

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Rossford City Council Meeting
Held October 22, 2007

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

ROLL CALL: Richards, Oberdorf, Eckel, Marquette, Hermes, and Kovach all present. Mr. Michaels is expected shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of regular council meeting minutes of October 8, 2007. 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 October 22, 2007 was presented to council. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Verbosky extended a welcome to a new business-Coldstone Creamery- and said he had attended their grand opening. He also congratulated the Rossford First Baptist Church on the occasion of their 87th Anniversary and said he had attended their celebration. He said he is still looking for volunteers to serve on the Civil Service Commission, said a resolution for an appointment to the Arts Commission is on the agenda but that there are still vacancies, and thanked DECA for organizing the upcoming Halloween Parade. He said the Planning Committee met on October 10th and gave conditional approval for the building of a Country Inn and Suites on Clark Dr. opposite the Marriott Courtyard. He also received information regarding the groundbreaking on November 1st for Promenade South by Miller Diversified. This will be located behind Crossroads Centre.

Mr. Ciecka reported that from October 9-11 he had attended the Storm Water Institute sponsored by the EPA and the Maumee Valley Watershed. He said it had been a good learning experience and gave a summary of the city's six part storm water management plan.

**Mr. Michaels entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Ciecka said they talked about runoff and polluting of waterways-controlling runoff is one of the city's objectives (i.e.) one of the reasons for not salting city residential streets. Mr. Ciecka will review the storm water ordinance from 3-4 years ago and see if it is missing any of the components it should have. He said the seminar was quite educational for him.

He told council that Lt. Governor Fischer had visited Pilkington on October 11th in a meeting to follow-up on the discussions that initiated in Japan. The Lt. Governor reiterated the state's interest in working with Pilkington.

On November 14th the Planning Committee will meet to consider a zoning change for 44 acres related to Fed Ex Ground. The request is to change from PC to PI in order to construct a pad for handling triple trailers.

He said the RTID is working with Miller Diversified to extend Compass Drive east.

Mr. Hermes questioned whether Fed Ex is going to only need 2 of the 44 acre parcel and Mr. Ciecka said he had not seen the site plan yet but should have in the next week. Mr. Hermes then asked if it is possible to do partial zoning and was told yes. Mr. Richards asked if the public works committee is looking at the storm water plan does this mean we will be accelerating completion of this plan. Mr. Ciecka said possibly in the future but that the first intent is to review the current ordinance and see what needs to be improved and the second intent is to join other coalitions to meet the public education part of the plan and look at joining other entities in order to share the cost of implementing the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORDINANCES

#2007-40 – AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF ARENA DRIVE TO BASS PRO BOULEVARD. SECOND READING.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Oberdorf said that Mrs. Eckel had asked that this be given three readings to give people a chance to object and asked if any objections had been voiced thus far. Mr. Ciecka said there had been none. Mrs. Eckel 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. Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-41 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,188.00; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said this is part of the bidding program that includes multiple cities spearheaded by Perrysburg. He said that Morton International was the low bidder and recommended council approve. Mayor Verbosky said this a result of a collective effort with Perrysburg and others. Mr. Oberdorf asked what we paid last year and was told by Mr. Ciecka this year is a few cents higher. Mr. Marquette asked if there is any salt leftover from last year and was told by Mr. Ciecka that approximately 1/3 remains. Mr. Hermes said that last years price was \$34.88 a ton and this year's price reflects a 2% increase. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette 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. Marquette 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.

#2007-42 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND FOR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING AMENDING ORDINANCE #2006-55 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eckel moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka is asking council for approval of this ordinance which establishes a new segregated fund entitled storm water management. This will segregate this money from the general fund. Next the city will look for a funding source for this fund such as fees etc. This amends the 2007 budget by creating a transfer from the current budget of \$20,000 which was set aside for storm water management plus \$20,000 held in the general fund from 2006 and places all in this segregated fund. Mayor Verbosky said this is not a new fee and makes tracking of storm water funds easier. Mr. Richards said the legislation is written very clearly and asked if the administration is recommending adoption immediately. Mr. Ciecka said this could go to a second reading. This was given a first reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

#2007-15 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF HOLLY NOEL TO THE ROSSFORD COMMUNITY RECREATION ARTS COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Verbosky said this appointment was recommended by the Arts Commission. Mr. Hermes noted that the prospective appointee lives in Northwood but was told by Mr. Ciecka that there is no residency requirement for this Commission and that there are still four positions open. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Audience comments were requested and Lori Blackwell, 497 Oak St., Rossford, asked what these volunteers do. Mayor Verbosky said they help with art exhibits, the juried youth art show, the afternoon tea, and the ethnic Christmas tree display. He said they help to promote the arts in Rossford. Mr. Richards said they also help to arrange

speakers and performances. Vote on the motion all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to declare an emergency. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to adopt. All ayes. Motion carried.

#2007-16 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OF THE WATERWAYS SAFETY FUND RECREATION HARBOR EVALUATION GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DREDGING THE ROSSFORD MARINA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Marquette seconded the motion to read by title only. All ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Ciecka said it was already reported that we had received this grant for the dredging of the marina. The contract has been delivered and he needs council to approve the grant agreement so that possibly the dredging could be completed before next spring. Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Oberdorf seconded the motion to suspend with the second and third readings. Mayor Verbosky said this is \$137,922 grant and dredging of the marina needs to be done. Mr. Hermes asked what the city's match to the grant is and was told by Mr. Ciecka about \$18,000. Mr. Hermes said this had been included in the marina fund budget and recommended by the budget committee. Mr. Marquette asked if Dave Jones is aware of this project and was told yes. Mr. Oberdorf said the public works department is already working on closing the marina. 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.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mrs. Eckel asked Mr. Ciecka to remind the police to place no parking signs along the Halloween Parade route, asked that the newspaper print an article reminding people to not rake their leaves into the street, and said the local post office will be audited on October 30/31 as to use and she encouraged everyone to use the post office on those days.

Mr. Oberdorf said he had attended the Award of Distinction ceremony at the high school and commended the mayor for his speech, asked Mr. Ciecka if he had talked to Dave Jones yet regarding the tree trimming and was told he had but that the trees had not been trimmed yet, and asked the Mayor to encourage the RBA to ask business owners to keep the front of their businesses clean. Mayor Verbosky said that possibly a letter from the city may be warranted.

**Mr. Oberdorf asked if there was a need for a committee of the whole meeting in November and since the response was no Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Eckel seconded the motion to dispense with the November Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hermes asked Mr. Heban if he had received any response yet from Lyden Oil and was told there had been no reply to Mr. Heban's letter or email and that he would follow up. Mr. Hermes asked that the street sweeper clean the Halloween parade route and said that the 2008 budget would be on the November agenda.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

John Folcik, 215 Hannum, Rossford, asked where the city stands as far as hiring a new recreation director and was told by Mr. Oberdorf that a number of applications were received and that after two nights of interviews the field has been narrowed down. Mr. Ciecka said that the city is currently checking the references on the candidates the committee is interested in. Mayor Verbosky said he is leaving it up to the administrator and the recreation committee to narrow the field before he personally interviews prospects. Mr. Folcik asked how long Mrs. Sloan will be off work due to her surgery and was told till the middle of December. He asked why there were no Recreation Committee meetings lately and was told by Mr. Oberdorf that there were no pressing issues to discuss. Mr. Folcik said that the new home being built next to his property is running the downspouts into the storm water drain and he wondered if that was allowed. Mr. Ciecka said yes.

Jeff Appelhans, 177 Hannum, Rossford, asked if the repairs on the recreation building have been completed. Mr. Ciecka said he does not believe so and that the contract was awarded by the county commissioners and they are handling it.

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

William Verbosky Jr.
Mayor

Robert P. Watrol
Clerk of Council