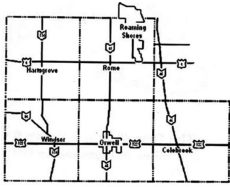


ORWELL – GRAND VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Minutes -- September 24, 2013 -- 5:30 pm

The Orwell – Grand Valley Area Chamber of Commerce met for our regular monthly meeting at the Orwell Village Offices at 179 W. Main, Orwell, OH at 5:30 pm.

Members in attendance were Nancy Reider of Who? What? When? Where?; Gwen Biennas of Gwen's Catering; Diana Ristimaki; Bob Denihan of B& S Publishing; Ed Sutliff of Western Reserve Drafting LLC; Jack Nettis and Julie Mordesovich of Orwell Village; Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner of Grand Valley Public Library; and a guest, Alex Taipale.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Nancy Reider. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jack Nettis offered a prayer.

A motion was made by Diana Ristimaki to accept the minutes with the correction from the August 27, 2013 meeting. Gwen Biennas seconded; passed.

The treasurer's report was illegible. It was sent electronically and garbled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – We welcome a new member.

Dave Dillon of First Energy
7755 Auburn – Concord, OH 44077 --- (440) 358-4984
Email -- ddillon@firstenergycorp.com Site – www.firstenergycorp.com

Festival – Diana Ristimaki, chair – Follow up – Everything is not completed at this time. Diana will conclude and report. We had a discussion about changing the time of year. Ride companies generally are available earlier. Nancy Reider will attend the Grand Valley School Board meeting in October to determine if the school grounds are available around Memorial Day.

The community wants a proposed layout for booth spaces, concessions, and rides for the school grounds. A study committee will be organized. This information will help determine if a location change is necessary and / or viable.

Chamber Activity Calendar – continues – Have an event? Contact Gwen Biennas. A discussion was held to discuss the value of this work. It was determined the calendar will continue and be reevaluated in six (6) months.

Ashtabula County Chambers – Nancy Reider, liaison,
The Ashtabula County Chambers have retained legal counsel regarding the renaming of the Ashtabula Area Chamber to the Ashtabula County Chamber of Commerce. .

Reverse Raffle – Bob Denihan, chair. Tickets are available.
November 16 – 6:00 pm – A single ticket is \$35 for dinner and games.
For information – contact Bob.

Orwell Village – Jack Nettis, Administrator – The newsletter was released.

Grant money has been received to pave the library, police station, Country Neighbor, and the village administration parking lots.

Grant money has been received to refurbish the water tower near Kennemetal.

Website – Andrew Davis and Dan Tanner – both were unavailable to report.

Business After Hours – Kevin Mitchell & Gwen Biennas – October 24, 2013
Reservation forms to be mailed. Doors open for setup at 3:30 pm. Chamber member networking 4:00 pm. Open to the public – 5:00 to 7:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Business of the Month – For November – Cindy Pace

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Sutliff motioned to pay up to \$500.00 to the Old Brick for the repair of the front sign; Bob Denihan seconded; passed.

The Kelly – Miller Circus seeks our sponsorship for 2014. Diana Ristimaki will be the contact person to determine location, date, and time viability.

Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Reider.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sutliff, Secretary