

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
TOWN HALL MEETING
September 20, 2012**

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 Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, Mary Jones (sitting in for Deni), Alderman Paro, Alderman Migliazzo, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderman Smith, and Alderman Hollis.

ABSENT: City Clerk Deni Donovan

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.

STATE OF THE CITY REPORT: Mayor Doerr reported on the Financial Condition of the City. As of June 30, 2012, there was approximately \$1,983,946 in the General Fund; \$97,892 in the Sewer Fund; and \$124,525 in the Capital Improvement Fund. The City is audited annually and the report is due from the auditors in October. The City is currently in good financial condition with approximately a \$4,581,000 million dollars budgeted for 2012-2013. He thanked the employees for their help in trimming the budget for this coming year.

CURRENT EVENTS: Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Freedom Flight – Clarence Cherry has already been to Washington and Robert Patrick Doerr will be going to Washington on October 23. Both received a standing ovation for their service to our country.
- Mayor's Golf Tournament will be Saturday, October 6th – contact Mark Dickerson if interested.
- Beautification Day will be September 29th at 9 a.m. – lunch will be provided.
- The Wine and Cheese Social will be on October 13th at the gazebo behind the Rec. Center.
- Halloween Dinner will be Sunday, October 23rd. Doors open at 4:30 and dinner will be served at 5:30. Call the Rec. Center for reservation.

CHIEF PRUETT'S REPORT: Chief Pruett was introduced by Mayor Doerr. He reported that our officers do a great job of protecting our City. He said it was important to honor some of the officers in the department for their outstanding work.

Chief Pruett introduced Officer Dane Kaltenbach. Chief Pruett stated that from February 2011 to February 2012; he has had 30 DWI arrests. The Police Department had 71 in total. Officer Kaltenbach was responsible for 40% of the arrests. Chief introduced Officer Matt Shaw who had 39 drug violations in the same period of time. The Police Department had 95 in total; as a result he was responsible for 40% of the arrests. Chief introduced Sergeant Peggy Vassallo. He spoke about her involvement with the D.A.R.E. program, Neighborhood watch, National Night Out, and all the other programs and community involvement she is involved. Chief Pruett asked Officers John Laumeier, Dave McGary, and Bryan Spieler to come up. Chief explained that on August 9th, 2012, there was a call for a flourishing of a weapon. P.O. Laumeier and McGary were dispatched to the call. The two officers gathered information and broadcast the suspect information over the radio. While PO McGary was responding to the scene, he observed a vehicle fitting the description of the suspect vehicle and stopped them. PO Spieler responded to assist. Upon a search of the vehicle, a

loaded .38 caliber pistol was located under the rear passenger seat. PO Laumeier transported the victim to the scene where a positive ID was made. After an investigation and hours of evidence seizure and paperwork, the case was presented to St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney. Arrest warrants were issued for two of the suspects. Two warrants were taken under advisement pending lab results. For outstanding teamwork and coordination and their high degree of professionalism they received an award from the Chief. The following awards that were presented to the following:

The Chief presented the following Officers with a special recognition:

Corporal Peggy Vassallo	Chief's Certificate of Merit
Officer Dane Kaltenbach	Chief's Certificate of Merit
Officer Matt Shaw	Chief's Certificate of Merit
Officer John Laumeier	Chief's Letter of Commendation
Officer Dave McGary	Chief's Letter of Commendation
Officer Bryan Spieler	Chief's Letter of Commendation

Chief Pruett thanked the Community for their support of Police Officers and thanked everyone again for coming. Mayor Doerr stated that he too was very proud of all the Officers in the Police Department and congratulated everyone.

FIRE CHIEF JOE BOMMARITO: No report given; unable to attend

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: St. Louis County Executive Carlie Dooley was unable to attend so, Julie Light and Laura Mathers presented Anthony Smith and Mayor Doerr with a special "Way to Go Green" Award, for their support in keeping the community green.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: At this time, in St. Louis County Charlie Dooley's absence, Julie Light and Laura Mathers presented the Image & Beautification Board with the "Way to Go Green" Award. Members present were:

Jeannette Bost
Bob Bost
Jennie Stewart – not present
Lynn Gordon
Margie Cook
Shelley Davis
Clarence Cherry
Rodney Weeden

The Mayor thanked the Image and Beautification Board for all of their hard work. He also thanked Julie and Laura for coming out to present the awards.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Mayor Doerr, along with the Image & Beautification members presented the 2012 Home Beautification Awards to the winners and thanked them for taking pride in their home:

Ward 1: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dozier
Lee Etta Crosby

Ward 2: Jerry Eberle (not present) - Award was accepted by son Jeff Eberle.
Henry & Betty Kondracki

Ward 3: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Faulkner

Ms. Amy Hoffman

Ward 4: Michael & Judy Poellnitz
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Martin

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mayor Doerr presented State Senator Tim Green with a plaque, to be hung at the gazebo located at the Rec Center, for all his years of service. The plaque will dedicate the gazebo to Senator Tim Green. Mayor Doerr thanked Sen. Green for all of his help throughout the years. Senator Tim Green stated how touching it is to receive the plaque. He spoke about the Aldermen when he first ran for office. He also wanted to leave office knowing that the developmentally disabled will always have a home, and that is one of his projects before he leaves office. He thanked the Mayor again and stated "He loved everyone and appreciated it very much".

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Alderman Shirley Paro was presented with a plaque from Anthony Smith and Mayor Doerr. Alderman Smith asked all the members of the American Legion to come forward. At this time they presented Shirley with her plaque for her tireless work and dedication on the annual Memorial Day Celebration held in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

NAME/ADDRESS: State what their question/topic was:

KATHY MASON, 1011 DONNELL: She thanked the Chief and the Police Department for watching her home while she was out of town.

MELVIN WILLIAMS, 3312 MARTINGALE: Had concerns about overgrowth of trees and weeds on the fence line in the rear of his yard and the Knights of Columbus on Chambers. Mayor Doerr said he would look into this. He asked Mike Welz to check on this.

JUDY POELLNITZ, 1131 DUNFORD: She is one of the I & B winners and wanted to know why she could not have a sign in her yard for being a winner. Alderman Smith explained to her that they do that during the winter because their yards do not stay green, and a sign is put in the yard for two weeks, but they do not do it in the summer. He explained the pictures will be displayed at City Hall for everyone to see, for one year.

VICKY COBB, 1134 ASHBROOK: Waste Management is charging too much for trash pick-up for once a week. The Mayor told her bids are put out and Waste Management came in at the lowest. She asked why her street was never paved. The Mayor explained no more funds were available. The money to do the streets was obtained through a bond issue. With the limited funds leftover, they had to do three "short" streets. The Mayor stated he was not in office when the money came in and the streets were already agreed upon.

BETTY KONDRACKI, 1136 HOYT: At the end of her street there is a big dip in the street. The Mayor asked Mike Welz to take a look at it on Friday morning.

PEG WARNUSZ, 10030 CRETE: She has a complaint about the rear of Bissell Shopping Center; it is a mess. There is trash all over the place and someone is feeding cats. Sgt. Vassallo is trying to help any way she can by trying to get people to stop feeding them. Ms. Warnusz talked about possible drug deals happening on the parking lot. She stated there is shoplifting happening. People are stealing from the stores and trying to sell the merchandise. She said she has been complaining for five years about this problem and asked the Mayor if there is anything that she can do. Ms. Warnusz invited the Aldermen and the Mayor to drive down and look at the property. Mayor Doerr stated he has talked with Mr. Ellison several times about the lighting behind the

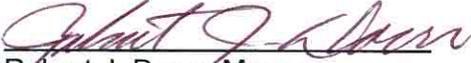
stores. Ted Stocker came forward and told Ms. Warnusz this is a constant struggle with Mr. Ellison. Ted asked her to keep reporting problems. The Mayor told Ms. Warnusz he will schedule a meeting with Mr. Ellison and the neighbors to talk about all of the problems.

PAM ANDERSON, 1115 AVANT: Ms. Anderson reported on five addresses in which the police responded and fixed the problems; she thanked them. Chief Pruett came forward and responded by asking her to keep calling and it does not matter how many times it takes, just keep calling. She also wanted to let the Street Department know that at Comet and 367 there is a problem with the street sinking. The Mayor asked Mike Welz to look into this on Friday morning.

LESLIE CROSBY, 1227 BAKWELL: Ms. Crosby stated she called the dispatch number on the Fourth of July about gun shots and fireworks, and was told unless they had an address they could not help her. Chief Pruett came forward and told her to keep calling. Dispatch should send a car no matter what. If she is not satisfied with the dispatch operator to call back and ask to speak with the supervisor on call.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mayor Doerr thanked everyone for coming

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.


Robert J. Doerr, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jones, sitting in for the City Clerk