

Council met in regular session Monday, January 19, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Offices.  
Council members present: Ken Wysong, Barb Georgia, Karon Lane, Tina Sullivan and Cheryl Geer, Absent Eric Gonzalez

Other officials present: Mayor Loar, Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, and Deputy Clerk Sue Clendenin.

Guest: Village Zoning Inspector Bob Sabo

Mayor Loar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Sabo recognized.

**Zoning** – Inspector Sabo gave brief synopsis of recent zoning activity. The Carl Pope civil complaint was filed against the property owner, which tax records indicate is Joyce Pope. Civil action was taken against Joyce Pope and an arrest warrant against her is active. It has since come to Mr. Sabo's attention that in 2006 the property was quick claimed to Carl Pope Jr. back in 2006. Prosecutor Smith was unable to find record of the quick claim being recorded. Even though the claim was never recorded the court most likely will not hold Joyce Pope liable. The prosecutor told Mr. Sabo charges will be resubmitted this time against Carl Pope Jr. T. Sullivan asked if the property was not cleaned up? Mr. Sabo said the property basically is the same. Mr. Sabo took pictures after the date the property was to be cleaned up and they show the property is not compliant. He has not been back to the property since filing the claim with the prosecutor. Bob has spoken to Carl's attorney Mr. Levy and asked him to contact village prosecutor Gary Smith. For the time being it's out of his hands and between the attorneys.

B. Georgia asked about recent activity with the Huff property abutting T'Mart. Mr. Sabo said the Huff property had a car and a dump truck sitting on site for some time. The car was unlicensed; the sheriff found out the dump truck belonged to a Mr. Garcia. Both vehicles supposedly broke down and were pushed off the street and onto the Huff property, and have since been removed. Mr. Sabo had sent Mr. Huff a letter asking him to have vehicles moved. Unable to reach Mr. Huff he spoke to his wife Mayor Huff and apologized for the letter and explained he had made an error and to forget the letter. Bob said his letter was pretty strong and reinforced the village position. Bob said he doesn't have the room to do much of anything with the property and selling it would be a good idea. Council said they didn't see the letter. Sullivan asked if portable pool regulations would be revisited. B. Georgia said it was decided last year to leave the regulations on pools the same.

Mr. Sabo said he understood council discussed a letter he sent out that had a mistake in it. K. Lane said it was her understanding Mr. Sabo had sent out a letter to a village resident containing several errors; dates, grammar, property owner's name, etc. She recommended proofreading letters to catch these types of errors. B. Georgia said it was her understanding council wanted to see all letters before they were sent out. The mayor asked if all Mr. Sabo's letters go to council first, which could delay matters. B. Georgia said letters should be proof read before sending out and copies made for council. K. Wysong suggested Karin or Sue proof letters. T. Sullivan agreed the clerks would better catch name and address errors with water billing experience. Mr. Sabo said the county accuglobe program had the wrong name as owner of the property in question. Bob admitted he doesn't know the people in the area to verify information on accuglobe. K. Wysong said this is where the clerks could help out. Karin said our water billing information lists out owner's verses renters. Mr. Sabo had hoped the issue would have been handle differently. He would have preferred to be approached directly and not have it brought up at a public meeting. The mayor said in the future someone will proofread outgoing letters and copies made for council. Mr. Sabo inquired if all village departments have correspondence proofed and copied for council or is just his department? K. Wysong said council should get copies of all official letters sent out.

Mr. Sabo is trying to get drawings updated by addresses. Also driving around village and starting to see areas that need cleaned up: how much force does council want applied? Zoning violations are criminal offenses and shouldn't be taken lightly. Council would prefer Bob work with residents first before filing violations.

Mr. Sabo recently acquired written permission from Greg Herrick and Millie Gillen to place a privacy fence on property line, beginning at the front corner of Greg Herrick’s home southerly to within 2 feet of Carl Pope’s property in front of the recycling station. Village intent is to provide Mr. Herrick privacy from recycling traffic.

Mr. Sabo asked council if they would like him to revisit the 2-foot rule regarding fence placement? Current regulations require fences to be off the property line two feet. Unless neighbors provide written consent to allow the fence on the property line. Mr. Sabo said the 2-foot rule creates congestion and wasted space. As it has on properties located on W. Main Street where adjoining neighbors both put up fences 2-feet off the line. Thus creating a 4-foot strip of wasted space between fences. Mr. Sabo said one of the parties involved with the above situation plans to start a petition to eliminate the 2-foot rule. Mr. Sabo would like to work on revising the fence requirements, in the event council decides to change the 2-foot rule. B. Georgia said the 2-foot rule was enacted to prevent abutting property owners from mowing along a fence they don’t own. Two feet allows adequate room for the fence owner to maintain and mow both sides of the fence. T. Sullivan said her property is very deep and if her neighbor put up a fence the length of her side yard it would take a considerable amount of time to weed-whack and trim along. So, she can see the reasoning behind the 2-foot rule. Make the fence owner be responsible for maintenance of both sides. K. Lane suggested regulations be left at 2-feet.

**The following bills were presented for approval.**

**Current bills to be paid:**

Sue Clendenin	January salary	\$1266.97
Karin Sauerlender	January salary	1437.99
Robert Sabo	Wages paid 01-20-09	231.75
Steve Kovar	Wages paid 01-20-09	1466.90
Scott Hansen	Wages paid 01-20-09	540.51
Gary Loar	January salary	350.00
Storm Ridge Electric	Put up and take down holiday lights	300.00
Fondessy Enterprises	Village dumpster-February	58.00
Verizon wireless	Cell phone	2.53
Emparq	Village office phone, fax, and internet	194.02
Cintas	Uniforms, mats and restroom supplies	247.89
OPERS	December village match	4209.87

**Bills to be paid later:**

Heritage Ohio	Annual dues	150.00
Bev Schlosser-Auditor	Property taxes	

B. Georgia motioned to pay bills. Second by C. Geer and approved by all council.

**Old Business –**

Reviewed updated version of rental agreement between Harvey Wells and the Village of Metamora for the rental of property located at 235 Maple Street. The 12-month lease to begin February 1<sup>st</sup> at a monthly fee of \$450, with village paying utilities. K. Wysong made motion to enter into a 12-month lease with Harvey Wells for the rental of property located at 235 Maple Street for \$450 a month, assuming village pays all utilities and make repairs when damages occur from fault of village. Second by K. Lane and approved by all council. Ken said Harvey offered to sell us equipment in the shop that we have a use for.

**New Business-**

Fondessy 2009 Franchise Agreement – quarterly rates to increase \$5. Rates for unlimited pick up will remain the same. Barb Georgia motioned to enter into a one-year contract with Fondessy Enterprise for trash pick up. Second by K. Wysong and approved by all council

Elected officials up for re-election – Four council members and two members of the Board of Public Affairs have terms expiring this December. Petition forms will be available at the village

office; they are also available at the Fulton County Board of Elections. Petitions to be filed by 4:00 p.m. August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Employee health insurance – Stapelton Insurance Co. would like to offer the village a quote for employee health insurance through a consortium. Medical Mutual would still be the provider. Council agreed a cost comparison would be beneficial and requested covered employees to complete questioner submitted by Stapleton Ins.

**Fiscal Officer report -**

Cathy Mossing said she would be willing to organize the 2009 Memorial Dedication at he park.

Special Olympics Clothing/Shoes Drop Box – asked Village to consider placement of a clothing/shoe drop box, with proceeds to benefit Special Olympics if Ohio. They carry a \$1,000,000 in liability insurance and are registered with the State of Ohio Attorney Generals Office. B. Georgia motioned to approve the placement of the clothing/shoe drop box. Second by C. Geer and approved by all council. Suggested drop box is placed in the Maple Street parking lot near dumpsters.

**Mayor's report** – TMACOG assembly scheduled January 29, 2009 from 1:30 to 6:45 p.m. Council provided copies of a letter Mayor Loar sent to Toledo officials expressing Metamora' s interest in connecting to the Toledo waterline now being extended to the Village of Berkey. Fulton County Commissioners also provided a copy of the letter.

B. Georgia inquired about the status of the North East Water District. The mayor said the county is still waiting to hear on possible funding.

Jones & Henry will submit a quote to provide a THM study on the water going to Berkey near Allen Junction and Metamora Sylvania Road.

CDBG – Jones & Henry submitted an engineering quote of \$15,000 to engineer proposed park building. State permits will be required, increasing engineering costs. Council suggested another engineering estimate is pursued.

B. Georgia motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Second by C. Geer and approved by all council.

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Mayor – Gary L. Loar

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VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin  
Deputy Clerk

