the jury being present. The judge crated the motion and will give a summary. The police hours were cut to 312 for a biweekly period. The Mayor's account for the month of June was \$375.30.

There were no prior requests of guests to speak.

Finance Committee report by Marian Garrett. A motion was made by Marian to adopt the 2007 Tax Budget which is the same as the 2006 Tax Budget. The motion was seconded by Rachel. Ayes: R. Barrett, J. DeBolt, S. Edwards, M. Garrett, S. Garrett, J. Garrett. Nays: None. Motion carried. Marian moved to accept the attempt at June Bank Reconciliation with all funds balance of \$836,134.14. She stated that the term accept the attempt at Reconciliation rather than approve the Reconciliation was used because of previous unexplained variances for the months of January, February, and March and not because of any out-of-balance since that time. The bills were not approved until reports showing checks and charges for the month are submitted. The proposed flyer was passed out which details the need for the Income Tax increase which is on the ballot for August 8, 2006.

Safety / Personnel / Rules (SPR) Committee report by Rachel Barrett. The Fire Chief asked that consideration be given by Council as to Tornado Shelters where residents could go in the case of an emergency. The High School could be opened up and one or more Churches on North Main Street could be used. The last Tornado warning saw a number of residents going to the Fire Department and they are already very busy in times of emergency. The Fire Department has received a \$7000 EMT Grant and have used it to purchase turn out gear at a cost of \$2000 each approximately. The Chief has been in touch with the Health Department about rules and regulations about a trailer park. The air conditioner in the Police Department had to be replaced.

Service Committee

Utilities report by Scott Garrett. A new ordinance O-2006-15 repealing ordinance O-2006-11 on the water meter rental fees was presented by Scott with a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Sonya. Ayes: R. Barrett, J. DeBolt, S. Edwards, M. Garrett, S. Garrett, J. Minotti. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Scott then made a motion to adopt ordinance O-2006-15, seconded by Sonya. Ayes: R. Barrett, J. DeBolt, S. Edwards, M. Garrett, S. Garrett, J. Minotti. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Scott presented new resolution R-2006-8 to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan which has to be renewed every five years and made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jason. Ayes: R. Barrett, J. DeBolt, S. Edwards, M. Garrett, S. Garrett, J. Minotti. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The water main must be relocated in the area of the new Cortland Bank at a cost of \$2500 and a water valve at location of School St and E. Center St which will be replaced late evenings for minimum inconvenience to residents. Also, the utilities committee is looking at trash pickup through the Village to save the residents money.

Streets and Sidewalks – Sonya Edwards, Chair – tentatively paving on E. Center St is to begin this Wednesday.

Public Housing Code – Jason DeBolt, Chair – a meeting is needed with the inspector.

Village Buildings and Properties – Jodi Minotti, Chair – there is a house on Bright Drive with trash in the front yard. They are in the process of moving out. Sonya said there is grant money for preventing obesity in children. If the Community Center could be used in conjunction with such a program, there is money available.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Jason DeBolt, Chair – gave a report about the Cortland Bank obtaining proper zoning permits for a 2500 square foot building on corner of E. Center Street and Maple Grove Road – they wanted a street address of E. Center Street but the address will have to be Maple Grove Road because of the positioning of the front of the building.

Parks and Recreation – Jodi Minotti gave a report about the Portage County Bicentennial Committee – each community is filing out a timeline as to what went on during the Bicentennial in each part of the County. Melissa Roubic is the President of the School Board and is the contact person who appoints people to serve on the Park Board.

Economic Development and Long Range Planning – Scott Garrett, Chair – No report.

Tax Incentive Review Board – No report.

Records Commission – No report.

Solicitor – No report.

Other Business – None.

Guest recognition – Dixie English from Windham Township who lives on Horn Road and is concerned about abandoned homes across from hers which have not had any care of their yards – she would like to see the yards being kept up even though the house is abandoned.

Mr. Quiggle spoke about how to get industry in Windham. The Tony Rubino property was discussed and that the EPA has a hold on it pending cleanup. The only industrial property in the Village is Ivan Ward's property.

Marian moved and Jodi seconded. All voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd C. Billman,
Clerk of Council