

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held September 10, 2007

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

A moment of silence was observed in respect for the passing of Congressman Paul Gilmore, Doris Scott, mother of Mike Scott of the Rossford-Perrysburg Port Authority, Janet Tucholski, daughter of Ed Tucholski, former clerk of council, and Sgt. Miller, son-in-law of Cas Przybylowski, who was killed in Afghanistan.

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, Michaels and Kovach all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of August 13, 2007. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda for regular council meeting of September 10, 2007 was presented to council. A report from the Budget committee and Resolution #2007-13 were added. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hermes presented the Budget committee report of August 13, 2007. Items discussed were the audit exit conference, selected policy manual changes, an additional appropriation for the marina, and changes to correct the 2003 CAFR. It was noted that the 2006 audit was certified by the Auditor of State, the 2008 estimate of revenues has been submitted, the 2007 estimate of revenues has been revised and recertified by the County Auditor, and that the 2008 expense budget is being developed.

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

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky thanked Michael Scott on the completion of his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Scott explained that becoming an Eagle Scout required some sort of community service and that Mr. Ciecka has suggested the building of an observation deck at Island View Park. Mr. Scott thanked the RBA and RFA for their donations, the public works department for placing the post, the many scouts that helped, and said an 8 x 10 deck overlooking the river had been completed. Mayor Verbosky explained that Mr. Ciecka is not in attendance this evening as he is in Japan representing the city as part of a trade mission which includes the Ohio Lt. Governor, Mike Scott, and Rex Huffman. He invited everyone to view the artist rendering of Bass Pro and said they are looking at opening in mid-June 2008. He welcomed Aldi's to Rossford upon their grand opening of August 30th. He said the planning committee had met on August 23 and approved plans for a shopping complex for Miller Diversified that will be behind Giant Eagle. The mayor congratulated Pat Sloan and staff for another successful Labor Day celebration and thanked the businesses and private donors who funded it, and public works and the fire department for their efforts. He congratulated the RPPA for a successful Alvester Memorial Golf tournament and the RBA for putting on the Fun at the Fountain event. He said there are two resolutions on the agenda this evening that will fill the open BZA spot and the vacant spot on the Recreation board. He thanked John Folcik for his years of service on the Recreation board. He said there is now an opening on the civil service commission due to the death of J.J. Durco. Mr. Ciecka had asked that council approve an additional \$10,000 for negotiations and said that Mr. Ciecka is still meeting with downtown businesses regarding the downtown revitalization grant application. Mr. Marquette asked if the mayor could give an update on the number of applicants for this program to this point and the mayor could not.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence that council was made aware of included registration information for the Ohio Municipal League conference, thank you cards from the sister of Janet Tucholski and son of Peter Watrol, and a petition from residents on Hillside Drive for improvements to the street and construction of storm and sanitary sewers, and curbs and improvements.

*Mr. Hermes moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to authorize the administrator to spend up to an additional \$10,000 for contract negotiations. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

#2007-28 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2007 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. This was given a second reading only.

#2007-32 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR LIME CITY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards asked if there was a timeline involved with this and was told by Mr. Hermes no, that it was going to go three readings. This was given a second reading only.

#2007-36 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE ROSSFORD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. Mayor Verbosky said this is just the codification of new state law. Mr. Heban this will make sure we conform to state law and it can go three readings. This was given a second reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-09 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SELECTED POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF ROSSFORD POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT, EMPLOYEE CONDUCT AND PERSONNEL. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to read by title only. Mayor Verbosky said this resolution was a result of the audit recommendations. Mr. Hermes said there are going to be some amendments to this resolution so it should go three readings or be tabled until the changes are made. This was given a second reading only.

#2007-11 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DON MONTAGUE TO THE RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards said we should take pause and realize the city could not function without people willing to step up and serve in these various unpaid capacities. He said we do not express our appreciation enough and that some type of appreciation event should be held. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf 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. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Hermes asked what the length of the term was and the mayor did not have the answer but will get before the next meeting.

#2007-12 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT N. SCHUMANN TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Mayor Verbosky noted that both of these appointments are to volunteer unpaid positions. Audience comments were requested and none received. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Kovach seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-13 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to read by title only. Mayor Verbosky asked if there was a time frame on this and Mr. Heban said that Chief Vespi would like it passed as an emergency. This is in his budget and consists of \$6,000 from the state grant, \$6,000 from the school board, and \$6,000 from the city. The officer would still be in the school two days a week with no changes from last year’s schedule. Mr. Oberdorf said he had an opportunity to attend the DARE graduation program and that he was impressed with Officer Jodi Scott and the quality of the DARE program and he now supports it 100%. Mr. Oberdorf moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Lori Blackwell of 197 Oak asked if there are any statistics that prove the success of the program. Mr. Oberdorf said he does not have any statistical proof but he was impressed with the organization of the program and Officer Scott’s performance. Mayor Verbosky said that over the years this program has been debated not only in the state but in council. He said it is hard to show statistical success but that any presence in the school has to help. He to is impressed with the enthusiasm of the officer. John Folcik, 215 Hannum, Rossford, asked if the will affect Safety Town. Mayor Verbosky said that we want to continue the Safety Town program and it is not part of the DARE program. Mr. Oberdorf said he talked to many students in the latter part of his career who said the program had made a difference to them. . Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Hermes asked if the city has received the money owed by Lyden Oil for the environmental problem and was told by Mr. Heban it has not and he is still pursuing. Mr. Hermes also commented that the ground breaking ceremony at Bass Pro was great and that the manager of the new Aldi store was very complimentary of the cooperation he received from the city.

Mr. Michaels asked if there was a map of the zoning changes and was told it was being displayed in the lobby.

Mrs. Eckel extended her welcome to Bass Pro and Aldi, congratulated Pat Sloan on the Labor Day fireworks display, thanked John Folcik for his years of service on the recreation board, and thanked the Public Works dept. for their prompt removal of the fallen trees in her neighborhood,. She said she had attended a meeting with the NW Water and Sewer District last Thursday and no resolution was reached on the sewer problem at SR795 and Oregon Rd. but it was suggested that application for any grant monies available be filed.

*Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to allow Mr. Ciecka to seek grants for the sanitary sewer project on SR795. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Oberdorf thanked Melissa Galernik for her research on the golf cart issue that was very helpful to the safety committee. He also was pleased with the Bass Pro groundbreaking. He said the efforts of young people like Michael Scott are a breath of fresh air and renews his faith in our young people.

Mr. Richards said the Fun at the Fountain event was a great beginning and hopes it continues. He said Mr. Oberdorf and he had attended the last mass transit meeting and they intend to attend the next meeting and

will report back to council. He said following the recommendations of the audit that council may need to revise the standing committees of council to include an audit committee and clarify some responsibilities. This should be submitted prior to the December organizational meeting.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Lori Blackwell, 197 Oak St., Rossford, said she came to council on August 27th after being told by the office that was the date of the council meeting only to find no one here. Mayor Verbosky explained the summer meeting schedule and apologized for the error. Mr. Richards said it was put on the calendar and not removed when the second meeting was cancelled.

John Folcik, 215 Hannum Ave., Rossford asked why the delay on the slurry seal on Hannum and the mayor had no reason for the delay.

Chris Nietrzeba, 151 Bacon St., Rossford, complained about the number of cigarette butts on the sidewalks in front of the downtown businesses. Mayor Verbosky agreed and Mrs. Eckel said it is pretty disgusting and can't we stop it. Mr. Heban said we can enforce the litter laws currently on the books and Mr. Hermes suggested we ask business owners to sweep the sidewalks. Mayor Verbosky said a letter will be sent to business owners asking them to police this better.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with Perrysburg Township. All ayes. Motion carried

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to return to regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinance #2007-37. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-37 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TOLLING AGREEMENT BETWEEN PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF ROSSFORD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. This was given a first reading only.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council