

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANSONIA, OHIO

REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Gariety, Brown, Middleton, Lee, Adkins, and Kanney present. Mayor Koverman presiding.

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Gariety, 2nd by Adkins to approve minutes dated 09/02/2014. All yeas.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Lee, 2nd by Middleton to approve Agenda.

**GUESTS:**

Rodney Christman, Chris Clark, Travis Flieman, Bill Clark, Allen Christman, Jody Christman, Richard Christman, Denise Lee, Troy Kammer, Jim Detling, Cody Brown, Cory Meadows, Ed and Shelba Kelly.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

None

**POLICE:**

None

**FIRE:**

Fire at trailer court on Saturday. Under investigation by State Fire Marshal.

**PWD:**

None

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. Working with Hawkins to get pricing of chemicals broke down so we can determine how much to charge Rossburg.
2. Public Meeting on 10/21/2014 @ 7 pm for Safe Route to School Project
3. Letters sent out concerning properties needing cleaned up.

Councilman Adkins: property behind Methodist Church needs cleaned up

Councilman Lee: property on Cross Street that has lawnmowers needs cleaned up

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**MAYORS REPORTS:**

None

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

Appeal by Rodney Christman on termination from Ansonia Fire Department:

Travis Flieman representing Fire Chief and Mayor; Jim Detling representing Village Council and acting as arbitrator; Chris Clark representing Rodney Christman.

Mr. Flieman gave Procedural History as to what has happened up to this point:

Incident occurred in April; Suspension of Rodney Christman and Joe Osterholdt in May; Investigation done in May; written statements were received by 5 individuals as to what transpired in April; Investigative Committee and Fire Chief made recommendation to Mayor to terminate Rodney Christman and Joe Osterholdt. Both individuals were informed of this July 2. On July 15th Council was presented with recommendation from Mayor and Council approved recommendation.

Chris Clark, Attorney for Rodney Christman gave brief introduction; stated Rodney Christman would like to present his side of the story to Council.

Rodney Christman then presented his side to Council:

The events happened during a training session. Rodney stated son complained that he was yelled at for taking helmet off while they were taking hydro flags down, he took the helmet off because visor kept hitting him in face; he was then told to put it back on; son then got wrote up for using Rodney's gloves, when Rodney questioned this he was told by Joe that son wasn't allowed; Rodney and Joe then got into a verbal dispute about rules and regs. Rodney admitted that he said and did things that he would now do differently but he was standing up for his son. His son had permission to use his gloves verbally by Dan Brown.

Chris Clark then made statement for Rodney and wanted to point out that Rodney has been a part of Ansonia Fire Department for 27 years. Would like for council to give him the benefit of doubt and give him a second chance. As Rodney stated, he wishes he had handled things differently.

Travis Fliehm then gave brief statement of the Village's side of the story. Copy of Policy/Procedure Manual, Written Statements, and letter of recommendation by Fire Chief given to Council and Mayor. Mr. Clark and Committee did their duty. This decision made by Council (unless something has been presented that would change the information previously given) should not be changed.

Jim Detling: Asked if Rodney or the Village had any further witnesses or comments. Both stated no.

Termination hearing requested by Rodney Christman ended.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:00 motion by Middleton, 2nd by Brown to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. All yea. Returned to regular session at 8:13.

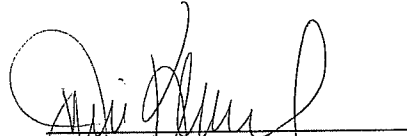
**FINAL COMMENTS:**

Decision will be made at next meeting concerning appeal by Mr. Christman and Mr. Osterholdt

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:15 motion by Kanney, 2nd by Middleton to adjourn meeting. All yea.

  
JERRY KOVERMAN, MAYOR

  
JULIE KIMMEL, FINANCE DIRECTOR