

## Minutes

April 18, 2016

Commissioners Present: Phillip Riegle and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Steve Wilson, Sheriff Heldman, Mark Miller, Steve Welton and Denise Grant.  
Arlington Mayor Ed Solt and Council Members – Tom Blunk, Tom Inbody, Terry Huffman, Mark Hartman, Thad Dempster, Greg Glick, Kevin Fahy-Blanchard Design Marcia Smith and Brian Essinger

Commissioner Riegle opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington Municipal building in Arlington, Ohio. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Phillip Riegle seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #200-16 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegle seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests for the Sheriff and Family First Council and signed a “Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report” for the CHIP program.

Commissioner Riegle asked Steve Wilson to explain the next item. Steve Wilson stated that we advertised for statements of qualifications for the Diversion Channel. The deadline to submit was last Friday afternoon, and we received eight packets as follows:

- Hull & Associates, Inc. – Toldeo, Ohio
- AECOM Team – Cleveland, Ohio
- Arcadis – Akron, Ohio
- E.L. Robinson Engineering – Columbus, Ohio
- Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. – Toledo, Ohio
- DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC – Maumee, Ohio
- Bockrath & Associates – Ottawa, Ohio
- Stantec – Toledo, Ohio

Steve Wilson will review the information submitted.

Phillip Riegle explained that the commissioners wanted to have their meeting in Arlington to give them the opportunity to see what’s going on in the Village and community and discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

Steve Welton, County Treasurer, said that his office sends out the taxes bills. During the first collection, they had more people pay for the entire year than they have in the past. Most of the money collected goes to the school. He said if you know anyone that has a problem with their taxes, have them call the office because a lot of time they can help them. Mayor Solt asked Steve Welton if his office collects taxes for any other entities. Steve replied that his office collects for levies, schools, DD, special assessments, City, fraud, 50North, the Park District, etc.

Mike Heldman said his office has been working on the opiate/heroin problem in the county and state. They have a group called Team Recovery from Toledo that's coming in to talk to kids in school. These people are recovered addicts that will talk to the kids to try to help them avoid getting into trouble. This is an on-going problem and the best we can do is to educate the young people.

Mark Miller, County Prosecutor, said they had an increase last year of possession and trafficking in drugs. It's not just in Findlay, also in other communities. We have about 25% that goes through our courts, but they can track the overdoses that go to the hospital also that don't go to court. Company's struggle to find people to work that can pass the drug test. Mark said thanks for hosting the meeting tonight and for all their support in the village and county as far as leadership and at home.

Steve Welton also mentioned that his office works closely with the Prosecutor's office on collections.

Phillip Riegle told the group that the Landfill gas to energy program has been very successful. Last year we had \$88,000 in revenue that would have otherwise been nothing. This has been important to keep trash rates as low as possible.

Mark Gazarek reported that he had the opportunity to speak to 55 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders last Thursday at the Good Hope breakfast. He talked about what affects your attitude in life and the importance of hanging around good kids. He said it was a good opportunity to meet the future of Arlington.

Mayor Solt said the flood issues are a big concern as well as the things happening with the Army Corps and the new twist with ODOT and the extra soil. He said they are thankful for Sheriff Heldman and the extra services they provide them. The Village of Arlington has a contract for extra man hours for his deputies to patrol their area. This is just another way the Village and County work together. He said with the Commissioners coming down there, it builds a good foundation for future relations. He said the Commissioners' office has always been very open with Council people to discuss different projects.

Other concerns from Council members were maintenance of Main Street/SR 68. The base of the road is from the 1800's and in some places 1917. This is the third most travelled road in the County next to I-75 and SR 23. They have talked to State Reps and ODOT to try to get funding but their income is not low enough. The project would be a \$3.64-\$4 million dollar project. They have applied for an OPW grant and will find out May 1<sup>st</sup> if they get it. Phillip Riegle asked who the Commissioner's could contact to lobby on Arlington's behalf. Council suggested Representatives Sprague, Hite and Latta.

Madison Township Trustees said they are happy with the way things are going between the Village and County and also the fire protection. They had an indigent burial in their township that they had to learn how to handle. Trash collection is this weekend at the Madison Township House. They will have Litter Landing pick up the recycling trailer so they just have the roll-offs for trash collection. Steve Wilson said there is going to be some changes at Litter Landing because costs to recycle are increasing. They will reduce collection sites or rotate the recycling trailers so they're not at one place all the time. They will keep Madison Township informed of the schedule for trailers.

The last item discussed was the water issues on Powell Drive and Wilch Street. On Powell Drive they have a drainage issue in front of the nursing home. They are going to try a local solution first by fixing the culvert and putting stone between the two drives. They discussed cleaning Buck Run and Waggoner ditches to try to alleviate flooding on Wilch Street.

Phillip Riegler thanked everybody for coming and having conversation. Mark Gazarek told them the Commissioners would contact Latta, Sprague and Hite on their behalf regarding SR 68. Mayor Solt thanked the Commissioners for coming and he said they made history tonight. This meeting is the first of its kind. Phillip Riegler said he doesn't know of any Commissioners meetings with the townships and villages.

Phillip Riegler adjourned the meeting until Thursday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Beth Bishop, Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Phillip A. Riegler

  
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Mark D. Gazarek

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Brian J. Robertson