

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
April 14, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2014 Council Meeting and the April 7, 2014 Committee meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests - None**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Legislative and Finance Committee

- Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the March 2014 Income Tax report. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### Safety Committee

Mr. Hall presented the March 2014 Police report stating that March was a busy month for backlog investigations. Warrants were served just about every day. Daytime burglaries are still very much a concern. Residents are reminded to call the police department if they see something or someone out of place. Also recommended are doors that have double locks and that residents should keep a radio or TV on to deter potential break ins. There were 699 calls in the month of March 2014.

Mr. Lehane presented the March 2014 Fire Board report stating there were 42 Fire runs and 145 EMS runs for a total of 187 runs in March 2014. For the year 2014 so far there have been 171 fire runs and 477 EMS runs for a total of 648 runs.

Mr. Lehane noted that at the City Council meeting on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a new police officer and lieutenant sworn in.

#### Public Works Committee

- Park Restoration  
Mr. Berens reported that a new tire swing has been installed to replace the old one. Another new playground toy is in preparation to replace an older slide. The fields are being prepared for play for the spring and summer seasons. Grass is being cut; the water has been turned on in the park. Refrigerators in the concession stand have been cleaned; the outside of the public restrooms near the municipal building have been freshly painted and will have new signs. A dumpster will replace several garbage cans near the community center and will have a fence to surround it once concrete is poured and completed to help keep

the cleanliness of Chamberlin Park. Picnic tables and benches are being rebuilt/repaired/repainted.

- **Road Repairs**  
Mr. Berens reported that 400 potholes have been repaired as of last week for a cost of only \$635.00. These improvements were made to get through the winter. More permanent work/blacktopping will be done in other areas as well this year.
- **Sidewalk Program**  
Ms. Newsom presented a trifold brochure example to announce the sidewalk program. Property owners can be reimbursed for up to 50% for materials with receipt if they complete the work on their own. The brochure also gives contacts for contractors. Ms. Newsom spoke with a contractor that is willing to give discounts to neighbors who want to combine sidewalk blocks of at least 40. There is \$2500.00 in the sidewalk program budget. Mr. Comer reported the funds have never been completely used in the past. Revisions to the brochure regarding that reimbursements up to 50% are only given for materials for those who do the labor themselves will be made by Ms. Newsom for approval and then a plan to distribute the brochures to the Deer Park Business Association will take place along with the information being placed on the City website and Facebook pages.
- **Redmont Ave. Improvement Project Update**  
Mr. Tassell reported that bids will go out in early summer 2014. The Redmont Avenue project will begin late summer/early fall 2014. Surveyors have been out there doing the pre work. Mr. Berens has been attempting to get answers from the utility companies and will continue to try.

### **Report of Special Committees / Boards**

- **Park Board Report**  
Mr. Perin welcomed Mrs. Seitz as the new Clerk Of Council. Mr. Comer mentioned that the weather was great for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Ms. Newsom asked if pictures from that event were being added to the City Facebook page. Mr. Perin stated that the pictures are on the Chamberlin Park Facebook page. Mr. Perin also reported that a new tire swing has been installed to replace the old one. Another new playground toy will also be installed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July 2014 to replace an older slide. All new equipment was purchased with funds raised from the Days In The Park Festival. No taxpayer dollars are being used for the new equipment. On May 17, 2014 the bathrooms near Diamond 1 will be painted. A bid is currently out on having the new partitions installed. Mayor Collins asked if the floors have ever been sealed. Mr. Perin stated he doesn't think they have but mentioned that it was talked about for the future. Stalls will be torn out before painting and new partitions will be installed after painting is complete. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

- **CIC Report**

Mr. Berens stated the city is working with Kleingers Group and OKI to help us update our comprehensive plan. A public questionnaire has been created to receive feedback from the community to help the City Of Deer Park update its Comprehensive Plan. There is a steering committee for the plan and an open house is scheduled at 6 p.m. prior to the April 28, 2014 City Council meeting. Mr. Berens invited council to come in and give a few extra minutes to look at what is being worked on. Mrs. Hedger asked who the members of the committee are. Mr. Berens responded that they include himself, Ms. Linda Fitzgerald, Mr. Tom Camp, Mrs. Donna Farrel, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Keith Kolthoff, Mayor Collins, Mr. Andy Helmes and other residents of the City Of Deer Park.

### **Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far - None**

### **Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous**

Mrs. Seitz reported correspondence was received regarding a program to educate about pipeline safety at the Sharonville Convention Center on May 8, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. where lunch will be provided. Mrs. Seitz presented the sign-up sheet to Mayor Collins and advised council that anyone interested should see Mayor Collins.

### **New Business**

Mr. Tassell reported attending an OKI meeting where two things came up;

1. Our application for a 4.3 million stop fund for redevelopment for Blue Ash Road is moving forward. Meetings are coming up in early May. One of the developments that have funds available are for transportation alternatives. They have only received requests for about half of the money in the fund; which totals 6 million. Mr. Tassell has started a process on how we can utilize this due to our sidewalk issues and since we are a walking district and where bicycles are used.
2. Mr. Tassell stated that the battle has continued to go back and forth between the Kentucky legislature regarding the possibility of a toll on the Brent Spence Bridge. The Governor of Kentucky vetoed the no tolling so it's likely a toll will happen in the future. Both the Governor of Kentucky and of Ohio are in favor of a toll.

Mr. Tassell reported that as a part of the Fraud Coalition Partners he was informed that a Free Shredding Day will take place on April 26, 2014 from 8 a.m. – 12 noon at UC Blue Ash/Raymond Walters for Hamilton County residents to bring documents for safe disposal to help combat identity theft.

## **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None.

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes wanted all to be aware that anyone soliciting in the city should have a solicitors permit before doing so. With warmer weather upon us there is an increase of solicitors and possible scammers going door to door to gain money and possibly rob or take advantage of unsuspecting or elderly residents.

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate reported that the auditors were here last week for 4 days.

**Safety Service Director** – None.

**Mayor's Report** – None.

## **Adjournment**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council