



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2nd MEETING

ATTENDING: Diane Giel of Grand Valley Country Manor, Larry Bottoms of Nationwide Insurance and Orwell Village, Annette Herbster of Herbster's Tax Service, Nancy Reider of McGillacuddy's Paddock, LLC, Shirley Ulman of J & S Heating & Cooling, Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting, Marlin Moschell & Jennifer Gabrielson of Middlefield Bank, Sam Johnson of J A Johnson Electric, Bill Nye of Grand Valley Schools, Don Kristo, Chantel Lee and Amy Rossi of Signsations, Diane Ristamaki of Country Neighbor, Bob Deniham of B & S Publishing and Dave Arcaro of Gazette Newspapers.

MEETING OPENED: President Diane Giel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer led by Ed Sutliff.

MEETING MINUTES: Presented by Annette Herbster (Provisional Secretary), motion by Ed Sutliff to accept the minutes as presented (via e-mail and mailing) and seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried

TREASURES REPORT: Presented and read by Treasurer Annette Herbster

Income Statement November:

Total income	\$ 455.00
Total Expenses	\$ 338.20
Net income	\$ 116.80

Balance Sheet

Chamber Accounts	\$4004.70
Festival Accounts	\$2781.60
Accounts Receivable	\$ -20.00
Un-deposited Funds	\$ -45.00
Total Equity	\$6786.30

Motion by Nancy Reider to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Diane Ristamaki, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: The Executive Board did not meet in November.

We are working on Bi-Law changes, Budget, and Calendar of events for 2009.

The executive board will meet the last Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 at the village hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Website Committee** (www.orwellgvchamber.org). Shirley Ulman is the chairperson, if you have anything you would like posted to the web site please contact her at her e-mail address. doghouse3@earthlink.net . Thank you.

December **Business of the Month** is Robin Venturella (Mary Kay). Look for the business of the month at our web site.

OLD BUSINESS: Ed Sutliff motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented at the October meeting. Seconded by Nancy Reider, motion carried.

New Officers are:

President: Diane Giel, 1st Vice President: Larry Bottoms, 2nd Vice President: Nancy Reider, Secretary: Shirley Ulman, Treasurer: Annette Herbster

Officers will be sworn in at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business reported

BUSINESS NEWS: **Grand Valley Country Manor** will be closing their doors. About 50 staff members will be losing their jobs. The building is for sale.

Grand Valley Local School's has many holiday events coming up. Visit their web site for more information. <http://www.grand-valley.k12.oh.us>

Country Neighbor will be having their Christmas bake sale. Country Neighbor collects old cell phones for distribution for emergency phones for the needy. They also need donations of smoke detectors for distribution to needy people in our community. They have had requests from over 100 people for help through the Christmas holidays. They need various donations for these people. You can contact them for more information. Or visit them at <http://www.countryneighbor.org> .

Orwell Village and surrounding area will be getting new main electrical lines which will continue to improve our area infrastructure that supports our area growth.

Mayor Larry Bottoms as formerly reported, the traffic light at Grand Valley Blvd should be going into place very soon, ODOT is still giving the Village a hard time on putting one in. ODOT says there is not enough traffic to require a light. This is an ongoing battle with ODOT.

Larry also discussed the revaluation of everyone's real estate properties in Ashtabula County, (both personal and business property). Most property values have INCREASED as much as 33% which translates to a 33% INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES. There is a window of time that you have to dispute the new valuation of your property. Contact the Ashtabula County Auditor's office at 440-576-1437 to find out what steps you need to take to have your property valuation disputed.

DISCUSSION:

Workers Comp Group program may be making major changes due to a court case that challenged the group rating program. Watch for changes that may be coming in the 2009 business year.

NEXT MEETING:

January 6th 7:30 am at Orwell Village Hall. Please plan to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED: By Diane Giel.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Herbster Treasurer, (Provisional Secretary)



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Great News!

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