

**Village of Misenheimer
Council Minutes
Community Building
October 8, 2012 6PM**

Council Present: Michael Riemann, Mayor
Michael Herron, Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Gulledge, Council Member

Visitors Present: None

Staff Present: Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk

Council Absent: Michael Burrage, Finance Officer
Peter Edquist, Council Member

Call to Order: Mayor Riemann called the Council meeting to order at 6:00 PM declaring a quorum of Council members present.

Introduction of Visitors: No visitors were present at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Riemann advised Council that the presentation (Agenda Item #6) from Jim Prosser, Executive Director of Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), regarding developing Council Rules of Procedure would be rescheduled to the Monday, November 12, 2012 Council meeting as two (2) Council members could not be present at the Monday, October 8, 2012 Council meeting. In addition, Stanly County is requesting a Municipality Certification from the Village to participate in the NC Division of Community Investment Community Block Grant FY 2012 Scattered Site Housing program. This item will be discussed under Other Business. Mayor Riemann requested a Motion be made to amend the Monday, October 8, 2012 meeting Agenda accordingly. Herron made the Motion to approve the Agenda as amended for Agenda Item #5 to be rescheduled to the Monday, November 12, 2012 Council meeting and to address the Community Block Grant item in Other Business. Gulledge seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Approval of September 10, 2012 Council Minutes: Gulledge made a Motion to approve the Monday, September 10, 2012 Council Minutes with no revisions. Riemann seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 2/1. The Nay vote was cast by Herron as he was unable to attend the September 10, 2012 meeting.

Public Comment Period: No comments were requested to be heard.

Administrative Report-September 2012: Mayor Riemann updated Council regarding the engagements that he attended and/or participated in since the September 2012 Administrative Report.

Mayor Riemann advised Council regarding the following:

- Mayor Riemann attended a seminar sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding the requirements for non-profit organizations. He was interested in researching the possibility of this type of organization assisting the Village regarding potential maintenance of the Carolina Thread Trail and the continued restoration efforts for the historic Gladstone Academy.
- Mayor Riemann indicated that the Gladstone Academy foundation and flooring restoration work being performed by Southern Home Management was going along as planned.
- Mayor Riemann advised that the Misenheimer USPS will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 4PM to hear from attendees regarding the proposed operational status changes (shorter hours of operation, closure study with a variety of mail delivery options to be considered). Residents have been solicited to complete a USPS survey regarding their service preferences.

Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk, was instructed by Chief McGinnis to advise Council regarding the following:

- The September 2012 Police Report was provided for Council's review.
- The new 2012 Dodge Charger Police vehicle is currently having the add-on equipment installed.
- The owner of Clearview Apartments removed the sign posted at the fence display. However, the fence display has not been removed at this time. Chief McGinnis advised that he will contact the owner to inquire regarding the fence display removal.
- Chief McGinnis is researching the Village zoning requirements to respond to the Oliver's request for a possible bed and breakfast to be located at their residence off Mattons Grove Church Road. This property is currently zoned RA.

Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk, advised Council regarding the following:

- She had attended a health insurance update sponsored by Eben Concepts, our insurance broker. In addition, our renewal request has been submitted to Eben Concepts and it was approved for consideration as our health and dental policies expire February 28, 2013. We should be advised of renewal options and pricing by the end of 2012.
- The firm of Maxton McDowell, CPA came on-site for two days to the Village to conduct their annual audit for the fiscal year ending of June 30, 2012.
- Stanly County Central Permitting re-inspected the Community Building regarding items noted on the inspection that they performed October 2011. They left us with additional items needing attention. We will get estimates to address the remaining inspection items to review at a future Council meeting.
- While attending classes at the School of Government, the attorney conducting the training advised that the Village should consider further legal research regarding the scholarship program in effect. Gullledge made a Motion to allocate funds available in the FY 12/13 Legal expenditure budget line item for this recommended legal research. Herron seconded the Motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.
- A draft of the Fall 2012 Village Newsletter was submitted for the Council's review and comment.
- Council members Gullledge and Burrage intend to complete the required Ethics training via a webinar by the deadline of October 31, 2012.

FY 12/13 Budget Amendment for Purchase of 2012 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle: While performing the FY 11/12 audit, Maxton McDowell, CPA advised that the FY 12/13 \$30,000.00 proceeds from the BB&T loan needed to be included as a budgeted revenue line item. In addition, the \$30,000.00 of expenditures to purchase the vehicle and outfit it with the equipment add-ons, needed to be treated as a budgeted capital outlay expenditure line item. Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk, presented a FY 12/13 Budget Amendment for Council's review and consideration. Herron made a Motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Gullledge seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.

Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Corridor Design Study Report Recap: Mayor Riemann advised Council that Stewart Engineering had presented the results of the eleven (11) mile CTT corridor design project on Monday, August 27, 2012 to the CTT Steering Committee. In addition, Mayor Riemann presented the final CTT report and map to Council at the Monday, October 8, 2012 Council meeting. The trail's design is intended for pedestrian and bicycle traffic use only. It is not designed nor intended for off road vehicle or equestrian use. Stewart Engineering estimated that the cost to complete this trail leg could range from approximately \$545,403.00 to \$1,551,115.00. The lower cost range is due to fewer bridge crossings and using more natural trail routes vs. using raised wooden boardwalks required in the sewer right of way. The next step will be to gather letters of intent for a trail easement from property owners. This may involve some legal expenditures which will be determined and approved before they are incurred in order to review the easement letter of intent document.

Status of Sewer Discussions: Mayor Riemann advised Council that he believes that a decision to provide affordable sewer services or not to citizens of the Village needs to be addressed with the full Council present at the November 12, 2012 meeting. Recent discussions with Stanly County are favorable that the County may be interested in providing the sewer line to the Village and manage the sewer services. This scenario is intended to provide the Village with price control without the liability and expense of managing the sewer services. Grants are intended to be the source for

funding the Village's sewer service development. It is doubtful that the Village could afford to construct and manage a sewer system on their own. Gravity systems are the least expensive. Pump systems are more expensive to construct and to maintain. Mayor Riemann indicated that this may be a window of opportunity that may not be available to the Village in the future.

Gulledge indicated that any sewer service to the Village could bring uncontrolled growth and large commercial ventures without the protection of proper zoning, ordinances, and their enforcement. Mayor Riemann responded that the Planning Board is embarking on a review and update of the Village's Land Use Plan, Land Use Map, and Zoning Ordinances utilizing the NC Department of Commerce's Community Planning Division starting Thursday, October 11, 2012. Factoring whether sewer services will be a part of the Village or not could assist the Planning Board in their planning efforts. In previous years, the Village had considered running their own sewer system and connecting directly into the City of Albemarle's sewer system.

Herron indicated that Davidson is an example of a NC community with a college in their city limits that made sewer work for them. He also indicated that we currently limit business development in the Village since we do not have sewer services. Herron concurs that he does not want sewer services to open the flood gates to unbridled development.

Mayor Riemann requested that he would like to encourage all Council members to be in attendance at the November 12, 2012 Council meeting to be held at 6PM. He also requested to put the decision to provide sewer services or not on the meeting's Agenda. He concurs that if approved, the next step would be to hold a public hearing to hear from the Village residents.

Status of Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance: We have been advised that there will be a second public hearing regarding the proposed revised Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7PM in the Commissioner's Meeting room at Stanly Commons in Albemarle, NC. In addition, we understand that the Village will be required to follow the provisions of the Ordinance when it is approved.

Status of Village Road Considerations:

- **Merner Terrace Speed Table vs. Current Speed Hump:** Mayor Riemann advised Council that NCDOT is researching to determine if a speed table is allowable. If it is determined that it is allowable, the Village would be responsible for these road expenditures.
- **NCDOT Dual Cross Walk across U.S. 52 Status:** NCDOT has completed the installation of the new HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) crosswalk lighting for both crosswalks. Chief McGinnis has been working with Pfeiffer University to inform pedestrians regarding the new lighting. The Stanly News and Press published the NCDOT news release dated September 21, 2012. The news release detailed the six (6) step lighting sequence. Misenheimer Police Department (MPD) Officers are issuing safety violations for pedestrians not using the crosswalks or not activating the lighting sequence prior to crossing. Consistent use of the crosswalk lighting by pedestrians will assist drivers to stop appropriately at the crosswalks and therefore improve safe pedestrian crossing across U.S. 52.

Status of Gladstone Academy Land Purchase: Mayor Riemann advised that he has not heard back from the Newports as of the Council meeting date. He will contact them to get an update prior to the November 12, 2012 Council meeting.

Village BBQ on Saturday, November 3, 2012 11:30AM-2PM Discussions: Consensus among Council members present at the meeting was to plan to serve the same amount of pork BBQ, chicken BBQ, beans, slaw, chips, and drinks as was served at the 2011 event. The Village will contact the local churches to offer to print bulletin inserts to announce the lunch. The free lunch for Village residents and neighbors will be advertised by flyers, notice in the Fall 2012 Newsletter, and on the 1010 AM radio show.

Planning Board Discussions with NC Department of Commerce-Division of Community Planning starting Thursday, October 11, 2012 7PM-Attendance by Two (2) Council Members: Mayor Riemann and Mayor Pro Tem Herron plan to attend this meeting.

Other Business:

- Mayor Riemann requested Council to consider approving a Municipality Certification request from Stanly County to participate in the NC Division of Community Investment's \$225,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as part of the FY 2012 Scattered Site Housing (SSH) Program. The funds are to be available January 2013. The Village may have residents that can qualify for CDBG funds. Herron made a Motion to participate in the CDBG SSH grant program for FY 2012. Gullledge seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/0.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that nothing else has been heard regarding the Barringer Mine property. He speculates that parties may be waiting on national and NC election results before proceeding further.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that he understood that Richfield had budgeted some sidewalk funds for FY 12/13 that may be available to address the unincorporated county portion of the intended sidewalk route that is between the Richfield town limits and the Village limits on U.S. 52.

Adjournment: The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

J. Michael Riemann, Mayor	Date	Pam M. Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk	Date
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The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6PM at the Community Building.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7PM at the Community Building.