

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday April 5, 2016 in the fire hall at 7:00 p.m. with Margaret Young, Debra Horan, Genny Eddy, Gayle Horton, Doreen Demaskie, Dana Solberg, Superintendent Karl Miller, Officer Mike Johnson, Fire Chief Lunderville, Assistant Fire Chief's Al Lunderville and Mike Garbers, Fire Captain Jeff Casper, EMS Coordinator Scott Loveland and Debra Green. Absent was Trustee Nancy Hindes. Also present were Ray Ransom, Al Thompson, Town of Mentor Chairman Tim Gile and Town of Mentor Clerk-Treasurer Linda Laffe.

**1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**2. Vouchers:** were approved and signed.

**3. Delinquent List:** Debra Horan moved, seconded by Demaskie to approve as printed. Carried.

**4. MSA/Municipal Utility Projects/ Contracts/Pay Requests/Updates/Financing:** none.

**5. Building Permit-Legal Agreement-DOT Permit - 308 W Pearl Street Property:** President Young reported that updated and signed utility applications for new sewer and water lateral extensions were submitted by Laura Thompson to her. The new water and sewer connections will be bored by TEC Environmental, who is the contractor hired by Al and Laura Thompson to do the lateral boring work for them under STH 95 (aka W Pearl Street), from Grand Street to the curb line of 308 W Pearl Street. Superintendent Karl Miller explained to the Trustees that he was advised by the village attorney and village engineer not to sign the DOT application/permit to construct utilities under STH 95, as the Village isn't doing the actual work. Superintendent Miller further explained the Village can grant authorization to Randy Murdoch, with TEC Environmental out of Tomah, to apply for the required DOT permit. Moved by Horan, seconded by Demaskie to grant Randy Murdoch, with TEC Environmental, the authorization to apply for and sign the required DOT permit to construct utilities in the STH 95 right-of-way and that TEC Environmental accepts responsibility for the construction of the sewer and lateral extensions and to submit a Certificate of Liability Insurance before work can begin on the lateral boring and extensions. Carried. The property owners of 308 W Pearl are responsible for the entire cost of applying for the DOT permit and the all costs associated with the sewer and lateral construction. Superintendent Karl Miller will contact Randy Murdoch with TEC Environmental of the foregoing.

**6. Communications with Village Maintenance Department:**

a. EPA Catalyst Performance Test Date: performance test date is set for May 10, 2016.

b. Spring Clean-Up Day- Set day(s) and Time: has been set for Saturdays April 16th and April 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the storage yard located at 903 Paines Mill Road. An attendant will be on sight to help. The village will be accepting yard waste, brush and leaves, ONLY. Appliances and metals will be picked up by Chuck Spurling Sr. Village residents can reach him at 715-964-2004 to have him come and pick up metal items at anytime.

c. Village Groundskeeper/Seasonal Position: Superintendent Karl Miller informed the Committee that Randy Brown was still interested in the village seasonal groundskeeper position. Superintendent Miller will be putting together a 20 hours a week work schedule for Mr. Brown.

d. Cemetery Mower: the new mower deck has been ordered for the cemetery John Deere mower, which is otherwise, still in pretty good shape. The village maintenance will be doing the routine maintenance and keeping track of the mower hours.

e. March Maintenance Activity Report: a water main leak was found at the corner of Green Street and US 12/27. It has been leaking since the construction work on that section of the highway was done. Gerke has fixed the leak and will be coming back to finish the job and also to fix a shutoff that has not worked since the construction work was done on that section of highway; the caustic soda treatment of the village water system has been started to help stop the corrosion; there was a power failure problem with a lift station over the weekend; the village streets have been swept.

**7. Communications with Village Fire Department:**

a. March Fire-EMS Activity Report(s): Fire/EMS calls were down this month; letters will be mailed out to the public to asking for their help to raise money for the purchase of much needed extrication tools.

b. Fire Vehicle Purchase-Loan: Fire Chief Wayne Lunderville requested approval to procure a loan with Jackson County Bank for a fire engine, not to exceed \$30,000. Solberg moved, seconded by Eddy to approve the Village President and Village Clerk to work with the Fire Chief to obtain a loan with Jackson County Bank for a fire engine, not to exceed \$30,000. Carried. Fire Chief Lunderville explained the sale proceeds of the brush truck will go towards the loan payment and they will be modifying Engine # 2 to be a wild land fire engine.

**8. Communications with Village Police Department:**

a. March Law Enforcement Activity Report: Officer Johnson submitted his March activity report to the Committee and reported he participated in a mock crash in Alma Center and that he attended the WTSOA Conference for training.

**9. Election Worker Appointment Request - Samuel Faust:** Horan moved, seconded by Eddy to appoint Samuel Faust as an Election Inspector for the Village of Merrilan. "Aye", Young, Horan, Eddy, Horton and Demaskie. "No", Solberg. The motion carries.

**10. Town of Mentor - Ordinance Enforcement:** Mentor Chairman Tim Gile spoke to the Committee about the possibility of contracting with the Village of Merrilan for police enforcement of Humbird's ordinances. It would be five hours every other week. The Trustees were favorable of the request. Chairman Tim Gile will bring this before his Supervisors, and if approved, he would like to see the police ordinance enforcement services for Humbird start July 2016. Chairman Tim Gile will get back to the Village with their decision. This was tabled to the May 10, Board meeting.

**11. Public Comment:** none.

**12. Adjournment:** Gayle moved, seconded by Dana to adjourn at 8:12 PM Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debra Green*, Clerk

4/7/16