

President Kevin Hardman called the regular Sharonville Council meeting of December 14, 2010 to order at 7:00 p.m. Ed Cunningham led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Janey Kattelman followed the prayer.

ROLL CALL

In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Kerry Rabe, Paul Schmidt, Greg Pugh, Rob Tankersley, Vicki Hoppe, Ed Cunningham and Janey Kattelman.

MINUTES

- ◆ The Minutes from the regular meeting of November 30, the special budget meeting of December 2 and the special budget meeting of December 7 were approved as written and distributed.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT

- ◆ Mayor Lovitt expressed appreciation to the Elected Officials and Administration for their work on the budget.
- ◆ Mayor's Court revenue collected for the month of August included \$29,466.17 in fines, \$275.00 in bond forfeitures and \$10,952.00 in State costs for a total of \$40,693.71.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – TED MACK

- ◆ A listing of the changes to the proposed budget following the December 7 special budget meeting was provided and is attached to the minutes.

DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON

- ◆ The Administration requested that Ordinance 2010-62 regarding the Fee Schedule for the Fire Department be tabled.
- ◆ Richard Osgood addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2010-61 regarding the Building/Planning & Economic Development Fee Schedule. Richard Osgood considers these reasonable fees for the service provided to builders, owners and property owners that is mandated by Ohio law under the Ohio Building Codes. There was discussion regarding amending the ordinance to identify that the City Council would address this fee schedule at least every five years. Tom Keating identified this could be included in the ordinance but should not be included in the codified ordinances.
- ◆ The Medical Reimbursement Fund stipend vs. third-party administration option has been researched by Christine Thompson and Amy Moore from both a legal and financial perspective. The recommendation is to hire Chard Snyder as the third-party administrator. There is an \$8,770 annual fee which is 4% of the total fund balance of \$246,000 and equates to approximately \$57 per person. This firm did provide the best cost as well as customer service for the funds and currently administer plans for many of the local governments in the area.

DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – ROBERT FISHER

- ◆ There are a couple of items that still need to be completed on the Partnership Way project. This is due to approval of plans from Cincinnati Water Works for the water loop extension for the water main under Partnership Way to the existing water main on Enterprise. The

approval has been received and the contractor will be completing the remaining items after the first of the year.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN

- ◆ Appreciation was expressed to the Administration and Finance Director Amy Moore for the quick turn around on the budget preparation in time for this evening's agenda.
- ◆ The December 28 Council meeting will not be held if the Budget is approved this evening.

CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK

- ◆ A letter was received from Duke Energy with information that Duke Energy will be filing an application for an increase in rates with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in 2010 for an Accelerated Main Replacement Program Rider for Duke Energy Ohio's gas distribution service to be effective in May 2011. This increase will result in an additional charge of \$1.13 per month for residential customers.

AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER

The Auditor's report for the month of November was submitted to Council.

- ◆ The City will finish the year spending below what was budgeted.
- ◆ There are a couple of re-appropriations this evening. Four individuals did opt for the separation incentive that was offered and \$125,000 was transferred into a fund to cover those termination benefits. The other major transfer was into the Medical Reimbursement Fund to cover expenses submitted now due to the upcoming changes to the program.

TREASURER – AL LEDBETTER

The Treasurer's report for the month of November was submitted to Council.

- ◆ Interest for the month of November was 0.14%.
- ◆ The earnings tax is up 1.65% over 2009. The motel tax is down 5.4% from 2009.

LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING

- ◆ Resolution 2010-R-22 was added to the agenda today after the settlement was negotiated last night with the bond company for Butler County Electric's default at the Convention Center. This bond company is paying 100% of what the City is asking them to pay. This will leave approximately \$55,000 in the bond for other items that may come up. Butler County Electric's bid was \$231,500 and that is the most the bond company will cover.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL

Mike Lavengood, 10661 Plainfield Road, addressed Council representing the Sharonville Tea Party. He presented and read a letter expressing opposition to any and all funding for the Fine Arts Council. The letter is attached to the minutes.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE

- The Economic Development Committee will have a meeting on January 11 in the Council Caucus room. The meeting was scheduled for 6:15 (This meeting was later re-scheduled to 5:45 p.m.)
- The Building and Planning Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

HEALTH – PAUL SCHMIDT

- The Health Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH

- The Public Works Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

FIRE & POLICE – ROB TANKERSLEY

- The Fire Department report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE

- Over 200 individuals participated in Breakfast with Santa last Saturday. As usual, it is a fabulous program and is well received.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – ED CUNNINGHAM

- The Sharonville Chamber of Commerce Business Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 27 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn.

FINANCE & LAW – JANEY KATTELMAN

- ◆ The next Law Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4 at 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ The Tax Department report is attached to the minutes.

RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow Late Delivery on Ordinances 2010-57, 2010-58-E, 2010-59-E, 2010-60-E, 2010-61, 2010-62 and Resolution 2010-R-22 by Mr. Rabe was seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow three readings on Ordinances 2010-57, 2010-58-E, 2010-59-E and 2010-60-E by Mr. Cunningham was seconded by Mr. Pugh. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2010-35 – Approving 6th Edition Of The City Of Sharonville Employee Policy Manual. The motion to table this ordinance until the January 11, 2011 meeting by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mr. Pugh. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2010-57 – Amending 2010 Appropriations For General Fund And Multiple Other Funds And Approving Transfer Of Funds. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Cunningham was seconded by Mrs. Hoppe. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2010-58-E – An Ordinance Relating To Administrative, Fire, Public Works, Recreation, And Police Departments: Regulations Relating Thereto and Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Rabe was seconded by Mr. Tankersley. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2010-59-E – An Ordinance To Make Permanent Appropriations For The Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Sharonville, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011 and Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Cunningham was seconded by Mr. Tankersley.

Discussion: Tom Keating clarified that grants for entities like the Fine Arts Council in which Janey Kattelman is involved and SharonFest in which Ed Cunningham is involved may be included in this general master budget vote. When getting to the fine points of defining what the grant is, whether there will be an actual contract and whether someone would have to abstain on the contract vote will be another matter. The details of the contracts should be specified to make sure there are no conflicts of interest or ethics issues.

Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2010-60-E – Transfer Of Funds For The Year 2011 And Declaring An Emergency. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Pugh was seconded by Mrs. Hoppe. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2010-61 – Enacting Codified Ordinance 1161.10 – Building, Planning, Economic Development Fee Schedule. The Clerk of Council gave the first reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2010-62 – Enacting Codified Ordinance 1161.11 “Fee Schedule For Sharonville Fire Department”. The motion to table this ordinance until the January 11, 2011 meeting by Mrs. Hoppe was seconded by Mr. Tankersley. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2010-R-22 – Authorizing Settlement Agreement To Partially Resolve Bond Claim For Surety Company, Erie Insurance Company, On Behalf Of Butler County Electric. The Clerk of Council read this resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded by Mrs. Hoppe. Roll Call Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL - None

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Cunningham was seconded by Mr. Tankersley. President of Council Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST

Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council Date

Kevin Hardman, President of Council Date

December 8, 2010: Budget Changes

All Changes affect pages 1 and 2 of the draft.

<i>Line Item Description</i>		<i>Pg.</i>
TOTAL 12/31/11 GENERAL FUND PROJECTED BAL, at 11/23/10	\$ 2,398,122	
Revenues - Expenditures, at 11/23/10	(601,877.75)	
Net 12/2/10 Changes	69,763.00	
Net 12/7/10 Changes	384,550.00	
Changes after 12/7/10 Hearing:		
Receipt Adjustments		
Charge for Truck Rental Program	12,000.00	7
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	Net Change to Receipts	12,000.00
Expenditure Adjustments		
Reduce Rumpke Contract for Mobile Home Parks	(37,362.00)	2
Reduce Nursery Hours	(21,200.00)	21
Reduce Transfer to Fire to cover 401 Truck Lease Pmt	(108,603.00)	32
Reduce Dental Optical Fund	(43,056.00)	all depts
Add Sharonfest Funding	10,000.00	31
Add Fine Arts Funding	30,000.00	31
Add CIC Contribution	10,000.00	31
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	Net Change to Expenditures	(160,221.00)
REV. 12/31/11 GENERAL FUND PROJECTED BAL	\$ 3,024,656	
Revised Revenues - Expenditures	24,656	

OTHER FUND CHANGES

TOTAL 12/31/11 FIRE FUND PROJECTED BAL, at 11/23/10	\$ 1,078,255	
Revenues - Expenditures, at 11/23/10	178,255	
Net 12/2/10 Changes	9,967.00	
Net 12/7/10 Changes	(64,300.00)	
Changes after 12/7/10 Hearing:		
Receipt Adjustments		
Reduce Transfer to Fire to cover 401 Truck Lease Pmt	(108,603.00)	9
Expenditure Adjustments		
Reduce Dental Optical Fund	(17,784.00)	17
REV. 12/31/11 FIRE FUND PROJECTED BAL	\$ 933,103	
Revised Revenues - Expenditures	33,103	

2011 BUDGET-DRAFT

ESTIMATED 2011 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

ALL FUNDS

Account	Description	Beginning Balance	2011 Receipts	2011 Expenditures	Net Change	Ending Balance
110	Police Department		460,498.00	5,776,170.00		
220	Health Department		136,508.00	371,515.00		
310	Recreation - Maintenance		15,000.00	956,827.00		
325	Recreation - Programs		99,500.00	1,423,529.00		
335	Recreation - Pools		250,000.00	259,940.00		
410	Building & Planning		364,800.00	563,696.00		
510	Waste Collection		27,000.00	504,615.00		*
620	Street Maintenance		90.00	-		*
710	Mayor		-	66,090.00		
720	Council		-	122,550.00		
730	Auditor & Treasurer		-	88,715.00		
740	Law Director		-	146,080.00		
750	Civil Service		-	31,450.00		
760	Safety-Service Director		-	1,173,088.00		
770	Tax Department		505,100.00	502,228.00		
780	Building & Lands		-	492,367.25		
790	Miscellaneous Government		100.00	485,708.00		
900	Miscellaneous Financings		13,083,118.00	1,952,489.50		
100	GENERAL FUND	3,000,000.00	14,941,714.00	14,917,057.75	24,656.25	3,024,656.25
	General Fund Reserve Bal Acct	400,000.00	-	-	-	400,000.00
620	Streets		100.00	942,701.00		
630	Snow Removal		-	85,500.00		
650	Traffic Signs		6,000.00	32,958.00		
900	Misc Financings		1,340,750.00	700.00		
	Capital			500,000.00		
201	SCM&R	740,000.00	1,346,850.00	1,561,859.00	(215,009.00)	524,991.00
620	Streets		-	26,438.00		
630	Snow Removal		-	27,000.00		
650	Traffic Signs		2,000.00	27,726.00		
900	Misc Financings		112,300.00	400.00		
	Capital			-		
202	State Highway	170,000.00	114,300.00	81,564.00	32,736.00	202,736.00
203	Permissive MVL	135,000.00	250,100.00	243,846.00	6,254.00	141,254.00
205	Risk Insurance	20,632.77	20,000.00	40,632.77	(20,632.77)	-
207	Health	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
208	Teen Fund	2,502.63	-	2,502.63	(2,502.63)	-
209	Dental-Optical	250,000.00	158,774.00	300,000.00	(141,226.00)	108,774.00
210	Law Enforcement Trust	14,000.00	1,700.00	15,000.00	(13,300.00)	700.00
211	Drug Law Enforcement Trus	80,000.00	21,000.00	101,000.00	(80,000.00)	-
212	DUI Checkpoint Grant	8,000.00	4,838.00	12,838.00	(8,000.00)	-
213	DUI Enforcement & Educatio	14,000.00	700.00	12,000.00	(11,300.00)	2,700.00
214	Mayor's Court Computer	30,000.00	8,300.00	16,783.00	(8,483.00)	21,517.00
215	Clerk of Courts Computer	68,000.00	19,000.00	34,547.00	(15,547.00)	52,453.00
216	Law Enforcement Block Gra	-	-	-	-	-
217	Confinement Reimbursemer	582.00	1,000.00	1,582.00	(582.00)	-
218	COPS Grant	5,751.63	-	-	-	5,751.63

2011 BUDGET-DRAFT

ESTIMATED 2011 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

ALL FUNDS

Account	Description	Beginning Balance	2011 Receipts	2011 Expenditures	Net Change	Ending Balance
219	DEA Federal Sharing	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	-
220	Termination Benefits	74,000.00	80,000.00	109,600.00	(29,600.00)	44,400.00 *
221	Other Grants	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	- *
230	Fire	900,000.00	6,774,364.00	6,741,261.50	33,102.50	933,102.50
302	Debt Retirement	425,100.00	7,150.00	432,218.76	(425,068.76)	31.24
303	2003 Issue Debt Retirement	-	1,280,785.00	1,280,785.00	-	-
304	Special Assessment Bond F	-	50,425.00	50,425.00	-	-
401	Capital Improvements	40,000.00	931,765.00	935,629.65	(3,864.65)	36,135.35
402	Capital - Issue II A	14,456.58	-	14,456.58	(14,456.58)	- *
403	Capital - Issue II B	-	594,000.00	594,000.00	-	- *
404	Capital Grant Fund	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	- *
406	Issue II - Mosteller/1275	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	- *
407	Chester Rd - TIF Project	2,700,000.00	5,120,000.00	5,820,691.00	(700,691.00)	1,999,309.00
501	Special Assessments	31,706.46	-	31,706.46	(31,706.46)	- *
504	Special Assessment Fund GSA Project	12,140.84	-	12,140.84	(12,140.84)	- *
505	Crystalview Widening	33,530.35	-	33,530.35	(33,530.35)	- *
506	Zind Lane Sewers	13,594.98	-	13,594.98	(13,594.98)	- *
507	Crowne Point Drive	134,146.85	-	134,146.85	(134,146.85)	- *
508	Storm Water	275,000.00	331,800.00	466,000.00	(134,200.00)	140,800.00
602	Senior Citizen Housing	250,000.00	243,350.00	300,182.04	(56,832.04)	193,167.96
605	Convention Center	1,150,000.00	1,755,000.00	2,354,552.00	(599,552.00)	550,448.00
606	Convention Center Debt	-	762,187.50	762,187.50	-	-
607	Convention Center Expansio	4,831,637.33	8,000.00	4,839,637.33	(4,831,637.33)	-
608	Conv Ctr 2010 Bond Fund	3,000,000.00	7,114,884.38	6,783,825.76	331,058.62	3,331,058.62
701	Senior Housing Deposits	28,555.33	1,000.00	15,000.00	(14,000.00)	14,555.33 *
703	Unclaimed Monies	22,232.61	-	22,232.61	(22,232.61)	- *
704	Medical Reimbursement	7,000.00	10,000.00	17,000.00	(7,000.00)	- *
706	Board Building Standards	3,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	(3,000.00)	- *
707	Tax Rebate 1.5	350,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	-	350,000.00 *
TOTAL BUDGET		19,250,570.36	42,934,986.88	50,107,016.36	(7,172,029.48)	12,078,540.88

* No detail page in the detail section of the budget for funds with limited activity or very restricted use.

NOTE: Fund advances (interfund loans) are not budgeted.

Sharonville Tea Party



To: Sharonville City Council
Date: Tuesday December 14, 2010

Dear Council members,

The undersigned residents of Sharonville wish to voice our opposition to any and all funding for the Fine Arts Council, for the purposes of meeting financial obligations for 2010 or for 2011.

It is important to understand that we do recognize the importance of the arts in the community. Additionally, many of us recognize and have enjoyed the work of the Fine Arts Council. It is a worthwhile organization, and the people associated with it are to be commended for their volunteer contributions. It would be our hope that the Fine Arts Council flourishes in the future and continues their gifts to the community.

The Sharonville Tea Party is a non-partisan group of citizens from Sharonville and surrounding communities that align themselves in this organization with three core principles: fiscal responsibility, limited government, and free markets. The proposed outlay of the citizen's money for the Fine Arts Council fails all three of our principles.

First, in a time of unprecedented economic uncertainty, the fiscally responsible among us will closely evaluate every expenditure and, if it is not a "must", will retreat from that outlay as one can never be sure that projected income will equal actual income. When we speak of "musts", we think of vital city services such as police, fire department, and the like. The Fine Arts Council is most certainly not a vital city service.

Secondly, the Tea Party strongly believes that over the years governments, from the local to the national, have an inertia toward expanding growth and oversight of the citizens. This government growth and oversight can only occur at the cost of individual freedom. The loss of freedom can be great or small, but the loss of freedom is the only currency that can buy bigger government. The purpose of government, again, is to provide basic vital services to ensure the safety and the freedoms of its citizens. To that end, it is the responsibility of its leaders to provide wise stewardship over the funds collected from the community under the banner of providing those vital services. When economic times are good, we can judge our leaders by the way they choose to address budget overages. One moral way of dealing with overages is to return the money to its rightful owners, through rebates or tax reductions in future years. Another way is to invest the money for a rainy day. Still another way is to spend the money on projects that fall outside the scope and

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authority of government. We would ask the council to set aside the issue of whether there are enough votes to pass a proposal, and consider whether each proposal is a proper function of government. Philanthropy and support for the arts is a laudable endeavor. We argue that government has no business engaging in philanthropy. Too often, government philanthropy results in rewarding favored recipients through pet projects of those in charge of the purse-strings.

Lastly, free markets are distorted by the influx of government money. The Fine Arts Council, as I understand, has an active fundraising program. We would argue that such activities would be more successful if the citizenry knew that the program took no public funds. Additionally, organizations need not use best business practices when they are propped up by taxpayer dollars. The philanthropic heart of the community will set its own market. The budget of the Fine Arts Council should be determined by the money the community willingly gives, not by the distribution of taxes. Only then can the actual value of the program be known.

The undersigned residents of Sharonville thank the City Council for its service and its consideration of the thoughts of its citizens on this matter. If we can provide any service to the members of this body, please contact me at any time. Thank you.

1. Mike Lavengood
2. Theresa McMillin
3. William Snead
4. Tad Kowal
5. David Kowal
6. Robert Duerler
7. Kevin Carnahan
8. Jane Carnahan
9. Lisa Schall
10. Ruth Wohleber
11. Jenny Madewell
12. John Sharpshair
13. Amy Sharpshair
14. Bill Knight
15. Barbara A. Scott
16. Julie Strotman

Department News for November 2010

- Princeton School District is moving forward with their new bus facility at 11786 Highway Drive. They are installing a fueling station with canopy, and improving the parking lot with new asphalt and landscape islands. Timing of bus routes has been worked out to minimize impact on Hauck Road.
- In November the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed zoning code changes and map amendments for downtown Sharonville based on the findings of the Downtown Strategic Master Plan. There were a lot of questions and concerns raised by residents and property owners. Planning Commission will review the proposals again in December.
- Tammy and Richard met with Chris Nachtraub and Robert Lucke to discuss their proposal for annexation of a future commercial development on the northeast corner of Route 42 and Fields Ertel. This was a preliminary discussion and it was suggested that they consider acquiring additional property, such as
- Tammy and Richard met with Mark Kluesener to review the history of the Northern Lights Master Plan in order to develop a strategy for moving forward with marketing efforts and discussions with potential developers. The goal is to develop an implementation strategy similar to the one we are working on for the Downtown Strategic Master Plan.
- In November we had further meetings with the Princeton School District to discuss work on the High School/Middle School site plan in addition to plans for private development of Princeton property at the northwest corner of Sharon and Chester Roads
- In November the Planning Commission granted a Conditional Use permit for Drive-Thru and site plan approval for tear-down and re-build of the Taco Bell restaurant on Hauck Road. The new layout will be a major improvement for traffic at that location.

Development Activity:

Total fees collected for the month of November are down 52% from those collected for the same period last year. Total deposits for the Month of November = \$11,081.76. Year-to-date deposits for 2010 are up 24% from that of 2009. Total deposits year-to-date (2010) = \$230,987.46. Total deposits year-to-date (2009) = \$174,865.71. A comparison of permit deposits is as follows

Permit Activity:

	2010	2009	Difference
Total # Permits Report Month	45	46	.02%
Total # Permits Year to Date	596	565	+5%
Valuation of Construction Report Month	\$635,551.00	\$2,079,431.00	-227%
Valuation of Construction Year to Date	\$43,549,694.00	\$15,005,714.00	+190%
Permit Fees Collected Report Month	\$8,486.51	\$22,999.22	-171%
Permit Fees Collected Year to Date	\$185,860.51	\$169,833.89	+9%

**SHARONVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER REPORT 2010**

The Sharonville Christmas Fund had many businesses, churches and families willing to adopt 48 families this year for the annual adopt-a-family program and 30 families receiving holiday baskets. This is an increase over last year and as always, the generosity of this community moves all of us in the Health Department. December 16th and 17th are set-up/drop-off days and December 20th is pick-up date for the families. If you have some time, stop by on one of those dates and see first hand the generosity of our community.

The annual fund drive has also been a huge success this year. Donations keep coming in, we will provide a total in next months report.

Ohio Department of Agriculture has been on site for the last couple of weeks performing our regular audit of our Retail food Establishment program (Grocery Stores, Gas Stations, Convenience Stores, etc). Everything has gone well, with no negative feedback from the auditor. We will update you when the final report is issued.

Todd and Dennis, along with Chief Macky and representative from Hamilton County Environmental Service did inspections at United Waste Water and Ford. The inspection at United Waste Water was prompted by several recent complaints of odor around this facility. We are continuing to work wit all parties involved to ensure that United is performing to standards and not creating a nuisance. Please contact Dennis or Todd for any questions or more information.

Last but not least the new Subway, at Microcenter Mall, is now open for business.

The Health Department Staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Council/Staff Report
Public Works Department
December 14, 2010

The bid opening for the Kemper Connector project was conducted on November 12, 2010. Four companies, John R. Jurgensen, Sunesis, Trend Construction, and Barrett Paving submitted bids. Barrett Paving was low bidder at \$649,997.43. Bids for three alternate items that may be performed were also included with the bid and if chosen would bring the total amount of the project to \$666,177.73.

The project will create two right turn lanes onto East Kemper, add a lane to westbound Kemper beginning just east of the Double Tree Inn and ending at the Connector, and signal upgrades to the intersection. The work most likely will begin in early spring with a completion date of May 27, 2011.

The Cottingham Drive and Lebanon Road intersection will be getting a camera installed to help with traffic coming out of westbound Cottingham. Traffic coming out of westbound Cottingham has to wait several minutes to make a left turn onto Lebanon Road. The loop in the private road that triggers the signal for a light change often breaks because of the poor condition of the pavement. Even though a car may be sitting on the loop the controller has to run a complete cycle before the signal changes giving westbound cars a green light to proceed.

The camera will be mounted on the pole near the controller cabinet and view the cars coming out of westbound Cottingham. This camera will notify the controller of a car wanting to exit onto Lebanon Road and proceed to make the signal change permitting a through or left turn. This camera only views cars at that intersection. It does not record or tape traffic. It is for control of the signal and nothing more.

Five storm grates were stolen from catch basins in the month of November. The cost of replacements is \$88 per grate. The police were given a description of a person or persons and a pickup truck used in one of the thefts. Public Works was notified on December 9 an arrest has been made. Public Works thanks the Sharonville Police for the good work in finding the thief.

Another year is about to go by. The year was interesting with its ups and downs, tight budgets and revenues. Public Works hopes all Sharonville residents, businesses, elected officials, and employees have a warm and pleasant Christmas. We look forward to maintaining the services provided by Public Works for the residents in the coming New Year.

December 14, 2011

EMS Runs for the Year so far: down 1%

2009 – 1997

2010 – 1980

Fire Runs for the Year so far: Up 11.75%

2009 – 1065

2010 -- 1194

All Hydrants have been painted and clear coated

Lighting in the bunk rooms at station 87 was switched out for efficiency and energy conservation

Six hydrants repaired as a result of fall hydrant checks

The old rescue 86 has been turned into a customer service truck with our water extrication, salvage and board up supplies place on it.

House fire at Grandview and Concerto on 12/7 caused extensive damage caused extensive damage to the house. The cause of the fire was a candle that was knocked over.

Baby was delivered by Unit 1 on 12/7 Mom Baby and the Paramedics are recovering well.

There was a rekindle at the house on concerto on the night of 12/7 caused by a smoldering ember in a void space. This was not discovered by the initial crews the investigators because of the void space.

Fire on 12/10 at Cincinnati Fiber on Cresentville Rd cause damage to a machine that was 250 ft into the building making it a 2 alarm fire due to manpower needs.

All the crews did a Great Job fighting these fires in the Arctic Cold Conditions we have been experiencing.

TAX DEPARTMENT - MARTHA CROSS FUNK

Monthly for November 2010:

Hotel Tax Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	122,938.30	\$	85,475.91	\$	37,462.39		43.83%

Net Profits & Withholding Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	1,623,483.83	\$	1,639,717.53	-\$	16,233.70		-0.99%

Year-to-date as of November 30, 2010:

Hotel Tax Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	954,376.84	\$	1,009,772.70	-\$	55,395.86		-5.49%

A. Penalty & Interest:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	1,689.54	\$	3,503.31	-\$	1,813.77		-51.77%

Net Profits & Withholding Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	17,515,680.05	\$	17,254,936.27	\$	260,743.78		1.51%

A. Business Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	2,201,242.58	\$	1,842,527.43	\$	358,715.15		19.47%

B. Residential Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	1,191,959.84	\$	1,179,923.16	\$	12,036.68		1.02%

C. Withholding Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	14,001,115.78	\$	14,157,869.38	-\$	156,753.60		-1.11%

D. Penalty & Interest:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	121,361.85	\$	74,616.30	\$	46,745.55		62.65%

Total Tax Revenue:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>Difference</u>		<u>% Change</u>
\$	18,470,056.89	\$	18,264,708.97	\$	205,347.92		1.12%

- The earnings tax receipts for the month of November were down (0.99%) over November 2009. This is likely a result of the timing of 3rd quarter receipts. October was up 7.02% compared to an average 4.65% over the previous three months. The year-to-date receipts are up (1.51%) in the amount of \$260,743.78 compared to year-to-date 2009. While the withholding receipts are down Y-T-D, they are improving. This revenue continues to be offset with increased emphasis and collections on delinquent accounts in all revenue areas as well as increases in business and residential revenue.
- In relation to the 2010 budget (\$18,140,622), the earnings tax receipts are 96.56% of the amount budgeted for the year with 91.67% of the year completed. Due to the 2009 downturn, the earnings tax revenue for 2010 was budgeted down (\$536,778) from the 2009 actual (\$18,677,400).
- Based upon the current 1.51% change over 2009, the projection for year end earnings tax revenues would be \$18,959,623. This would be up \$282,223 over 2009 and up \$819,001 over the 2010 budgeted receipts.
- The hotel tax Y-T-D receipts through November 30 of \$954,376.84 are down (-5.49%) over 2009.