

City of Deer Park  
City Council Committee Meeting  
Municipal Building  
January 3, 2012

#### Property Maintenance Code Update

Mr. Berens reported that legislation will be forthcoming that will allow us to follow all updates to the International Property Maintenance Code. Currently, the City is using the 2006 edition. The new language will read the “current edition”, so a new ordinance doesn’t have to be passed each time the IPMC is updated.

#### Internet Sweepstakes Establishments

Mr. Berens reported the City is investigation “internet café’s” which allow on-line gambling. Many other communities are passing moratoriums and Mr. Berens recommends Deer Park consider doing the same. Mr. Helmes will review the issue and report back to Council.

#### Collaboration Study with Silverton and Amberley

Mr. Berens reported the three communities have been meeting and discussing ways to work together to save money. Areas being discussed are dispatch, police services, and managers. A study identifying ways for collaboration and cost savings is being discussed and three candidates have been interviewed. Collaboration of services is something the state may push communities to do in the future. All the municipalities involved are looking for ways to cut costs.

#### SRTS Grant Application Authorization Legislation

Mr. Berens reported legislation for the SRTS grant will be forthcoming.

#### Work Agreement with Deer Park School District

Mr. Berens reported as part of the SRTS grant, bike racks will be installed at Amity and the Jr./Sr. High School. The agreement stated we will buy the equipment, but be reimbursed from the SRTS grant. Legislation approving the agreement will be presented at the next council meeting. Mr. Rapp indicated some date errors in the proposed agreement. Mr. Helmes will review the agreement before the next meeting.

#### Deer Park 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Berens reported the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be organized by a Mayoral appointed committee, consisting of 13-14 people. The goal is to have separate events for each day of the celebration week. An initial committee meeting in planned for the near future.

#### Tax Office / Commissioner / Seasonal Employee

Mr. Berens reported it still needs to be determined if Brenda can serve as the tax commissioner. Mr. Helmes stated he will review the legal requirements and report back to council.

Mr. Berens stated tax season is right around the corner and a seasonal employee will be needed for the months of February, March and April. Mr. Tolliver asked if anyone currently on staff would be able to help the tax department. Mr. Berens stated there is no one available, so the City will need to go through a temp agency or hire a part-time employee to help with all the

paperwork. Mr. Berens stated he will discuss the position with Brenda to find out how much help she needs and report back to Council.

### **Safety Committee**

Mr. Hall reported that due to office re-locating, he will no longer be able to attend the Fire Board meetings. Mr. Berens stated a replacement can be appointed at the next council meeting.

### **Public Works**

#### Hemphill Way Update

The Hemphill Way project fell behind due to the rain that we have been experienced. The base and mid courses have been laid, but the final course will not be until spring of 2012. This is not uncommon and will not terribly inconvenience the residents. Mr. Lehane suggested looking for low spots on a rainy day before the final course is laid. Mr. Berens agreed and will also have the engineer look at it before the final course is laid.

#### Residential Recycling Incentives

Mr. Berens stated he has been working with the Hamilton County Solid Waste District to identify ways to get the recycling numbers up, which will increase the grant money the city receives. Recycling dumpsters may be placed at one of the schools. Mr. Berens still needs to discuss the project with Kim Gray.

#### Snow and Ice Removal

Mr. Berens stated the crews have only been out once this season for snow and ice removal. A reduced number of road salt was ordered, based on the cost of the price per ton, allowing us to stay within budget.

### **Schedule:**

- City Council Meeting, Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- Park Board Meeting, Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm, Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.
- City Council Meeting, Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Deer Park Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Road.

### **Announcements**

- City Council photos, Monday, January 23, 2012, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Parliamentary Procedure workshop, Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9am – Noon.
- HCML Meeting, Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Tolliver motioned to retire to executive session, including Mr. Berens, Mayor Collins, Mr. Helmes, Mr. Applegate, and Mrs. George, to discuss police issues. Mr. Tegenkamp seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tegenkamp – aye, Mr. Tolliver – aye. Motion carried.

At 8:50 Mr. Tegenkamp motioned to reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tegenkamp – aye, Mr. Tolliver – aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council