

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held June 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William Verbosky Jr. and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the record Mayor Verbosky noted that Kathy Shelt was sitting in tonight for Clerk of Council Robert Watrol.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Scott, and Duricek all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of June 14, 2010. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of June 28, 2010 was presented to council. An Economic Development committee report was added to the agenda. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to accept the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development committee report from June 18 was presented to council by Mr. Duricek (see written report attached). Mayor Verbosky noted that Rex Huffman is in the audience tonight representing the Port Authority to answer any questions and that Ordinance #2010-33 is on the agenda tonight which would provide for Wood County to be a member of the Port Authority. Mr. Scott clarified that CVB officers had been elected.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Hermes seconded the motion to accept the committee report as given and amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked the Wood County Commissioners for holding their meeting in Rossford earlier this evening. He also thanked Officer Jodi Johnson for her participation and hard work on Safety Town this year and said she did a wonderful job. He thanked the Pinski family and Interstate Lanes for hosting Pizza and Pins as a fund raiser for the tornado victims. He attended the Quick Fit grand opening this afternoon at Crossroads, said Stop and Shop opened up this weekend and that it is very nice to see that corner opened up after being closed for 6 years. This Wednesday the RBA will hold their monthly meeting at 12:00 at Bay Park Hospital. TMACOG will hold their monthly get together from 5-7pm at the W.W. Knight Park tomorrow night. In order to acknowledge the hard work of our Fire, Police, and Public Works employees after the tornado disaster he had certificates made up with an aerial picture of the disaster in the background for presentation to each of them. He thanked the Fire Chief and Elaine Bishop for making these.

Mr. Ciecka announced that the boat launch ramp at the marina has reopened after the concrete cured and that the downtown lighting project pre-construction meeting had been held at which the first pole selection was rejected and a new pole selected. There is an 8-12 week lead time on getting the poles. Mayor Verbosky wants to make sure that the existing poles not being replaced are painted to match. Mrs. Eckel suggested that the signal poles be repainted to match also. Mayor Verbosky said that will be looked at.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2010-28 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED WHICH CREATED AND GOVERNED THE TOLEDO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("TARTA") BY: (1) ADDING LUCAS COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TARTA; (2) ELIMINATING TARTA'S 2.5 MILL PROPERTY TAXES AND SUBSTITUTING A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX; (3) REVISING THE MANNER BY WHICH MEMBER COMMUNITIES MAY WITHDRAW FROM OR JOIN TARTA; AND (4) ADOPTING A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AGREEMENT FOR TARTA; PROVIDED, THAT ALL SUCH CHANGES ARE CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL OF THE NEW TARTA FUNDING SYSTEM AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. THIRD READING

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said about two years ago he and Mr. Richards formed their own ad hoc committee and begin attending

many of the TMACOG meetings on public transportation, as have Mr. Scott and Mr. Ciecka. He said a tremendous amount of work has been done on this issue but all of that will be nil if this issue does not get to the voters. Currently we cannot opt out of TARTA without the unanimous consent of all the members but passage of the new TARTA sales tax would give us an opportunity to opt out. If we are serious about opting about this issue is probably our only chance. For Rossford to provide public transportation on our own we would need to look to our constituents for funding but we can't get to that point as long as we are in TARTA. Mr. Richards said we have talked about this for a couple of years and this legislation while significant in replacing real estate tax with sales tax is more important in that it gives us the authority to opt out as a member and then determine how we want to handle public transportation. All our discussions about public transportation are useless if this does not pass. Mr. Scott echoed the previous remarks and said our options are limited when it comes to public transportation in the city of Rossford and so he urges passage of this. He does not like the tax consequences of the legislation but does not think we have much of a choice. Mr. Marquette asked if there is any way to get rid of the sales tax down the road and was told yes, by opting out. Mr. Scott said if we still wanted to provide public transportation we would probably still have to look at some type of tax. Mayor Verbosky said since he's been mayor of number of people have asked him how we could get out of TARTA and based on the current agreement there isn't a way. This legislation is only step 1 and needs to be passed by all participating communities of which Sylvania Township has currently voted against. If it was passed by all communities then it would go to step 2 which would be a vote in November by the citizens on the sales tax. If passed then step 3 would be our opportunity to opt out or accept the sales tax. There is also a step 4 alternative of opting out and entering into a limited contract with TARTA based on ridership and cost. This might need a vote by our citizens on funding. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-29 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF REVENUES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011. SECOND READING.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was presented to the Budget, Ways & Means committee and is required to be submitted to the County Budget commission. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-30 – AN ORDINANCE UNDER SECTION 727.25, OHIO REVISED CODE, ASSESING UPON THE LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF LIGHTING THE STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FURNISHING ELECTRICAL ENERGY THEREFOR, DIRECTING THE CLERK TO CERTIFY SAID ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE PLACED UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes said this needs to be to the county by August 15th. Mr. Richards said he has read this legislation many times as it is a regular event but noted that we have not yet provided street lights from the corner of Lime City and Rt. 20 to Mandell which he believes we are responsible for. Mr. Ciecka said from Lime City and SR. 795 going north to the first house is our responsibility, the rest is in the township. Mr. Richards referred to the area along the athletic fields and said should we not have street lights there. Mr. Ciecka said we have not previously but with the construction of the athletic fields something we should look at. Mayor Verbosky said the planning commission is still evaluating the ingress/egress to the athletic fields and that would effect the placement of the street lights. Mr. Richards said he was not suggesting we put street lights in tomorrow but something we should look at soon. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the third reading. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-31 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO AND CHANGES TO THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-45.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said it is the intent of the Arts Commission to dissolve due to lack of membership. This would

allow the remaining money in their fund to be spent (\$2,822) and then go out of business. Mr. Hermes asked if they have actively looked for new members and Mr. Ciecka said they have. Mayor Verbosky said he has attended a number of the events they put on and that they are down to small number of members with a handful doing all the work despite trying to attract new members. Mr. Hermes thinks we should make an effort to get new members before closing this down. He suggested posting on the board and running articles in the Record and if no response after three readings then we can pass this. Mr. Richards said that the people who have worked hardest on this commission have worked hard to attract new members without success. He and Mr. Scott agreed that they have not lightly come to the city with this proposal. Mr. Scott also agreed with Mr. Hermes in going back out for one last effort to attract membership and support. Mrs. Eckel asked if the fund needs to be emptied in order to disband the group. Barb Montague, Rossway Avenue spoke as a former member and said there is one expense to pay for and that the remaining funds will be dispensed through donations. She said this group has accomplished wonderful things through the last 15 years but that when people think art they do not think Rossford. This was given a first reading only.

#2010-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO FTR & R INC. FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIR TO UNIT 791 IN PREPARATION FOR BEING PLACED INTO SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said the recently purchased aerial truck had additional repairs totaling \$11,850 which is above his limit to authorize payment. Fire Chief Verbosky explained the final steps needed before placing this truck in service such as ladder and steps. Mr. Hermes said when we bought the truck we expected \$20,000 in repairs and is this part of that. Chief Verbosky said it is not. Mr. Duricek said he talked to the chief today and looked at the truck and some of this are things you couldn't see until the truck was dismantled. He was shocked that they did that as part of the paint job and said that was worth more than what we paid. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2010-33 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT OF THE NORTHER WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF WOOD COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Rex Huffman from the Port Authority first said in regards to the previous ordinance how desperate they are for members and expressed his hope that at some time Barb Montague is honored for her leadership and hard work for this organization. He said that Mr. Duricek in his economic development report had accurately portrayed the reason for expanding the Port Authority. He mentioned some of the projects that the present Port Authority (Rossford and Perrysburg Township) had worked on such as Bass Pro, Fed Ex, and First Solar They have also assisted areas outside their jurisdiction such as Northwood (Phase 2 of the Pilkington East Broadway site) and a project in Lake Township. The idea of expanding the Port Authority is not new and now with the CSX project in N. Baltimore the Wood County Commissioners see the need to join in order to use Port Authority powers in that township. There is a financial phase out over the next five years of the \$7500 Rossford pays each year to the Port Authority with the Wood County Commissioners picking up that expense. Rossford and Perrysburg Township will each have one seat on the board with five appointees from the county. This is phased in over the next five years. Mr. Richards said he is anxious to see the Port Authority grow and prosper but it was unclear to him when our financial commitment ceases. Mr. Huffman said it will phase down over five years with no money being paid after year five. Mr. Scott said this is probably one of the best values Rossford has ever invested in based on the return from our \$7500 investment. Mr. Scott said we will be able to retain a permanent seat on the Port Authority, get out of our financial commitment, and that all existing monies generated by the Port Authority will be put into a separate account only to be used in the Rossford/Perrysburg Township area. Mr. Huffman said the operating agreement needs to be amended to allow the county in. Mr. Duricek said only the three members of the economic development had the structure plan and briefly described the phase down. Mrs. Eckel said it is hard for her to amend when she has never seen the new terms. Mr. Huffman explained this is not unlike the procedure used when the Port Authority was originally created. Mr. Marquette asked if the township was in favor of this and Mr. Huffman said he would be surprised if they did not support. Mr. Marquette asked about money generated and Mr. Scott explained i.e. \$90-100,000 made when did bond issue for OI

Building. He said the Port Authority collects a fee for doing bond issues to generate money and then use this money to do joint projects that benefit county entities. Mr. Richards said we had these same concerns when the Port Authority was originally created but we could see that there was no entity like it in the county and a way to foster political unity with other communities. He said it worked out pretty well based on confidence in the people presenting the idea. Mr. Oberdorf agrees with the concept and wondered what the ramifications were if not passed tonight. Mr. Huffman said a delay until July 12th puts them up against a big time line on the CSX project. Mr. Scott said he will continue to attend the meetings to make sure Rossford's interest are represented. Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third reading. Mayor Verbosky said he has been involved in this since the beginning and thanked Mr. Huffman for his involvement since that same time and for doing a large amount of work on the Bass Pro project. Rex Huffman said it is interesting how history works and how eight years ago Rossford and Perrysburg Township were toxic names and now are leaders in economic development. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes except for Mrs. Eckel. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes except for Mrs. Eckel. Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to adopt. Scott, Duricek, Richards, Marquette, and Hermes aye. Eckel and Oberdorf no. Motion carried 5-2.

RESOLUTIONS

#2010-14 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF “CAPITAL ASSETS” FOR THE PURPOSES OF FINANCIAL REPORTING.

Mr. Duricek moved and Mr. Scott seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this was recommended by the auditors to revise our minimum cost of a depreciable capital asset from our current \$500 to \$1000 for reporting purposes. Mr. Hermes said as a city we are on a cash basis so this is more of a management thing come up with by the auditors. This is really more of a depreciation issue that only affects our CAFR and something we don't really care about too much. He recommended this not be acted on as he intends to talk to the auditors and may suggest we raise the number from \$500 to \$2000. This was given a first reading only.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting in July.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Duricek seconded the motion to suspend with the July Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf then asked if Mr. Ciecka planned to attend a public hearing on the casino being held by the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission on July 8th at 2:00pm. Mr. Ciecka said he was not planning to but he would be glad to attend. Mr. Oberdorf said Mrs. Shelt had done a good job tonight and could come back anytime.

Mrs. Eckel said she is glad to see previously vacant business store fronts occupied. She thanked Mr. Ciecka and Mr. Drouard for their attention to the long grass issue which seems to have improved. Mr. Ciecka said Mr. Drouard has been spending a lot of time on this issue. She is wondering who is responsible for a tree that fell on private property on Hannum Avenue and can it just lay there. Mr. Ciecka said we would have to determine if it was a nuisance and then follow our rules. Mr. Scott knows the property and said the tree is nearly impeding on the sidewalk area. He said it is very near being a nuisance property and Mayor Verbosky said he believes it is vacant and in foreclosure. Mr. Hermes said he attended the grand opening of Quick Fit this afternoon with the Mayor and Mr. Ciecka. He did not work out but said the people there are really fit. Mayor Verbosky commented that the owner is a former Marine. Mr. Duricek noted that Quick Fit is in Rossford, not Perrysburg as stated in the Blade. Mayor Verbosky said it is interesting that the Blade knew where the arena was but has trouble identifying other positives. Mr. Duricek said the railroad crossings on Dixie Highway and Lime City Rd. needs work. Mr. Ciecka said he has heard nothing from CSX but he will check on. Mr. Duricek said he was invited to attend a meeting with the neighbors across the street from the casino site. The Toledo Planning commission was there along with the builder for Penn, Rudolph Libbe, a traffic engineer, and Andy Douglas. He said Andy Douglas verbally insulted two of the property owners and wouldn't really answer their questions such as on lighting and property values. Mr. Duricek described the building as being built on stilts that will permeate the site membrane. The next meeting was scheduled for 2:00 in the afternoon when working people cannot be there.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Dave Hoff, Santus Drive, commented that Glenwood Rd. is a mess and requested that potholes and sinking areas be repaired. Mayor Verbosky explained that the city is doing the best it can with limited funds and trying to prioritize streets we repair. Mr. Ciecka added that Columbia Gas is responsible for several depressed areas and Mr. Drouard is keeping on them to repair, even sending pictures. Mayor Verbosky again said that the budget is extremely tight and the city is trying to maximize the amount of repairs it can do with limited funds.

Fire Chief Verbosky stated that tomorrow morning at 6:00am the replacement dispatch center will go live and that the computer system is up and running.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council