

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., MARCH 5, 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio and Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Pat Putnam.

**ROLL CALL:** Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council

**PRESENT:** Six members were present. Mark Madigan was absent. Municipal Manager Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Don Wright. Second by Belinda Harry. Vote: 6 Yes 0 No.

**CITIZEN:** None.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Putnam reported on the great send off for Gail Phillabaum at her retirement party. He then read a thank you note received from Gail.

A big thank you to the Service guys for taking such great care of the streets during this last big snowfall.

The attendance of Jeremy, a reporter for the Register Herald, was acknowledged.

**LEGAL:** First Reading: ORDINANCE INCREASING AND/OR SPECIFYING VARIOUS SALARIES AND/OR WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO. Belinda Harry read first reading by title only. At this time, Belinda Harry excused herself from discussions due to a conflict of interest and exited the room.

Motion to waive the three reading requirement rule. First by Don Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to waive approved.

Don Wright asked about raises for other employees. Manager Sewert reported that the Ways and Means Committee would be looking at raises for other employees in July.

Motion to adopt the ORDINANCE INCREASING AND/OR SPECIFYING VARIOUS SALARIES AND/OR WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO. First by Don Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

Belinda Harry then rejoined the meeting.

First Reading: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH SEWER RATES AND CHARGES. Belinda Harry read first reading by title only.

Manager Sewert stated that this Ordinance should be read three times. Because it will be necessary to raise the sewer rates a certain amount, this will give us time to get the word out to the residents that the sewer rates will be increasing. It was discussed whether we should implement the increase in the sewer rates all at one time or in two stages. Dennis Roberts asked if all expected costs would be captured in this increase, and Manager Sewert indicated that they would be. It was felt that increasing the rates all at one time was best.

Don Wright inquired about the increase of out-of-town rates. Manager Sewert stated that these rates would double.

The Ordinance was explained in detail by Law Director Faber.

Mayor Putnam asked where our rates were compared to other towns. Manager Sewert explained that we had just completed the Oakwood survey and that our rates were in the middle. He went on to say that we would publish the survey in the next newsletter to give the residents of Lewisburg time to prepare for the increase.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Manager Sewert had Law Director Faber give a preliminary report on the compliance of DM Tool and Pratt Industries on the Community Reinvestment Area Agreements, which will be reviewed at the Tax Incentive Review Council Meeting on March 16. Two village residents must attend the meeting. Manager Sewert proposed a motion that Kanny Schlotterbeck and he

be appointed to attend. First by Don Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

Manager Sewert asked Law Director Faber to report on his review of the Veolia contract for termination purposes. Veolia currently oversees the South Plant. The contract does not specify a time for the contract to run. The options to get out of the contract would be to cancel it at the end of one year or ask Veolia to cancel it. Manager Sewert said that he will be talking with Veolia about canceling the contract and will report back at the next Council meeting.

We will be applying for a \$300,000 grant for improvements to downtown. The Chamber of Commerce has been working hard to promote the downtown area. The application is due March 20, the public hearing is April 6, then on to the state for approval. We should know by October if we are awarded the grant.

The Service guys have done a great job on snow removal and rehabbing of the old water plant.

Readings of the new water meters has gone very well.

Information to be included in the Spring 2015 newsletter should be delivered to Kim Cahill by March 27.

**SAFETY:** None.

**POLICE:** None.

**LIBRARY:** The Big Read is on for March 28 at 1:00 p.m.

**PARK:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Putnam read a letter he received from David Griffin, Region Director of Abate of Ohio, Inc. informing him that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in Ohio. It is their goal to make all motorists aware of the presence of motorcycles. Abate of Ohio is holding a rally on the capitol grounds in Columbus on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Mr. Griffin asked that Mayor Putnam prepare a proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month and return it to him by April 25, 2015 so it can be read at the rally. Marsha Jones thought it would be a good idea to include bicycles in the proclamation as well, to which everyone agreed.

Don Wright asked who was overseeing zoning since Steve Combs' retirement. Manager Sewert indicated that he has taken over the zoning inspector duties.

Dennis Roberts asked if Pratt Industries' name could be added to the sign to assist truck drivers in locating the business as he had one truck driver ask him where Pratt was located. Other truck drivers have gotten lost trying to find Pratt. Manager Sewert said this could be done.

**MISC BUSINESS:** Belinda Harry reminded everyone that the United Church of Christ is holding a creamed chicken and biscuit supper on March 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Community Association is having Bingo at the Community Center on March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No.

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ 8:12 PM \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

