

**MINUTES OF MEETING
INDIAN HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL
January 26, 2015**

A meeting of the Indian Hill Village Council was held on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Village Administration building.

Officials present:

- Mr. Keith M. Rabenold, Mayor
- Mr. Daniel J. Feigelson, Vice-Mayor
- Mrs. Molly R. Barber, Council member
- Mrs. Melissa S. Cowan, Council member
- Mr. Mark D. Kuenning, Council member
- Mrs. Laura S. Raines, Council member
- Mr. Abbot A. Thayer, Council member

- Ms. Dina C. Minneci, City Manager
- Mr. Donald L. Crain, City Solicitor
- Mr. Paul C. Riordan, Clerk/Comptroller

Visitors present:

- Ms. Nan Bongiani, 6525 Drake Road
- Mr. Donald C. McGraw, 8380 Shawnee Run Road
- Chief Chuck Schlie, 6525 Drake Road

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION FOR NAN F. BONGIANI: Mayor Rabenold read the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-15

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO NAN F.
BONGIANI FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THE
VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL**

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani began her employment with the Indian Hill Rangers on May 24, 1997, and is retiring from her position on January 9, 2015 after 31 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani, during her tenure with the Indian Hill Rangers had the responsibility of patrol and dispatching; and

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani was in charge of the Safety and Awareness programs at Indian Hill Primary and Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani was a dedicated member of the police Band, "Most Wanted" which preformed anti-drug messages to school children throughout Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani was a dedicated performer at police functions such as graduations, Village events and ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Nan F. Bongiani is retiring from the Village of Indian Hill and will be pursuing other endeavors, and it is appropriate to recognize her valued service to the Village of Indian Hill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE
VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO:**

Section 1. That there be spread upon the records of the Village of Indian Hill this resolution of special thanks and sincere appreciation to Nan F. Bongiani for her good and valuable service as a patrol officer from May 24, 1997 to January 9, 2015 to the Village of Indian Hill and to wish her the very best on this major and meaningful life milestone decision.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be given to Nan F. Bongiani in recognition of her extraordinary contribution of time, effort, and expertise given in the interest of the Village of Indian Hill and its residents and to wish Nan and her husband Rick many happy and healthy years in her retirement.

Upon motion by Mayor Rabenold, seconded by Council member Kuenning, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **01-15** adopted.

Ms. Nan Bongiani thanked Council for everything they did for her and she said that she appreciated her years of service for the Village of Indian Hill. Mayor Rabenold expressed to Ms. Bongiani that she would be missed and she has done a great job for the Village of Indian Hill and its residents. Ms. Minneci explained to Council that Ms. Bongiani would be working on a part-time basis as a dispatcher when the permanent dispatcher is off duty, which will relieve the patrol officers to perform their regular duties.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSTANCE L. EBERHART: Mayor Rabenold read the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. - 02-15

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CONSTANCE L.
EBERHART FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF THE
VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO**

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart began her employment with the City of the Village of Indian Hill on January 6, 1997, and is retiring from her position on January 31, 2015 after 22 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart came to the City of the Village of Indian Hill as Tax Commissioner with ten years of tax preparation experience with H&R Block, previous municipal tax experience as the Deputy Tax Commissioner for the City of Cheviot, Ohio, a member of Southwestern Ohio Tax Administrators' Association and a member of the Concerned Managers of Income Tax; and

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart during her tenure with the Village has had the responsibility of collecting income tax, as directed by Village Council and written in the Village Ordinances, which includes depositing payments, processing refunds, posting and auditing all tax returns, and addressing concerns for over three thousand accounts annually; and

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart has always provided a high level of service to the residents of Indian Hill, while being responsible for upgrading the computerization of the tax office, creating a secure environment for taxpayer information and ensuring fair and equitable distribution of tax laws; and

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart has a wonderful, unique quality of working positively with the residents of the Village to resolve complicated tax issues with a smile and charm; and

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eberhart is retiring from the City of the Village of Indian Hill and will be pursuing other endeavors, and it is appropriate to recognize her valued service to the City of the Village of Indian Hill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE
VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO:**

Section 1. That there be spread upon the records of the City of the Village of Indian Hill this resolution of special thanks and sincere appreciation to Constance L. Eberhart for her respected and valuable service as the Tax Commissioner for eighteen years of service from January 6, 1997 to January 31, 2015 to the City of the Village of Indian Hill and to wish her the very best on this major and meaningful life milestone decision.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Constance L. Eberhart in recognition of the extraordinary contribution of time, effort, kindness, compassion and expertise that she provided to the City of the Village of Indian Hill and its residents and to wish Connie and her husband, Gene, many happy and healthy years in her retirement.

Upon motion by Mayor Rabenold, seconded by Council member Thayer, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **02-15** adopted.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2014 had previously been distributed to each Council member. Council member Feigelson made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Council member Kuenning and was approved as corrected, 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Council member Kuenning directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Finance Committee*". He reported that the Finance committee met on January 16, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Kuenning also directed Council's attention to the December 2014 financial statements which were included in the Council packet. Council member Kuenning reported the following financial report:

Income Tax Receipts: The Village received \$962,631 in December 2014, which is \$530,000 less than received in December 2013. Year-to-date cash receipts equal \$10,300,000

which is approximately \$1,800,000 less than received in 2014. However, the year-end receipts are \$1,500,000 higher than anticipated which equals to 117% of budget.

Council member Kuenning directed Council's attention to the enclosed statement of Income Tax and Estate Tax Summary for the Period 2006-2014. He explained that this statement shows income tax received on a tax year basis. He said that this statement is very helpful because it was necessary to budget 2014 income tax receipts at a conservative amount because it was not known what the effects of the fiscal cliff would have on the receipts. He explained that the statement shows however, that there was economic growth because there has been approximately an 11.9% increase in the tax base over the last two years. He said that this bodes well for our income tax receipts in 2015.

Council member Kuenning explained that the statement shows that there was a significant amount of prepaid income taxes received in 2013. He said that the Village is seeing more voluntary withholding of income tax by employers for Village residents and some prepayments as well.

Real Estate Tax: The Village received \$1,032 in December which brought the year-end total to \$815,150 which is 102% of budget.

Operating Disbursements: December operating expenditures equate to \$1,300,000 which is \$22,000 less than December 2014. Year-to-date operating disbursements were 96% of the annual budget.

Council member Kuenning reminded Council that an appropriation was passed previously to fund additional purchase of salt, however, because lack of supply, the Village was not able to disburse the funds. Staff believes that the Village is in good shape with the salt supplies.

CIRF: Disbursement for the month totaled \$44,958. This cost includes a final payment on Fawn Meadow culvert repair. Total year disbursements equates to \$1,860,000 which is 88.7% of budget. Council member Kuenning explained that \$1,700,000 was transferred in to the CIRF at year-end bringing the total to \$1,995,674,

Water Works Receipts: Water usage receipts for December were \$139,577 while the year-to-date total is \$2,130,008 which is approximately \$117,000 less than 2013 year-to-date. Water revenues for 2014 were below budget primarily as the result of the wet weather during the year.

Water Works Disbursements: Total December operating disbursements of \$273,902 is under December 2013 by \$552,000 due to the timing of the sewer reimbursement which was made in December 2013 and November 2014.

Water Works CIRF: Total December expenditures equate to \$45,250. This includes a significant purchase of meter batteries in anticipation of changeover in 2015. Total year disbursements equates to \$1,351,856 which is 98.6% of budget. A transfer was made into the fund in the amount of \$920,000 which brings the year-end balance to \$934,936 which is approximately the anticipated fund balance.

Cash and Investments: Total year-end cash and investments were \$23,524,918 which is a decrease of \$115,000 from last month to fund normal operations and a decrease of \$214,000 from this time last year.

The income tax fund decreased from the November 30, 2014 balance of \$15,891,000 down to \$12,006,823 primarily as a result of the transfers to replenish the CIRF and General Fund.

Long Term Debt – there was no change in the long term debt schedule. The amounts for vacation, sick leave and termination benefits will not be undated on the schedule in 2015 because they will be separately identified as a “reserve” on the Statement of Cash and Investments.

Council member Kuenning directed Council’s attention to the statement included in the Council packet titled, “*2014 Overage (shortfall) Summary Statement – Operating & CIRF Funds*” This statement has been updated to reflect actual receipts and disbursements for 2014. There was not much change to what was projected. The projected overage was approximately \$62,000 and the actual overage was \$217,653. On the backside of the statement is a similar statement for the Water Works, which has also been updated for the 2014 actual numbers. The actual numbers are right on target versus projections. The projected shortfall was \$659,000 and the actual shortfall was \$668,000.

Rowe Funds: The Rowe Arboretum fund market value as of December 31, 2014 was \$3,168,849. The fund had an unrecognized gain of \$869,738. The Rowe Arboretum fund is almost breaking even on an operations basis. The Village is not subsidizing the Rowe Arboretum because the gain on investments of \$219,000 is way more than is needed to keep the fund balance at an appropriate balance.

Green Areas: The Green Areas and Recreational fund market value as of December 31, 2014 was \$2,193,523. The fund had an unrecognized gain of \$922,646.

Council member Kuenning reported that the total receipts for 2014 are approximately equal to the total disbursements for the year. He said that the Miscellaneous Contractual Disbursement of \$24,000 was primarily for the removal of a barn and for the removal of some trees on Green Areas.

Council member Kuenning directed Council’s attention to a statement enclosed in the Council packet titled, “*Summary of Capital Improvement Reserve Fund Receipts & Disbursements*”. He explained that this statement shows receipts and disbursements for the fund since 1941. Disbursements for the period 1941 to 2014 totaled \$52,248,000. The statement shows a disbursement of \$1,070,000 in 2002 for the purchase of land for the Grand Valley property. The remainder of the purchase cost of \$7,500,000 was expended from estate tax receipts.

The financial statements for December 2014 had previously been distributed to each Council member. There being no exceptions noted, the financial statements were accepted as issued.

Council member Kuenning reported that Mrs. Weber informed the Finance committee that due to the Village having its audit performed by a private auditing firm for 10 years, state

statute requires that the State of Ohio will audit the Village this year. Mrs. Weber will inform the Finance committee when the State has provided a start date for the audit and she will then schedule the pre-audit meeting with the Audit committee.

Council member Kuenning reported that Ms. Minneci and Mrs. Weber will work to schedule an investment review with Bahl & Gaynor and Bartlett representatives at next month's meeting. Staff also will review the Rowe Arboretum and Green Areas investment policies for any necessary updates. Staff informed the Finance committee that there is a vacancy on the Rowe Arboretum board and the board is researching possible candidates for the Mayor's consideration. Bartlett manages the Village's investments except for the Rowe Fund investments which are managed by Bahl & Gaynor.

Council member Kuenning reported that staff provided the Finance committee with an update on a potential property purchase that was presented to the Village by a resident. The Finance committee was also provided with an appraisal of the property and background on the Village's acquisition of a 33' wide parcel adjacent to the property in question. Staff will work to get a survey of the 33' parcel. In addition, staff has spoken with another potential buyer of the property and indicated an easement for an additional driveway on the Village parcel will not be permitted. Communication will continue with the property owner to determine an appropriate price that accommodates both the Village and the owner.

Council member Kuenning reported that he gave the Finance committee a legislative update. In addition to the passage of HB5 in December, the following bills were discussed that have provisions that will have or could have an impact on Indian Hill's Ohio Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) tax base.

- a) HB 483 Mid-biennium budget bill (passed on 06/14). The bill includes a provision to increase the Small Business Investor Income Deduction by 50% for the 2014 tax year. Council amended the Village's tax Ordinance in December 2013 to disallow this deduction which saved the Village \$229,000 in income taxes in 2014 and will save an estimated \$340,000 in 2015.
- b) HB494 was passed December 2014 and included a provision to increase the number of days from 182 to 212 by which an individual can spend in Ohio before being presumed to be an Ohio resident for income tax purposes. This provision is not expected to have a significant impact on Village tax revenues.
- c) HB 639 bill which expired with no action taken. This bill proposed to eliminate the Ohio income tax over a ten-year period. It is expected that there will be renewed efforts in the 131st General Assembly this year to either 1) make further cuts in the Ohio income tax or 2) eliminate the Ohio income tax altogether. The Finance committee and Village staff will continue to follow upcoming legislation that could impact the Village's Ohio AGI tax base and will meet with legislators as necessary in an effort to protect our tax base. Income tax provides approximately 85% of the Village's funding.

Council member Kuenning reported that subsequent to the Finance committee meeting, Village staff provided the Finance committee with an update on the firehouse construction funding. Due to changes in circumstances, the receipt of the donation will be amended from the recently enacted Capital Funding Agreement with the City of Madeira and the Joint Fire District. Due to these changes, the Finance committee recommends approval of an emergency

additional appropriation Ordinance increasing the appropriations from the Firehouse Construction Fund from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-14 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was presented and read.

Because these appropriations must be made from 2015 funds for pending expenses, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage.

Upon motion by Council member Kuenning, seconded by Council member Feigelson, the rules were suspended by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon motion by Council member Kuenning, seconded by Council member Thayer, the Ordinance was passed by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Ordinance **01-15** enacted.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT: Council member Raines directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Law Committee*". She reported that the Law committee met on January 15, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Raines reported that Mr. Crain presented to the Law committee the December/January legal activity report which centered on arbitrations, contract interpretations, Fire District contracts and Mayor's Court activities.

Council member Raines reported that the Law committee reviewed the annual renewal of the Hamilton County General Health District contract. The only change to the current contract was a 3% cost increase. She said that the Law committee asked to have the term on the contract extended from one year to two years. Upon verification of the increase in terms, the Law committee recommends a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the contract.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DURING 2015-2016 was presented and read.

Upon motion by Council member Raines, seconded by Council member Kuenning, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **03-15** adopted.

Council member Raines reported that Village staff provided the Law committee with an update on a potential property purchase that was presented to the Village by a resident. The Law committee was provided with an appraisal of the property and background on the Village's acquisition of a 33' wide parcel adjacent to the property in question. Due to the concept also being discussed at Grounds Committee, the Law committee asked to have this concept presented to the Finance committee to allow all of Council's consideration and deliberation.

Council member Raines reported that Mayor Rabenold, Mrs. Barber and Mr. Kuenning met with a potential Planning Commission candidate. A vacancy currently exists on the Commission due to Mrs. Allison Kropp stepping down from the position. The Law committee recommends a Resolution appointing Mrs. Rita Stolper to the Planning Commission vacancy beginning February 1, 2015.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MRS. RITA STOLPER A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL PLANNING COMMISSION was presented and read.

Upon motion by Council member Raines, seconded by Council member Thayer, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **04-15** adopted.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mayor Rabenold directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Buildings and Grounds Committee*". He reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee met on January 13, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Mayor Rabenold reported that Messrs. Adkins and Kipp provided the Buildings and Grounds committee with the departmental activity and project management reports, copies of which are enclosed in the Council packet. He reported that Mr. Adkins highlighted the planting of the Village Christmas tree at the Phinney House and repairs to outdoor lighting at the Administration Building and the Little Red Schoolhouse. Mr. Kipp also provided the annual attendance comparison for Grand Valley. In 2014 the total attendance based on card swipes was 18,343 compared to 19,085 in 2013. The slight decline is attributable to the harsh weather conditions in January and February of 2014.

Mayor Rabenold reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee reviewed a draft Resolution accepting the 2014 Green Area donations which equated to 5.9897 acres. This compares to the 2.6343 acres that were donated in 2013. He said that the Buildings and Grounds committee recommends passage of the Resolution accepting the Green Area gifts.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT 2014 GREEN AREA GIFTS was presented and read.

Upon motion by Mayor Rabenold, seconded by Council member Cowan, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **05-15** adopted.

Mayor Rabenold expressed for the record Council's sincere appreciation to William and Monica Woeste, Jerrold and Jancie Levin and Natesh and Sundarimani Magge for their generous donations of land to the Village. He expressed that year-in and year out Village residents are extremely generous, such as with donations for the Firehouse, the Veterans Memorial, the Grand Valley pedestrian bridge and property donations.

Mayor Rabenold reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee reviewed an update on work being performed at the corner of Drake and South Clippinger. Due to the honeysuckle

clearing that took place in 2013 and the proximity to the elementary/primary schools, staff thought it would be an appropriate area to create an educational nature trail that highlighted specific trees and grasses. In addition, this area would be used to plant additional native trees while the trail would be used as a teaching tool for the primary and elementary school children. The purpose of the trail is to honor a long time resident's work in promoting the Village's mission of natural preservation and their passion for educating others about it. After discussion, the Buildings and Grounds committee recommended placing only a mulch trail, planting native trees and posting a sign which honors the resident. Staff also will communicate with the schools to determine their interests and needs for an educational program. He said that this project is underway.

Mayor Rabenold reported that Village staff provided the Buildings and Grounds committee with an update on a potential property purchase that was presented to the Village by a resident. He said that this has been previously reported in the Council meeting.

Mayor Rabenold reported that at the Green Areas Advisory committee meeting last week, a member made a recommendation to revitalize the establishment of a Village nursery to assist with growing native trees that can later be planted throughout the Village. He said that staff indicated that due to decreased manpower and resources, the maintenance of the previous Village nursery became difficult. However, staff works closely with local nurseries to purchase affordable trees at appropriate time of growth which are then planted in various locations in the Village to assist with reestablishing the trees that have been taken due to the emerald ash borer.

Mayor Rabenold said that one of the concerns raised at the Green Areas committee meeting is that the longhorn beetle is on the march coming this way. This beetle destroys 13 or 14 variety of trees. In Clermont County, where they spot them, they clear-cut trees for approximately half a mile to a mile around the area.

Mayor Rabenold said that other ideas considered were centered on possibly looking to Rowe Arboretum as an area for future planning.

Mayor Rabenold reported that staff indicated that residents continue to express their concerns about dog owner irresponsibility within the parks. Although the Village placed signs in Rheinstrom Park and articles in the Indian Hill Bulletin, park visitors continue to not clean up after their pets, and it is affecting the ambiance and possibly health of several Village parks. Staff will evaluate various legislative and policy options to present to the Buildings and Grounds committee for consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: Council member Barber directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Public Works Committee*". She reported that the Public Works committee met on January 13, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Barber reported that Messrs. Adkins and Kipp provided the Public Works committee with the departmental activity and project management reports, copies of which are included in the Council packet. She said that Mr. Adkins gave an update on the snow events since the winter season began. She said that staff is doing a wonderful job on snow removal and being creative with different products to clear the snow.

Council member Barber reported that the annual Christmas tree collection continues with approximately 100 trees being delivered to Grand Valley to be placed in the lakes.

Council member Barber reported that Mr. Kipp provided the Public Works committee with an overview of the inspection of the Heimann Dam located on Kugler Mill Road. This is an inspection by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that occurs every five years and is paid for by the Heimann's. The northern portion of the dam is a green area parcel.

Council member Barber reported that Mr. Kipp also provided an overview of the January 8th OKI meeting.

Council member Barber reported that the Public Works committee reviewed a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare plans, specifications and the bidding process for 2015 projects, equipment and supplies that exceed \$50,000. Items include the road resurfacing program, Grand Valley maintenance building, Public Works equipment and vehicles, and water treatment plant improvements. She said that the Public Works committee recommends passage of the Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EMPLOY AN ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREET REHABILITATION, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND OTHER SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID WORK AND PURCHASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES was presented and read.

Upon motion by Council member Barber, seconded by Council member Feigelson, the Resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Rabenold declared Resolution number **06-15** adopted.

WATER WORKS REPORT: Council member Cowan directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Water Works and Deregulation Committee*". She reported that the Water Works committee met on January 13, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Cowan reported that Messrs. Adkins and Kipp provided the Water Works committee with the departmental activity and project management reports, copies of which are included in the Council packet.

Council member Cowan reported that the Water Works committee also reviewed the Resolution which was just passed.

Council member Cowan reported that Mr. Adkins provided an overview of the 2015 water treatment plant projects. Projects include the replacement of the electric transformer which was designed to run three pumps; however, many times the Village runs five pumps. Projects also include an upgrade to the HVAC system to assist with cooling five pumps and repair work to the plant's 1949 concrete slab.

Council member Cowan reported that Ms. Minneci provided the Water Works committee with an update on the Village's gas aggregation program. At the beginning of January, residents received a letter from Integrys identifying a Village gas aggregation rate of \$0.497/CCF. This rate will be in effect through August 2015. The rate is considered a flex down rate. This means that if the rate drops below \$0.497, the resident will capitalize on the lower rate. However, the rate will never exceed \$0.497 through August 2015. For comparison purposes, Duke Energy's current gas rate for January is \$0.6095.

Council member Cowan reported that staff indicated that it will begin working on a water rate analysis and provide a defined evaluation process and initial update at next month's meeting.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Council member Feigelson directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Safety Committee*". He reported that the Safety committee met on January 15, 2015 to review several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Feigelson reported that Chief Ashbrock presented the Fire/EMS report for December, a copy of which is included in the Council packet. There were no fire runs during the month. EMS runs continue to be higher than last year with 1,082 total runs in 2014 compared to 922 in 2013.

Council member Feigelson reported that Colonel Schlie presented the Rangers' Activity Report for December, a copy of which is included in the Council packet. He explained that Chief Schlie also presented the year-end count from the deer hunting program. There were a total of 138 deer eradicated in 2014 in addition to 12 coyotes. This amount is significantly less than in previous years where the range is anywhere from 200-300.

Council member Feigelson reported that Ms. Minneci and Mr. Aaron provided an update on the alarm monitoring transition. He said that as of December 31st, 446 installs of the new system have been completed with 86 of the installs including upgrades. There are approximately 800 systems left to be switched over. It is anticipated it will take through the end of 2015 for this conversion to be completed. There are many different alarm systems throughout the Village and each home can have its own unique set-up which makes it difficult to standardize the process and can cause delays. He said that staff has met with Koorsen several times throughout the year to communicate resident concerns and address issues as they arise. Council member Feigelson said that Mr. Aaron has assisted many residents in understanding the estimates they receive from Koorsen and other alarm companies and providing them advice on what is and what is not required to stay connected to the Rangers.

As a follow-up to a communication that Mayor Rabenold and Council member Feigelson received, Mr. Alley provided the Safety committee background information on a one time baseball incident that occurred last year at Stephan Field. Discussion included research done on baseball fence height that showed there are no fence height standards and how current fence height in the Village matches or exceeds other fences in the area. Other discussion points included working with the schools to allow certain teams to use the turf fields and the possibility of increasing fence height at Camp Dennison rather than changing a fence at Stephan Field that was just replaced two years ago.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Council member Thayer directed Council's attention to a memo titled, "*Planning Commission*". He reported that the Planning Commission met on December 16, 2014 to consider several items in advance of the Council meeting.

Council member Thayer reported that Lawrence and Elizabeth Hoyt requested Concept Plan approval for Birdhaven Subdivision (formerly submitted as Treetops Subdivision) for the properties located at 8959 Hopewell Road, east of Weil Road and west of Humphrey Road. The proposal will subdivide 32.06 acres into six building lots served by a dedicated public road. The plan includes the donation of two parcels containing 10.83 acres of Green Areas. Council member Thayer said that the Commission conditionally approved the Concept Plan under section 6.1 of the Village Subdivision Ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Minneci reported that the Council meeting schedule would be published.

Ms. Minneci reported that a retirement reception will be held on January 30, 2015 for Connie Eberhart and the presentation will take place around 3:00 pm.

Ms. Minneci reported that the Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observation of President's Day.

Ms. Minneci reported that on Friday, February 27th there will be a retirement reception for Nadine Weber at Livingston Lodge at 11:30 am.

Ms. Minneci reported that on Monday, April 27th the biannual Community Forum will be held at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Rabenold declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith M. Rabenold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Paul C. Riordan, Clerk