

VILLAGE OF SEVILLE

May 18, 2009 COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Larry Landis. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Present:

Sue Frey	Bonnie Gordon	James Lovejoy
Courtney Harlan	Richard Barbera	Ralph Smith
James Carrick-Fiscal Officer	Larry Landis- Mayor	

Absent: None

Privilege of the floor

Mark Majewski from Northstar Planning and Design gave a presentation on why the annexation should be rejected by Seville. A copy of that presentation is attached to these minutes. Village resident J. Sulzener spoke against the annexation due to flooding issues and presented several maps and photographs to illustrate his point. The maps and photographs are attached to these minutes. Village resident K. Rhoads asked if the Comprehensive Plan is outdated and should a committee be formed to revisit the plan. Mayor Landis said that while the land proposed for annexation is outside of the Comprehensive Plan, it represents an opportunity because of the price which is much lower than other land currently available. C. Marshall asked if anyone from council or the mayor had been invited to Westfield or Guilford trustee meeting to discuss this annexation. Mayor Landis said that no such invitation had been extended by either community. Mr. Barbera said that no specifics for a JEDD or a CEDA had been given by Westfield. Mr. Majewski said that all specifics had to be negotiated. Mr. Barbera countered by saying that at least some parameters could have been given. Mayor Landis stated that Westfield had nothing to offer Seville on this matter. Village resident K. Rhoads said that the development was all speculation. Mayor Landis agreed but said it cost Seville nothing to wait until development takes place. Village resident B. Carter said that this was an opportunity that was unforeseen in the Comprehensive Plan but since there is no cost to Seville the annexation should be approved. C. Harlan noted that while there was speculation on developing the proposed land, the developer had a track record of successful results and that the Seville Council must consider the future of at least 8 to 10 years when considering this issue. Village resident S. Ogerchak stated she was against the annexation because it could cause more flooding in the area. It was pointed out that any engineering issues would have to be dealt with through a site plan approval by the zoning committee before any work would be allowed to start.

Mr. Lovejoy referred to a May 5th letter from the trustees of Guilford rescinding their approval of the annexation. Mr. Lovejoy questioned why he had not received a copy of the letter until the day of this meeting and not before. It was not known why there was a delay in Mr. Lovejoy's receipt of the letter. Village resident P. Rickert said that since both Westfield and Guilford were against the annexation that Seville should reject the plan as well. She further stated that Seville already had land for this purpose and there was no need to add more. Mr. Carter noted that there have been previous exceptions

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made to the Comprehensive Plan when the exception would benefit the village and he felt that this annexation belonged in the same category.

Ordinance 2009-29 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE,
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE PETITION
FOR AN EXPEDITED TYPE 2 ANNEXATION OF
APPROXIMATELY 77.2527 ACRES FROM WESTFIELD
TOWNSHIP AND 26.1014 ACRES FROM GUILFORD
TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF SEVILLE, WITHOUT
DETACHING THE LAND FROM THE TOWNSHIPS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2nd Reading)

No action was taken

S. Frey moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. The motion was seconded by R. Barbera. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

LARRY LANDIS-MAYOR

JAMES CARRICK-FISCAL OFFICER