

Village of Windham, Ohio

Minutes of Council Meeting

Held December 23, 2014

At 7:00 PM Honorable Mayor Robert W. Donham II called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Roll Call: Rachel Barrett – present Deborah Blewitt – present
 Scott Garrett – present Sheryl Prem – absent
 Linda Rininger – present Randal Slusher – present

Also present were: Brenda Slusher, Chief Eric Breiding, and C. Jim Moore.

Mrs. Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2014 Council Meeting which was seconded by Mr. Slusher and carried by a unanimous vote.

Fiscal Officer Taylor, with help from Mayor Donham gave the Financial Reports as follows: The Income Tax collected year to date November 30, 2014 was \$528,856.69 with \$51,700.28 of this total for declarations of estimated tax. The expenditures for the month of November 2014 were \$156,270.80 in checks and charges. Check numbers 30696 through 30783 were paid from the primary checking account during November 2014 with one check, number 30325, voided during the month. Direct Deposit Vouchers 389-2014 through 406-2014 and 410-2014 through 426-2014 were also paid during the month of November 2014. The all funds reconciled balance for November 2014 was \$1,412,731.08.

Village Council President's report by Deborah Blewitt - Ms. Blewitt said she had nothing.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to appoint a new council representative for the Joint Fire District and Mr. Slusher seconded that motion. Mr. Garrett nominated Ms. Blewitt. Mrs. Barrett nominated Mrs. Rininger. The vote was as follows: Mrs. Barrett – Linda, Ms. Blewitt – Debbie, Mr. Garrett – Debbie, Mrs. Rininger – Linda, Mr. Slusher – Debbie. Ms. Blewitt won by a 3-2 vote.

Dispatchers Police, Fire Rescue Squad Report for November 2014 by Deborah Blewitt. Ms. Blewitt made a motion to accept the report and attach it into the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Garrett and passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

Mayor's Communication by Rob Donham. Mr. Donham said he will save his comments for throughout the agenda.

Prior requests of guests to speak – None

Finance by Scott Garrett

Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer's expenditures for the month of November 2014 in the amount of \$156,270.80 in checks, direct deposits and charges with check numbers 30696 through 30783 paid from primary checking during November 2014 with one check, number 30325 voided during the month. Direct Deposit Vouchers 389-2014 through 406-2014 and 410-2014 through 426-2014 were also paid during the month of November 2014. Ms. Blewitt seconded the motion which carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

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Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve the all funds reconciled bank balance for November 2014 in the amount of \$1,412,731.08 and the following monthly reports distributed to Council for the month ending November 30, 2014: Fund Summary, Expenditure Summary, Cash Summary by Fund and the following Year to Date Reports through November 2014: Cash Summary by Fund, Comparison of Budget and Appropriated. Ms. Blewitt seconded the motion which carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Garrett read Resolution R-2014-32 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO PAY OHIO EDISON COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and made a motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Ms. Blewitt and carried by a 5 – 0 vote. Mr. Garrett made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2014-32 which was seconded by Mr. Slusher and carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Garrett read Ordinance O-2014-31 **BEING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM AS SET FORTH BELOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and a motion was made by Mr. Slusher to suspend the rules which was seconded by Mrs. Rininger and carried by 5 – 0 vote. Mr. Garrett made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2014-27 which was seconded by Ms. Blewitt and carried by a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to enter executive session to discuss employee compensation, pending litigation, as well as contract negotiations. This motion was seconded by Ms. Blewitt and carried by a 5 – 0 vote at 7:09 P.M.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to return from executive session and this motion was seconded by Ms. Blewitt and carried by a 5 – 0 vote at 7:46 P.M.

Mrs. Rininger excused herself from the council meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve a debt collection payment to Tom Reitz (Christley, Herrington and Pierce) in the amount of \$3,000.00. Ms. Blewitt seconded this motion and it was carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve the architectural proposal from Art Morris, for the new administration building, in the amount of \$8,400.00 as was detailed in the written proposal. This was seconded by Mr. Slusher and carried by a 3 – 1 vote, with Mrs. Barrett being the dissenting vote.

Safety, Personnel, Rules (SPR) by Deborah Blewitt

Ms. Blewitt made a motion for the removal of the citizen fire district representative, Jim Moore, effective immediately. This was seconded by Mr. Garrett and carried by a 3 – 1 vote, with Mrs. Barrett being the dissenting vote.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to appoint a new citizen fire district representative, Phil Snyder. This was seconded by Mr. Slusher and carried by a 3 – 1 vote, with Mrs. Barrett being the dissenting vote.

Utilities by Rachel Barrett

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Before Mrs. Barrett began she wanted it stated in the record that Ordinance O-2014-32, that she was about to read is recommended by the Finance Committee, not the Utilities Committee.

Mrs. Barrett read Ordinance O-2014-32 **AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND SECTION 923.03 OF THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM UTILITY CODE TO ADJUST THE RATES FOR SERVICE FROM THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY** as a first reading.

Mayor Donham said that the second read would be at the organizational meeting. He stated that this is the second straight year that water rates will be froze.

Service Committee by Randall Slusher—Mr. Slusher had nothing at this time.

Economic Development by Sheryl Prem – Mrs. Prem had nothing at this time.

Parks and Recreation by Randall Slusher

Mr. Slusher read Resolution R-2014-33 **A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(H) OF THE REVISED CODE.** This was the first reading.

Planning and Zoning by Deborah Blewitt—Ms. Blewitt had nothing at this time.

Solicitor's Report by Tom Reitz—Mr. Reitz had nothing at this time.

Guest Recognition – Jim Moore thanked Mrs. Barrett.

The last chance by members of Council to speak upon any subject at this meeting. Mayor Donham said that the pay ordinances and the spreadsheet that Mrs. Rininger gave him is reflected in Ordinance O-2014-33 and tonight's council meeting was the first read for this. Mayor Donham said we need to have one additional meeting in January, which is the organizational meeting, for the purpose of electing the Council President. The Mayor and council decided to have this meeting at 6:00 P.M. and the committee meetings immediately following on January 6, 2015. Mayor Donham told Tom Reitz he would not need him to be at the organizational meeting.

Mrs. Barrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Slusher and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Cheree M. Taylor, Clerk of Council

Robert W. Donham II, Mayor

**** NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUMMARY BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL ****

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held in Windham Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

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