

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
September 24, 2012
8:00 PM
BLUFFTON TOWN HALL**

MINUTES September 10, 2012

BILLS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SAFETY

FINANCIALS

MEETING DATES

September 24, 2012	Safety Services Committee	7:00 PM
September 24, 2012	Council	8:00 PM
October 3, 2012	Board of Building and Zoning Appeals	7:30 PM
October 8, 2012	Council	8:00 PM

Regular Council

September 10, 2012

Mayor Fulcomer presiding. Messrs: Kingsley, Gallant, McGarrity, Sehlhorst, and Steiner present. Mr. Collier absent.

Mr. Gallant moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 27, 2012. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Gallant, Kingsley, McGarrity, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to approve the bills as presented. Total non-payroll of \$32,906.91 and payroll of \$34,938.01. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Steiner, Sehlhorst, Gallant, Kingsley, and McGarrity. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. McGarrity moved, seconded by Mr. Gallant to suspend the rules. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: McGarrity, Gallant, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Kingsley moved, seconded by Mr. Steiner to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 12-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Kingsley, Steiner, Gallant, McGarrity, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer announced the following meetings:

September 19, 2012	Planning Commission	7:00 PM
September 19, 2012	Board of Building and Zoning Appeals	7:30 PM
September 24, 2012	Safety Services Committee	7:00 PM
September 24, 2012	Council	8:00 PM

Mr. Gallant moved, seconded by Mr. Kingsley to approve Nancy Kindle as the authorized agent for the FEMA declaration for the events relating to the storms of June 29- July 2, 2012. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Gallant, Kingsley, McGarrity, Sehlhorst, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Gallant moved, seconded by Mr. Sehlhorst to enter into executive session for the discussion of real estate and contracts. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Gallant, Sehlhorst, Kingsley, McGarrity, and Steiner. Nays (0), motion approved.

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Gallant to exit from executive session and return to regular session. Roll Call: Yeas (5) Messrs: Steiner, Gallant, Collier, Kingsley, and Sehlhorst. Nays (0), motion approved. No action taken.

Mr. Gallant moved to adjourn.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

**To: Mayor Fulcomer
Council Members**

Letter of Support Requested

Mayor Fulcomer received a request for letters of support from both the Mayor and the Village Council regarding an application for tax credits for the rehabilitation and preservation of Vance Street Apartments. A copy of the requested letter of support is attached to this report.

Planning Commission Recommendation

The Village Planning Commission held a public hearing on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM to consider a rezoning petition from Deanna and Donnie Essinger to rezone their property located at 576 Harmon Road from R-1 to R-2. By a unanimous vote, the Planning Commission approved recommending that the Village Council approve the petition. The Council will need to schedule a public hearing to consider the petition. Notice of the scheduled hearing must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing. The first regularly scheduled Council meeting that is at least thirty (30) days after we could schedule the hearing is November 12, 2012.

FEMA Declaration

We continue to move forward with the administrative process following the FEMA Declaration for the June 29-July 2, 2012 weather event. I attended the Applicant's Meeting on Monday, September 17th that served as the kick-off for the program. I should be meeting with our FEMA representative in the coming week to review the costs experienced by the Village and to compile the project worksheets.

Waterline Project Update

The newly installed water main on Grove Road has passed the required bacteriological tests and the contractor has started transferring service-lines to the new main. The Jackson Street section has been installed and residents' services will be transferred in short order.

Augsburger Road Path

I attended the Scoping Meeting with ODOT officials in Thursday, September 13, 2012 to review the proposed plan and timetable for the Augsburger Road Walk-Bike Pathway. The project has been scheduled to be sold in ODOT's 3rd Quarter 2015, the, as of now, the project is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2015. The design will need to be updated to conform to ODOT specifications and the environmental assessment and right-of-way acquisition will take some time. Currently, the estimated project cost is \$197,000. With the assistance from the LACRPC, the project will be funded 80% (up to \$200,000) by with ODOT funds and a 20% local share. However, engineering design and right-of-way acquisition costs are 100% our responsibility.

Wilch Joint County Group Project

I will be attending a Preliminary Hearing of the proposed Wilch Joint County Group Project on Tuesday, September 25th. This involves the drainage ditch that runs through the Village Park and flows into the Riley Creek.

Executive Session Request

I would like to request an Executive Session for Personnel on Monday evening.



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September 24, 2012

Mr. Scott Hunley
Vice President
The Showe Companies
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RE: Letter of Support for Vance Street Apartments

Dear Sir:

The Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio fully supports your efforts to apply for tax credits for the rehabilitation and preservation of Vance Streets Apartments. The property located at 137 Vance Street, within the Village of Bluffton, will continue to provide forty (40) units of much needed affordable housing for the seniors of our community. The Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, as well as the community at large, welcomes the preservation and re-development of this valuable facility and the amenity-enriched housing that will be offered there.

We encourage the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to provide the necessary tax credits to make the project possible and greatly appreciate your continued willingness to invest in the Bluffton community.

I wish you the best of luck with your application. Please let me know if there is anything additional the Village of Bluffton can do to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

Dennis Gallant
Council President