

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
February 8, 2016

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Tassell motioned to excuse Mr. Lehane. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 Legislative and Finance Committee Meeting, the January 25, 2016 City Council Meeting and the February 1, 2016 Committee Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – Joyce Kramer – 4123 Landsdowne

Mrs. Kramer announced that a citizen's block watch is being put together. She is looking for wounded warriors and retired persons (people home during the day to keep an eye out) in the community to join and said that Lt. McCormick is the police department contact for the group. Mrs. Kramer stressed that she is looking for serious individuals and nothing political though also stating that all of the meetings will be in Mrs. Kramer's home for now. President Hedger, who previously spoke with Mrs. Kramer on the phone, stated that she is concerned about the meetings being held in a private home and not in a community or public place.

President Hedger also stressed that recently a certain Deer Park information Facebook page in the community reported erroneous information regarding a previous Deer Park High School student who unfortunately took his own life. The report stated that he was a current student but the fact is that he was not even living in or near Deer Park when this happened. They were also reports of crimes taking place on Orchard Lane which was also false information.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

January 2016 Income Tax Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the January 2016 Income Tax Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

January 2016 NW JEDZ Report

Mr. Tolliver motioned to approve the January 2016 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2016-06 Appropriation Ordinance – An Ordinance To Make Appropriation For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Deer Park, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

Mr. Tolliver asked the Clerk to read Ordinance 2016-06. So read. Mr. Tolliver motioned to move Ordinance 2016-06 to the second reading on February 22, 2016 and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Lenihan – yes, Ms. Newsom – yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes, Mr. Tolliver – yes. Motion carried.

Safety Committee

January 2016 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Perin reported that during the month of January there were 308 calls on 1st shift, 204 calls on 2nd shift and 233 calls on 3rd shift for a total of 717 calls.

Mr. Perin highlighted the efforts of Ofc. David Battin, who conducted his first “White Collar” crime investigation. Battin’s work led to the indictment of a Horizon Healthcare employee on charges of Theft, Unauthorized Use of Property, and Tampering with Records and uncovered approximately 80 – 85 thousand dollars in misappropriated funds.

January was a busy month. Although a robbery occurred, the city is still safe. Unfortunately these incidents occur in every jurisdiction and fortunately this is still a rare occurrence here. Residents are reminded to call if they see anyone or anything that is suspicious.

January 2016 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lenihan reported that for the month of January there were a total of 54 fire runs and a total of 174 EMS runs for a total of 228 runs.

Thank You Note

Mr. Tassell requested that a thank you note be sent to St. Saviour Church for accommodating and keeping Deer Park Jr. Sr. High School students warm inside during a recent robo call bomb threat during cold weather.

Public Works Committee

Community Center Repairs

Mr. Tassell announced that the inside repairs look great. Mr. Berens noted that moisture has gotten through the cinder blocks outside in the back of the community center. A structural engineer looked at it and gave 4 names of possible contractors to do the necessary work. There are no estimates yet.

Duke Energy Gas Main Project

Mr. Tassell announced that Duke Energy will be choosing 1 of 3 routes to add additional pipelines. One of those routes, if chosen, would affect part of Deer Park on Blue Ash Road from Camp Safety to East Galbraith Road. Mr. Tassell stated that it may be worth looking into having the work count towards the Blue Ash Road Project which will bring additional funds for us. The first open house meeting is on March 22 from 5:30 pm– 8:00 pm at the Schuler Center on Deerfield Road. The second meeting, with a date to still be announced, will be at Montessori School near Montgomery and Losantville.

Report of Special Committees / Boards

Park Board – Mr. Perin announced that the first event of the year will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 19 at 10:00 am in Chamberlin Park.

The Park Board will host a fundraiser at Strikes and Spares on March 26 at 7 pm. Half of open bowling proceeds will go to the Park Board.

Infrastructure Committee – None

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – Joyce Kramer – 4123 Landsdowne
Mrs. Kramer also asked if Lt. McCormick would come to her home for the meeting which is March 6 from 3 pm to 4 pm. Mr. Berens replied that he will talk to Chief Schlie regarding this request.

New Business – Student Government Night – President Hedger announced that Barresi’s cannot cater the event however she is in contact with The Cream of Caffeine instead. It was discussed that the meal will be served at Howard School in the meeting room with Mr. Langdon’s permission. The council meeting will take place at the city building at the regular place and time.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – Mr. Berens noted that he sent an email regarding the field turf campaign for Mr. Griswold's memorial. Collections are being taken tonight to send to Deer Park High School.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Donnellon thanked everyone for the many thoughts and prayers for his daughter and their family as she is battling cancer for the second time.

Adjournment

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Perin. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joanie Perin Seitz
Clerk of Council