

# *Village of Windham, Ohio*

## Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Held October 6, 2009

At 7:06 PM, the Honorable Mayor Robert W. Donham II called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:        Rachel Barrett – present,                    Scott Garrett – present  
                      Kelly Meszaros – present,                    Linda Rininger – present,  
                      Randy Slusher – present,                    Phil Snyder – present

Also present, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz, Maurice Hankins, Fire Chief Clarence Simpson, Bruce Rininger, C. James Moore, Mike Iwanyckyj

Mayor Donham said the first item on the agenda is under Safety Personnel and Rules Committee with Phil Snyder chair. It is a resolution amending a contract for the school resource officer.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Mr. Slusher. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger, Mr. Slusher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer pointed out a typo which had been shown to him. There are two times a previous resolution number is mentioned (Resolution R-2009-25) and one of them was incorrectly referring to Resolution R-2009-14 which was the one previous to R-2009-25. Mrs. Rininger asked about the changes which made this Resolution different from the previous one. Mayor Donham explained that the words any public purpose had been stricken from this legislation. He explained that the School Board understands this is a straight contract for service in the amount of \$25,000 and they get a school resource officer. He further explained that it is a line item within the general fund, but it is a contract for service. Mrs. Rininger asked if this means we are going to have crossing guards and Mr. Donham said it has to go through it's process also to have legislation adding crossing guards to the pay ordinance. By the next council meeting that should be provided for. The candidates have been interviewed and people have been selected. Mr. Snyder made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2009-33 as amended which was seconded by Mr. Garrett. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger, Mr. Slusher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Donham said we need to get the Fire District Board established so they can be ready to go after the first of the year. As soon as we can, we need to have a council member established and then decide how we are going to select a citizen representative from the Village. Mrs. Rininger said we can advertise for the citizen representative and at least have the applications in by the October Council Meeting. Mayor Donham said we should agree on the procedure to establish a citizen representative even though it is not set in our legislation and then the legislation can be changed to fit. Mr. Snyder said the recommendation should come from the SPR Committee. Mr. Donham and Mrs. Rininger though the committee could meet before the Council member and review to bring forth the top three candidates in a recommendation to the Council at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Meszaros said we need to make sure we get a well rounded list of applicants for this position. Mr. Garrett agreed that this would be the best approach. Attorney Reitz suggested that the wording should be the Village is accepting letters of interest and statements of qualification for the position of Windham Village citizen representative of the Windham Volunteer Fire Department Joint Fire District. This would give the Council a little insight into what the person feels is important. Mr. Snyder made a motion to

authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for the citizen representative with a deadline to accept the paperwork to be October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 PM. Mrs. Meszaros seconded the motion. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger. Mr. Slusher. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Donham asked how Council wanted to proceed on the Council Member who would sit on the WVFD Joint Fire District Board. Do we want to have nominations tonight or at the October Council meeting? It was discussed that we need to have someone who is qualified and interested in sitting on this Board. Mr. Garrett said it is important that whoever gets on the Board should sit on the Safety Committee of Council as well. Mayor Donham said the only qualification he feels is really important is the person needs to be a strong advocate of the political subdivision; first the Fire District and second the Village of Windham. Mr. Snyder said first and foremost we need to have the Council member who is chosen to represent the Council has to have the interest of the Village in mind. You look out for the people you represent and that is the Village residents. Mrs. Rininger said that you shouldn't be sitting at this table if you aren't interested in representing the best interests of the Village, so any of the six of us should have this in mind. Mayor Donham said he liked the way the Council President is selected and that is through a vote of Council. Mrs. Rininger said she didn't see any huge battles between the Village and the Township any more, this is going to be one district now. Mrs. Rininger said it would be a good idea to have the vote tonight. Mr. Garrett said without any earlier discussion we really don't have any idea who would be interested and would be able to serve on the Board. Mrs. Barrett made a motion to nominate Mrs. Rininger which was seconded by Mrs. Meszaros.

Mayor Donham said we should have a motion and vote to determine when the election of Council Member to serve on the Board would take place. Mr. Garrett said he was thinking of nominating Mrs. Barrett, but he didn't know if she would want it. Mrs. Meszaros seconded the nomination of Mrs. Barrett. Mrs. Barrett said she would have to respectfully decline the nomination because she doesn't have enough time to devote to that currently. Mr. Garrett said we should wait until next meeting to see who is interested by discussing it among the Council members outside of a public meeting. Snyder made a motion to wait and use the nominating process at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Mr. Slusher seconded the motion. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mr. Slusher. Nays: Mrs. Rininger. Motion carried.

Streets and Sidewalks with Randy Slusher as Chair.

Mayor Donham said the Resolution for the Main Street Paving project which must be submitted by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Barrett said the Village's matching share is 20% of \$170,000 (depending upon when the bids come in.).

Mrs. Rininger made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution R-2009-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS BY THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Meszaros. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Slusher, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barrett made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2009-32 which was seconded by Mr. Snyder. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mr. Slusher, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate which was seconded by Mr. Slusher. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs.

Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger, Mr. Slusher, Mr. Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried and Council entered executive session at 7:35 PM.

Mrs. Barrett made a motion to return from executive session which was seconded by Mr. Snyder. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger, Mrs. Slusher, Mr. Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried and Council returned from executive session at 8:51 PM.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Slusher. Vote of Council: Ayes: Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Garrett, Mrs. Meszaros, Mrs. Rininger, Mr. Slusher, Mr. Snyder. Nays: None. Motion carried at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest

Lloyd C. Billman, Clerk of Council

Robert W. Donham II, Mayor