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Postal Regulatory Commission

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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office Unionville Center Ohio 43077. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We, the customers of Unionville Center Post Office, vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to

respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

I would also like to point out per the 2009 census the population of Unionville Center was 289 (146 males 143 females). Nine percent of the population is below poverty level and 2.7 percent are below the 50% of poverty level. The average age is 39.1. The net gross rent is \$996.00 a month. The estimated household median is \$46,273.00 a year. There are many individuals that cannot afford an automobile. A local church from Union County brings food to the post office on every Sunday and holidays and you can see individuals walking up the alley and sidewalks walking away with boxes of bread and other staples.

Attached you will please find the original signatures on the Petitions to Appeal the Closure of Unionville Center, Ohio Post Office 43077 signed by Post Office Box customers, and customers that live and/or work around the vicinity of the village.

Sincerely,



Pam Canavan

Box 48
43077

* other attachments:

newspaper article
4 letters (3-Rep + Sen + D. Mgr.)

RE: Docket # 1437091-43077

OBITUARIES

G. JACK CALDWELL

G. Jack Caldwell, 77, of Marysville, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 10, 2012, at Mt. Carmel Hospital West in Columbus.

He was a retired foreman at Ranco in Plain City, retiring after 43 years of employment. He was a member of the Ranco Foreman's Club.

He enjoyed all sports, including NASCAR and OSU football and basketball.

He was born April 14, 1934, in Webbville, Ky., to the late Dock and Dova Kitchen Caldwell Sr. He also was preceded in death by brothers, Dock Jr., Ova and Hysel Caldwell, and a sister Patty Lingrell.

He was married Dec. 31, 1960, in Delaware, to the former Anita M. Shy, and his wife of 51 years survives. He also is survived by their daughters, Sandy R. (Rick) Kingham of Marysville, and Terri L. (Doug) Paver of Riverview, Fla.; two grandchildren, Jackie (Derek) Clapp and Justin Kingham; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Peyton Clapp; a sister, Kay (George) Whitt of Marysville; brothers, Elwood (Ann) Caldwell of Marysville, Homer (Susan) Caldwell of Sebring, Fla., and Bobby (Theresa) Caldwell of Mt. Victory; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ingram Funeral Home where funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Barry Scott officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Mutual.

Contributions may be made to the Central Ohio Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to ingramfuneral.com.

DEATH NOTICES

SHIRLEY A. DODD

Shirley A. Dodd, 76, of Marysville, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital of Union County from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Arrangements are being handled by Underwood Funeral Home.



U.C. Council opposes closing of post office

By AUDREY HALL

At the Unionville Center Village Council organizational meeting Tuesday evening, clerk-treasurer Lynford Schrock administered the oath of office to Mayor Denver Thompson.

Peggy Williamson was re-elected to serve as council president, and Jim Weese was re-elected to serve as the representative to the Pleasant Valley Fire District.

Those present at the meeting signed a petition brought by Betty Whitt on behalf of Pam Canavan to protest the closing of the Unionville Center Post Office. The U.S. Postal Service is proceeding with plans to close the post office in spite of a moratorium on closures until May.

Council encouraged all residents and those in the area who use the post office services to contact their congressional representatives as soon as possible as the appeal time limit is approaching.

For best results, contact the local office. Mail in Washington, D.C. is still delayed. Con-

tact information is as follows. All have web sites with e-mail forms also.

- Rep. Steve Stivers
3790 Municipal Way
Hilliard, OH 43026
614-771-4968
- Sen. Sherrod Brown
200 N. High St., Room 614
Columbus, OH 43215
614-469-2083
- Sen. Rob Portman
37 W. Broad St., Room 300
Columbus, OH 43215
614-469-6774

Schrock announced that the annual financial report for the village is complete and available for review by contacting him. The report has been filed with the auditor of state.

There are currently two open council seats. Those willing to serve the community may contact Mayor Thompson. Candidates must be residents of Unionville Center for one year and must be registered voters.

Council was notified via a letter from Sheriff Jamie Patton that due to budget constraints, the Sheriff Liaison Program which assigned a corporal to each community, has been

eliminated. However, the sheriff's department will try to have an officer attend council meetings when possible.

A letter from Brad Gilbert, director of the Union County Emergency Management Agency, regarding the Union County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was read. The agency is acting as project coordinator in the five-year update of the countywide All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The Mitigation Plan is required within the county to be eligible for money from the state and federal government following a disaster to any jurisdiction. It is a county plan but the law does require that each jurisdiction participate in the planning process by giving input to what hazards are prevalent to that jurisdiction and to identify at least one mitigation project. The jurisdiction then needs to officially adopt the plan. Once a project is identified in the county plan for that jurisdiction, it will become part of the State of Ohio Mitigation Plan.

Unionville Center is required

to identify a project and it no later than Feb. 25. Several potential projects will contact Paul Sla EMA deputy director for advice on the potential. The revised county plan to FEMA by March 28.

There was no response from village solicitor Allison on the proposed contract Stantec Consulting S Inc. that she is reviewing behalf of the village. She is an engineering firm who assist in applying for grant help pay for repaving Street and do preliminary engineering for the project.

Vicious dogs are still a problem within the village. Those who have an encounter, contact the dog warden at 642-6716.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 14 p.m.

Council members were Mayor Thompson, treasurer Lynford Schrock, council members Mar Morris, Jim Weese, J Weese, and Peggy Willi-

Helmet

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Someone had reported there was a 13-year-old girl trapped inside the building burned

started wheeling around to dive for the door, because I knew what was coming."

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PETITION TO APPEAL THE CLOSING OF THE UNIONVILLE CENTER,
OHIO POST OFFICE - 43077

NAME ADDRESS

1-12-12 by the Board
Dwight E. Connolly
Degay Becky
Robert Beck
Robert S. Vande Jr
Robert Beck, Jr
Amy Frank
Heather Mitten
Juelith Powlato
Don Perrelton
Noel E. Brown
Phil Shandle
Brandon Nave
1-14-12 Jeff
Whitney
Mark Canten
Justin Diver
Robert Spencer
William Morse
Gary Brubaker
1-17-12 Cate Senhardt
1-18 Betty W. Mayer
David Perold
Leisa Hale
Wendy Wain
Kathy Nandy
Don Wain

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PETITION TO APPEAL THE CLOSING OF THE UNIONVILLE CENTER,
OHIO POST OFFICE - 43077

NAME

ADDRESS

17-12
-19

~~Jennifer Anstot~~

Christy Murphy

Amenda Davis
Adam L. Davis

Byron A. Bess

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Robert Roush

Blank lined area for additional signatures and addresses.

PETITION TO APPEAL THE CLOSING OF THE UNIONVILLE CENTER,
OHIO POST OFFICE - 43077

NAME

ADDRESS

1-17-12

~~Andrew Youngberg~~
~~Richard Youngberg~~
~~Walter Youngberg~~
Terina Uemer
Kawika Oregano
James Robinson
Pella Smith
Bernal Hall Jr.
David Braden
Sherry Hill
Carl Cordish
Wald Rod
C.H. Borley
Tony Moradeo
Kimberly K. Estep
Mark Whalen
Richard McGlothlin
Kenno Wynn 13
Tim Stouten
Howard
Rachel L. Ward
Elliott G. Ward
Ann O'Keefe
L. M. Ward
L. Hope Green
Rebecca K. Kusch
Kathy Sarna
Angela Schauer

611

PETITION TO ~~APPEAL~~ THE CLOSING OF THE UNIONVILLE CENTER,
OHIO POST OFFICE - 43077

NAME

ADDRESS

1-18-72

Michael Bommerich

Constance K Reese

Harry Burchett

Mark W. G.

Mary Jane Ward

Condie Ray Doss

Bill G. Jones

Warry Hoyle

Karen G. Lee

Tammy Norwood

Sue Scheeler

David Lee Phelps

Jerry Phelps

Bob

Bernie C. Daniels

Becky C. Sigwell

Charles J. Hayes

EJ Amrine

Rose Eileen Lomenport

MICHAEL PLATOVNSAK

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PETITION TO APPEAL THE CLOSING OF THE UNIONVILLE CENTER,
OHIO POST OFFICE - 43077

1-19-12
NAME

ADDRESS

Kim Mayer
Cory Lynn J. Sheenan
Michael Will
Mikolich
Matt
Callian Goldsbury
James J. Shabo
Ryan
Dawn
Richard Meagher
Codi Meagher
Tara Amick

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PETITION TO STOP
CLOSURE OF
UNIONVILLE CTR PO. OH
43077

- 1-12 1 Pessie Watten
2 Jiny Wess
3 Kenneth Thompson
4 Mary Lee Morris
5 Thera Wells
6 Linda Thompson
7 Raylene
8 Donna Dancer
9 Betty White
10 Audrey Hall
11 Jerry White
1-12 12 Cathy Burns
13 Frank
14 Esther Thompson
15 Darlene Benches
16 Pam Burns
17 Dan Dill
18 Shemie Sparks
19 Janis Eger

Petition to Stop Closure
of Unionville Ct. OH PO 43077
"APPEAL"

11-12 20 John A Eger
| 21 Charles E. Still
— 22 ~~W. E. Eger~~
17-2 23 William H. Buecher
' 24 Zachariah A. Buecher
' 25 Louis F. Blum
9-12 26 Sue Likens
| 27 Daniel Dyer
| 28 Brenda Terry
19 29 Margaret Beckwalter

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PETITION TO APPEAL CLOSING
OF UNIONVILLE CTR OH P.O. 43077

1. KYLE Millington
2. Teresa Shipley
3. James Shipley
4. James B. Vanner
5. Chris Sadler
6. Michelle Blevins
7. Phil Henry
8. Beth A. Beachy
9. Anthony S RAPTER
10. Steve Foy
11. Norma S. Kuhn
12. Michael W Kuhn Sr
13. Michael W. Kuhn Jr
14. John W. Allen
15. Patricia Allen
16. Fred Hrs
17. Freddy Thompson
18. Wanda J. Daum
19. ~~Patricia~~
20. Patty Burchett
21. Michelle Exline
22. Dorothy McCarty

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Rep. Steve Stivers
3790 Municipal Way
Hilliard, OH 43026

Dear Representative Stivers:

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Invariably, we will be left with a pick-up notice that will require driving to the Plain City Post Office for pickup. We also have concerns regarding the sanctity of the mail with non-career carriers and the loss of identity for our community. It is an historical community founded by Charles Fairbanks, Vice President to Teddy Roosevelt.

We appreciate your consideration of our position. We appreciate any support you can give us in our fight to retain our post office in the same status as now exists-a U.S. post office operated by a postmaster and part time clerk. Attachments of letters to the Postal Regulatory Commission with petitions, District Manager, and a copy of the Marysville Journal Tribune dated January 11, 2012 are enclosed.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Zeman". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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Senator Rob Portman
37 W. Broad St. Rm 300
Columbus, OH 43215

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Columbus, OH 43215

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Chu Falling Star, District Manager

We, the citizens and customers of the Unionville Center Ohio Post Office 43077 hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at its present status-a United States post office operated by a postmaster and part time clerk.

We have many concerns, among them the sanctity of the mail and the inconvenience your proposal presents to us in delivering and sending the mail, particularly accountable mail. We are especially concerned over what effect your proposed action would have regarding the purchase of postal money orders. We are also well aware of the Village of Unionville Center Ohio being only a Post Office with only Post Office Boxes; however, on every outskirts of the village there are customers from Marysville, Plain City, and Milford Center, Ohio that patronize our post office as seen by the signatures. There are businesses such as Select Sires, Darby Township Trustees, Phelps Farms and Co-Op on SR 38 that frequent our Post Office. This is a well-known fact because they are family and friends.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 calls for providing a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not financially self-sustaining.

At the Town Hall Meeting, Mr. Ross Crego stated any post office that made less than \$27,000 would be closed. Per the closure letter, it states Unionville Center made over that amount. It may be a small amount; however, it still was over \$27,000.00. Several customers had written in the past for proof of actual revenue and it was never provided. However, revenue should not even be taken in account due to the above reasons stated and the post office is a SERVICE to the community.

We do not feel your proposals meet these criteria. Attached you will please find copies of the Petitions sent to the Postal Regular Commission, Rep. Stivers, Sen. Brown and Sen. Portman. Also, is a copy of a newspaper article placed in the Marysville Journal-Tribune on January 11, 2012.

Sincerely,
