

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE  
November 25, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of Council of November 25, 2008 for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was Called to Order by Council President, Dale O. Langbehn, at 7:00 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** On the passing of Roscoe Shriver, Sr. Vice-Commander of the VFW Post.

**CALL TO ORDER:** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:**

- Aye: Susan M. Shirley, Vice President
- Aye: David R. Eva
- Aye: Andy Rose
- Aye: Sharleen Connolly
- Aye: Troy D. Elam
- John Hawkins
- Aye: Dale O. Langbehn, President

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Citizen of the Year Award

Presentation by Mayor John M. Rogers:

In 1989 John Crocker, who was Mayor at that time, implemented the Vernita Savage Award to recognize individuals who have generously given of themselves in service to our community. Mayor Rogers stated that during his tenure in office, he has historically presented that award to an individual he deem worthy of recognition at our annual Labor Day Parade. Mayor Rogers said that as we are all aware, we have not had our parade the last three years due to construction and a rain out.

Given that this is the week of Thanksgiving, a time for us to appreciate families and loved ones, as well as being thankful for our blessings, Mayor Rogers said that he felt it would be appropriate to recognize a friend and former colleague to many in this room for her service to so many individuals. It was his intent to recognize her earlier this year for this award, but she unfortunately left us.

(Presentation: Citizen of the Year Award / continued)

Mayor Rogers said the individual he is speaking of is Pat White. Each of us has had the pleasure of knowing Pat for many years and appreciates the level of time and energy she devotes to our community.

A resident of Mentor-on-the-Lake for approximately 42 years, she immersed herself in so many different activities of which, each, in some way helped others.

Raising her three children here, she volunteered her time with the PTA, at Lake Elementary, Shore Jr. High and at Mentor High School, wherein she often served as an officer.

She was a Den Mother in Cub Scouts for five years, a Girl Scout Troop Leader for upwards of four years and she was involved with the Lake County Sharpshooters Baton Corps for well over ten years. And, on at least two occasions during her tenure, they placed second in the State of Ohio.

She was a member of the AmVets Post 109 Ladies Auxiliary here in Mentor-on-the-Lake and was elected president of that organization at least twice. In her role there she visited veterans at Cleveland's Wade Park Memorial Hospital, helped with the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, made food baskets for the needy, sponsored activities for donations to the Hospice of Western Reserve and helped in planning the annual AmVets sponsored Memorial Day Parade, helping to remind us of the sacrifices made in the past and present by Members of our Armed Forces and their families.

First appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board in 1992, Pat White served on that Board up until this year and had been the Board's Chairperson. During her tenure, she shared in the decision making that led to many of the improvements that are enjoyed by our residents throughout our parks. These include the addition of playground equipment for the enjoyment of our younger children, the stabilization of the waterfront land at Overlook Beach Park and the westerly section of Mentor Beach Park, providing a safe access with the installation of the stairwell at Overlook Beach Park, the installation of the constantly used pavilion at Overlook Beach Park, the paving of parking lots in the parks, the installation of a sanitary sewer line at McMinn Park in anticipation of future permanent restroom facilities, resurfacing of our tennis courts, seeing to it that needy children enjoy Christmas with our Toys-for-Tots Program, the Halloween and Christmas Lighting Programs and so many other projects. If you or your family members have enjoyed the City sponsored Labor Day Festivities, you can be sure that Pat was involved in their planning, and was somewhere helping to ensure their success.

As a Member of Council for four years, Pat and Council shared with the Administration in advancing a progressive agenda for the City. During her tenure, the reconstruction of Reynolds Road was completed, the facilitation of the transfer of land to the Mentor Public Library System of property to ensure a permanent branch here in the City occurred, and the acquisition of the Fire Department Annex to provide sleeping quarters for our firefighters to assist the process of making our Fire Department more efficient and timely in responding to fires and medical emergencies, were but a few of the decisions she helped to make, all the while working within the resource parameters that were provided by the taxpaying residents.

Pat White's interest in our Community was genuine, and the time she volunteered, reflected her ongoing commitment to this City and its residents. She truly cared about the quality of life in Mentor-on-the-Lake and worked hard on all of our behalves.

Mayor Rogers expressed that for these reasons he is awarding posthumously to Pat White the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award.

With great appreciation, the family of Pat White accepted this award.

7:08 p.m.

Swearing in of James Satyshur as a Provisional Firefighter Paramedic by Mayor John M. Rogers for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

7:10 p.m.

Swearing in of Michael Jablonski as a part-time Communications Officer by Mayor John M. Rogers for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

7:11 p.m. **Recess of Council:**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. ELAM**, Seconded by Mr. Rose for a brief recess of Council.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Shirley, Eva, Rose, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn.  
Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

7:12 p.m.

**Council Reconvenes:** ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Shirley, Eva, Rose, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn. All present.

**READING OF MINUTES:** November 11, 2008 – Regular Meeting of Council

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. CONNOLLY**, Seconded by Mr. Rose, to approve the Minutes for the November 11, 2008, Regular Meeting of Council, as submitted by the Clerk. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Shirley, Eva, Rose, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (none)

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor and Safety Director – Mayor Rogers**

Mayor Rogers thanked Council for the opportunity to present the Citizen of the Year Award this evening. He stated that Pat White was a tremendous asset to our community, and we have all been fortunate to have known her.

Mayor Rogers said there are a couple of other individuals that he intended to award in the past years for those missed opportunities, and he is going to try to arrange to do this before the end of the year.

Mayor Rogers said that Tom Evans is not here this evening; however, he has prepared a Proclamation in Recognition and Appreciation for his dedicated services as a Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Rogers asked that this become an official part of Council records.

The first snowfall has occurred, and Mayor Rogers said he has received a few phone calls regarding the black material being placed on Andrews Road. Mayor Rogers said they have to use cinders because they cannot use salt this year on the new concrete on Andrews Road. In addition, Mayor Rogers said they ordered 350 tons of salt, but there is some left over from last year. The expense of the salt has doubled from last year, but they were able to acquire the 350 tons under last year's contract. They will continue doing what they have always done by keeping the main traveling areas as clean as possible, and continue to salt the intersections. Mayor Rogers said they will watch this closely for safety reasons.

**Administrative Director – Mr. Molenaar**

Mr. Molenaar reminded Council that there will be a number of year-end pieces of legislation on the Agenda for the next meeting of Council, and requested that all Members of Council be in attendance.

**Law Director – Mr. Lyons (no report)**

**City Engineer – Mr. Federico**

Mr. Federico reported that on the Andrews Road Reconstruction Project there are still some odds and ends that are being taken care of between ODOT, the contractor, and City Administration.

Mayor Rogers reported that he did meet with Mr. Gurley a few weeks ago regarding the activities for the year. He indicated to him that the Andrews Road Reconstruction Project reduced crime, as speeding tickets and DUI offences went down approximately 25%.

**QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:** (none)

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:** (none)

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:** 7:20 p.m.

**CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION:** 7:21 p.m.

**LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:** (none)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOTION MADE BY MRS. CONNOLLY,** Seconded by Ms. Shirley that the Proclamation in Recognition and Appreciation to Thomas R. Evans for his dedicated service as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals be part of the official Council records. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Shirley, Eva, Rose, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

**NEW BUSINESS:** (none)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:**

Agenda Meeting of Council	December 4, 2008	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting of Council	December 9, 2008	7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION MADE BY MS. SHIRLEY.** Seconded by Mr. Eva for Adjournment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Shirley, Eva, Rose, Connolly, Elam, Langbehn. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 6/0**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Date

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**Dale O. Langbehn**  
**President of Council**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council