

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., APRIL 2, 2015 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

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: Seven members were present. Municipal Manager Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Don Wright. Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZEN: Park Harry opened discussions about Derby Days. He asked Council to approve Derby Days, the Derby Days parade route, and relocation of the Derby Days Beer Garden.

Motion to approve Derby Days for August 13, 14 and 15. First by Don Wright. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the parade route for Derby Days, which will be the same as last year. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mr. Harry then led a discussion on the relocation of the Beer Garden from Steve McFarland's property to the old Spears property. A fence will be put up on all four sides of the property and will extend onto the right-of-way of the street, but it will not impede the Fire Department's use of the street should it need to utilize its equipment. There will be one entrance only, and a police officer will be stationed there during operating hours. The Lewisburg Trail Riders Club will be hanging material on the fence to block the views from the streets. The Trail Riders Club will also be putting 200 amp electrical service into the garage at no cost to the Village. Mr. Harry said that he would be installing a new roof and siding on the garage as well to make it look nice. He will also be planting grass seed on the property. It was noted that the Lewisburg Trail Riders Club has its own insurance policy.

Motion to relocate the Derby Days Beer Garden from Steve McFarland's property to the old Spears property. First by Don Wright. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to relocate the Derby Days Beer Garden approved.

MAYOR: Mayor Putnam attended the Preble County General Health District meeting with Manager Sewert. He commented that this organization is doing great things for the county.

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

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2015-05** AMENDING SECTION 929.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH SEWER RATES AND CHARGES. First by Don Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert asked Law Director Faber to explain to Council the print out (compiled by the Preble County Auditor) of the property valuations for the Village and neighboring towns. He explained how the valuations would effect decisions on the upcoming levies - in particular, the renewal levy for Brown Memorial Library.

A letter received from the Ohio Department of Commerce states that all alcohol permits in the Village will expire June 1. There was discussion whether there were issues at any the establishments holding permits and whether Council needed to take action to have any permits revoked. Police Chief McGee indicated that there have been no incidents

at any of the establishments. Motion to take no action to have permits revoked. First by Don Wright. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to take no action approved.

Veolia will be allowing the Village to cancel its contract with them for the management of the South plant, which costs the Village \$6,333 per month. Gary Wagner has agreed to operate the South plant at a cost of \$315 per week. This move will save the Village over \$5,000 per month. Motion to hire Gary Wagner as Operator of the South plant at a cost of \$315 per week, retroactive to April 1, 2015. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Don Wright. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to hire Gary Wagner approved.

Vectren will be doing work in the Village during the summer months.

Mayor Putnam will be attending a meeting next week on the block grant. If the grant is approved, some of the money will be used to fix up some downtown properties in time for Derby Days.

SAFETY: The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the park.

The tornado sirens were tested this week, and all are working well.

Fire Chief Sewert recommended the hiring of P/T EMS John Sanders-Tirado. Motion to hire John Sanders-Tirado as a part time EMS. First by Don Wright. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to hire John Sanders-Tirado approved.

Consolidation of dispatch is going forward. Police, fire and EMS dispatch will go through the Preble County Sheriff's office. A tax levy for the consolidation will be on the November ballot.

Because the Village purchased a new ambulance last year, Manager Sewert recommended that the old ambulance be put up for sale on Govdeals. He said the reserve will be set at \$40,000. Council Member Jones asked if the old ambulance could be used for disaster situations. Manager Sewert said he believed selling the ambulance was the best option at this time. Motion to sell the old ambulance on Govdeals. First by Don Wright. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to sell the old ambulance on passed.

POLICE: Chief McGee recommended a motion to hire Austin Snowden as a part-time police officer. First by Don Wright. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to hire Austin Snowden approved. Chief McGee thanked council for hiring Officer Snowden. Officer Snowden was then welcomed by the Mayor and was sworn in by Law Director Faber.

Manager Sewert thanked Chief McGee and Sgt. Gary Parker for their assistance last week at the crash scene at the intersection of State Routes 40 and 503.

LIBRARY: None.

PARK: April 11 at 9 a.m. is cleanup day at the park. The restrooms are open and the buildings will be painted.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC BUSINESS: The Village newsletter will be going out very soon.

Motion to adjourn. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No.

TIME _____ 8:17 PM _____ MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____