

REGULAR COUNCIL

OCTOBER 8, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Moser with Teri Eiermann, Bob Matson, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Hallie Higgins, Dale Gillespie, Bill Sponaugle, Anthony Zucco from Ohio Edison, Ed Perdian, Rick Patrick, Roy Pancost with the Villager and a reporter from the Record Courier.

Hallie Higgins was present to promote the skateboard park for the children. She feels the tennis court on Park Avenue would be a great area. Middlefield Village has a skateboarding park and there have been no problems.

Rick Patrick discussed the Business Showcase that was held on October 2, 2003. The Showcase was a success more than 1500 people attended. Thanks to Council for being at the Showcase and being involved. Thanks to Chuck Klamer and Chamber for a job well done.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Council on September 10, 2003 as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Karen Clyde attended the Board of Public Affairs meeting the Board discussed the Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout Inc. bills and asked FPS to break the bills down in hours spent on projects. Karen asked for Council bills from FPS be done the same way.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Klamer to pay the bills.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure and Cash balance reports were reviewed.

Teri Eiermann discussed the skateboard park. She recommended that Council use the tennis court located at the South Street Park. If a sign is posted that states skate at your own risk the Village is not liable. Solicitor Mark Manlove talked with the Middlefield Clerk they have seven pieces of equipment, five pieces of equipment cannot be moved and two pieces of equipment can be moved. Manlove did not agree with the sign skate at your own risk he feels the Village could still be liable. Mayor Craig Moser said that the South Street Park could be used for a temporary skateboard park. Teri Eiermann said temporary or permanent we need to make a decision the kids need someplace to go. Bob Matson said that the tennis courts were expensive to construct and that both tennis courts should be looked at to determine the condition.

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Clyde to approve the use of the South Street Park Tennis Court for the Skateboard Park.

The motion was tabled until the November meeting a committee will review both tennis courts to determine which one would be the most suitable for the skateboarding park.

Teri Eiermann asked if there was anything that could be done to keep the speed down in the South Street Park. She also discussed a four way stop sign on Maple Street and Center Street. Mayor Moser said that this could be discussed at the next Safety Committee meeting. Karen Clyde said Liberty Street by the Street Department is also a problem.

Bob Matson announced that the Fire Department would be burning Mr. Riggs old house on Park Avenue on October 18, 2003 the EPA has given approval to the Fire Department.

Karen Clyde discussed the Bicentennial Committee they are taking donations and each committee will get budget figures so that Council can decide what the Village will contribute. There is discussion on fireworks and using the Village Hall for a quilt display. Council agreed with the quilt display. More information on the fireworks when cost and liability figures are worked out. The dates for the Bicentennial will be June 18, 19, and 20th 2003. The next Bicentennial meeting will be held at the Historical Society on November 11, 2003 at 9:30 AM.

Dave Kirk discussed cluster housing Planning Commission is working on the language and this will be coming to Council for approval at the November meeting. The health insurance rates should be here soon.

Chuck Klamer commended Rick Patrick and Chamber for the Business Showcase and appreciation for Council members who attended.

Mayor Craig Moser commended Rick Patrick and Chamber for a great job done on the Business Showcase.

Mayor Craig Moser attended the Chamber meeting and there was discussion on some issues with Post Office and mail delivery. Mayor Moser will write a letter addressing these issues.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Kirk to adjourn.
VOTE AYES--Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:
