

City of Deer Park  
City Council Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building  
May 4, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **April 2015 Income Tax Report**

Mr. Berens reported the April Income Tax Report is in council mailboxes and will be presented for approval at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Income tax is up and headed in the right direction.

#### **April 2015 NW JEDZ Report**

Mr. Berens reported that the JEDZ Report for April is in council mailboxes and will be presented for approval at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Total collected was \$318,923.23.

#### **Sycamore Senior Center Request for Donation**

Mr. Berens announced that the Sycamore Senior Center sent their annual letter requesting a donation from the City of Deer Park. A number of active individuals receiving help from Sycamore Senior Center are Deer Park residents. Mr. Perin noted that perhaps the Park Board and the City could split a donation since the Park Board has received past donations in goods from the Sycamore Senior Center. Mr. Berens noted that he will need direction from council on how to proceed.

#### **Building Safety Month Proclamation**

Mr. Berens stated that May is Building Safety Month. With the Mayor's signature, we would like to strengthen safety efforts for our area by encouraging citizens to join with their community in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

#### **Hamilton County Heroin Coalition Resolution**

Mr. Berens stated that Heroin has been a big problem everywhere lately and there is a taskforce being put together. A resolution authorizing the police department to participate in the coalition task force will come up for council's approval at the May 11 city council meeting.

#### **To Discuss Safety-Service Director's Labor Contract**

Mr. Berens noted that the final tweaks have been made on the Safety-Service Director's labor contract to be in compliance with the Police Department's contract. Mr. Helmes sent an email to council this past week. This will come up for approval at the May 11 city council meeting.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **April 2015 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the April 2015 fire district monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **April 2015 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report**

Mr. Berens stated that the April 2015 police department monthly report will be given at next week's City Council meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lehane mentioned that Deer Park Police did a great job on apprehending the suspect that broke into Deer Park Shell this morning.

### **Making Ohio Roads Safer**

Mr. Berens reminded all that a Mason High School student is still working on a project to help prevent texting while driving to make roads safer. He will be attending the June 8 council meeting to talk to city council members.

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Redmont Improvement Project Update**

Mr. Berens announced that Redmont Avenue is still a work in progress. Testing is taking place to make sure that MSDS is plugging in correctly. Mr. Berens called the MSDS supervisor but still hasn't heard a response. A gas main busted and this slows everything down. The investigation is still ongoing. Mr. Perin mentioned that it's better that we find this out now rather than 6 months from now to avoid having to tear into a finished street.

### **2015-2016 Winter Season Road Salt Agreement**

Mr. Berens announced that the salt bid for the 2015-2016 Winter Season is in. The North American Salt Company gave us the rate of \$75.86 per ton which is the same as last year. This is a good deal for us as other bids were coming in higher. We bid on 350 tons. President Comer asked if we had any left over from last winter to which Mr. Berens replied that not much is left.

### **Lunch Program**

Mr. Tassell spoke about potential park activities and a lunch program for our city's children and announced that the city schools have not been corporative in working together to offer a lunch program with activities to take place in the summer at Amity school. President Comer stated that this topic was not on the agenda however allowed Mr. Tassell to introduce Ms. Robin Carpenter, Executive Director of Window Arts Enrichment. Ms. Carpenter explained how the program works and distributed literature to council. Mr. Tassell did mention that it could start small this year and become bigger next year. President Comer and other members of city council agreed that grant funding takes time to get approved and the amount of time between now and summer is small and that this is something we need more information on. Mr. Perin stated that the park board has spoke of programs like these before and that they could help out with supplies. Mr. Berens wants to make the program happen but noted that we need to figure out the details of someone to run the program.

### **Other Boards or Committees with a Report**

#### **CIC – Blue Ash and Galbraith Retail/Office Development, CRA Application**

Mr. Berens stated that a retail center, set to build office space on the old Duke Energy site at Blue Ash and Galbraith Roads, requested a CRA Application but the meeting did not happen. This is now back in the developer's hands.

### **Deer Park Business Association – Bark in the Park, Saturday May 16, 2015**

Mr. Berens announced that the Deer Park Business Association will host the annual Bark in the Park on Saturday May 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Schedule**

City Council Meeting, Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board Meeting, Thursday May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Day After Memorial Day)

### **Announcements**

President Comer announced that Mayor Collins would like anyone walking in the Memorial Day Parade to know that it begins at 10 a.m. on Monday May 25 in Silverton. Several council members discussed whether or not to walk or ride along the route.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council