

CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
TOWN HALL MEETING
September 15, 2011

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by City Attorney who introduced Mayor Robert J. Doerr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Doerr.

PRESENT: Chief Pruett, City Clerk, Deni Donovan, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Glenzy, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

ABSENT: Collector Tranel

MAYOR DOERR: Mayor Doerr welcomed everyone to the annual Town Hall Meeting and introduced the Elected and Appointed Officials, Department Heads, and the Chairman of the Boards and Commissions. He stated the purpose of the Town Hall Meeting was to meet the City Officials and to report on the state of the City.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Pruett was introduced by Mayor Doerr. He stated this was his 11th year with Bellefontaine Neighbors; he was very proud of that fact. The Police Department was the 1st to be State Certified. He thanked Sgt. Ihler for all his help as the Certification Manager. He reported the biggest problem with crime is property damage. He urged all residents to call the police whenever they see anything suspicious at that time; not later. The police need the help of all residents. The Chief presented the following Officers with a special recognition:

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| Corporal Peggy Vassallo | Chief's Certificate of Merit |
| Corporal Joe St. Clair | Chief's Certificate of Merit; Chief's Letter of Commendation (2) |
| Officer Dane Kaltenbach | Chief's Certificate of Merit; Chief's Letter of Commendation (2) |
| Officer Matt Shaw | Chief's Letter of Commendation |
| Detective Shawn Applegate | Chief's Letter of Commendation (2) |
| Lt. Tom Sheehan | Chief's Letter of Commendation |
| Sgt. Jeremy Ihler | Chief's Letter of Commendation |
| Officer John Laumeier | Chief's Letter of Commendation |
| Officer Dave McGary | Chief's Letter of Commendation (2) |
| Officer Don Douglas | Chief's Letter of Commendation (2) |
| Officer Scott Wills | Chief's Letter of Commendation |

STATE OF THE CITY REPORT: Mayor Doerr reported on the Financial Condition of the City. As of June 30, 2011, there was approximately \$2,157,000 in the General Fund; \$142,600 in the Sewer Fund; and \$132,500 in the Capital Improvement Fund. The City is audited annually and the report is due from the auditors in late October. The City is currently in good financial condition with approximately a \$4.4 million dollars budgeted for 2011-2012. He thanked the employees for their help in trimming the budget for this coming year.

He reported on the following:

- Tornado Update – residents are having some problems with their insurance companies and not enough contractors are available. The City spent approximately \$155,000 of which 85% should be paid for by FEMA and SEMA;
- The QuikTrip expansion is moving ahead;
- Davita Dialysis has made many additions to their facility on 367;

- The street repairs will be winding up shortly and will finish up next Spring. He wished there was more money to do all of the streets;
- He introduced Bob Russell and thanked him for his help in bringing the Mathews-Dickey Club to the City – “this is a golden opportunity”!

CHIEF BOMMARITO: He thanked the Mayor and Board for inviting him to the Town Hall Meeting. The construction of House #2 suffered a minor setback due to the Bricklayers strike, but it should be completed by the end of the year. He announced the Certification Program will be October 21-23; he urged residents to take part. He introduced Captain Don Mayse and the new fireman, Kendell Jones.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Mayor Doerr presented the 2011 Home Beautification Awards to the 2011 winners and thanked them for taking pride in their home:

Ward 1: John & Sue Deible (not present)
Al & Darlene Roth

Ward 2: Pete & Lynne Bailey (not present)
Ron & Joan Borgmann

Ward 3: Mrs. Marion Bono (not present)
Stan & Laverne Timme

Ward 4: R. Merritt (not present)
Ms. Griselda Cay Arnold

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: At this time, Mayor Doerr thanked Pastor Nathan Wolf and his Congregation at Bellefontaine United Methodist Church for all their help with the City’s residents on September 10th; he was not in attendance. They helped homeowners with chores and yard work.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

ROBERT PATRICK EDWARD DOERR, 9234 BELLEFONTAINE RD: Very unhappy with the Post Office.

1221 JENNINGS STATION ROAD: Very unhappy with the parking and accident issues on Jennings Station Road. The Mayor stated this may be something the Public Safety Board should review. Alderman Paro stated Councilman O’Mara was looking into the problem.

WALTER GILES, 1476 BLACKHURST: The entrance to Sherwood Hills is caving in. He has contacted the City and MoDOT numerous times. He would, also, like to see the end of the subdivision restricted so the kids will not be able to cut through. The Mayor stated he will look at the issue with Supervisor Welz.

MARY MASTERSON, 1512 AKRON: Very upset with the MSD issue that has been delayed for months; the hole in the middle of the street is getting bigger. The Mayor said he would look into a better way to cover the hole.

PEG WARNUSZ, 10030 CRETE: Thanked the City for all the help during the tornado clean-up. Thanked the Police Department for their help when they were on vacation. Very concerned about the back of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center: loud noise, music, peeing on the walls, and trash being dumped off in the alley and easement. She was told Image & Beautification has discussed these concerns also. The Mayor stated he would call Mr. Ellison.

CHARLES VOGELSANG, 10143 COBURG LANDS: Wanted to know who is in charge of the City sidewalks; the water company worked on this area about (3) years ago and the sidewalks were never repaired right. He was told the Wilderness Park updates would be done, hopefully, at the end of the month; his dog will be happy.

MARIA MONTGOMERY, 9749 CALUMET: Wanted to know who was responsible for the field behind her house; trees are coming over her fence and she doesn't have the means to trim them. The Mayor will meet with Mr. Stocker to discuss the problem. At Calumet and Scenic, there is so much overgrowth that the stop sign cannot be seen. The Mayor will have the brush cut back.

BILL ZICKEL, 1111 BELGROVE (W.D. Quinn Saw Company): Unhappy with the QuikTrip expansion; trucks will constantly be driving by his business.

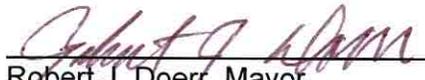
MARTHA DOUGLAS, 1506 CORINTH: Asked if the City had an association with Gamma Tree Service to help her with tornado damaged trees in her yard; the Mayor said it did not. She, also, complained about the street. Alderman Jordan stated the Street Department was patching today.

The Mayor reported the following events:

- AmerenUE light bulb give away – all residents will be given (5) energy-saving bulbs;
- The outdoor movie will be on Saturday, September 24th;
- The Mayor's Golf Tournament will be Saturday, October 1st – if interested, contact Mark Dickerson;
- The Wine & Cheese Social will be Saturday, October 8th; and
- Beautification Day will be Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m. – all are welcomed!

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Doerr thanked everyone for coming

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.


Robert J. Doerr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deni Donovan, City Clerk