

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., JANUARY 21, 2016 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

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

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council

PRESENT: Six members were present. Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZEN: Mayor Putnam introduced Ed and Gina Rike, who spoke regarding the Hopewell Plat. They own several properties in the Hopewell Plat and expressed their desire for the annexation of the plat into the Village. Manager Sewert recommended that we have a public meeting to discuss the possible annexation with the citizens. Motion to accept the recommendation for a public meeting. First by Donald Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert also recommended that we hold a public meeting with regard to the annexation of North Main Street. Motion to accept the recommendation for a public meeting. First by Donald Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MAYOR: Turned discussion over to Manager Sewert, who advised that Josh Harry, Director of the Street Department, passed the exam to obtain his Class I Waste Water Operator license. Congratulations to Josh – we are very proud of him.

LEGAL: FIRST READING: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Manager Sewert reported that a budget workshop was held before tonight's council meeting. There will be a couple of changes made to the budget and we should be able to pass the ordinance at the next council meeting.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Turned over discussion to Mayor Putnam, who reported that we have been looking into the possibility of creating a sick time donation ordinance. Some other towns already have this in place. In addition, we are looking into creating an ordinance whereby we will not be paying overtime to a person who is out sick. This is not the best for the Village. The Ways & Means Committee agreed, so we want to create an ordinance addressing both issues. Motion authorizing Manager Sewert to work with Law Director Faber to create this ordinance(s). First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Donald Wright. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Regarding the water tower, everything is under control, but we will need to work on it in the spring. We will bid out the repairs.

Chief McGee and Manager Sewert met with the Woman's Guild, who donated to the Police K-9 Program. We are still working toward getting this program started.

We would like to purchase a new backhoe. The 2016 payment is the trade-in we will get for the old backhoe. Thereafter, our annual payment would be \$13,569. Motion to purchase the new backhoe. First by Donald Wright. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

Would like to give some raises this year. The Ways and Means Committee will review and come back to council in a couple of months.

Thanks to the Fire and Police departments for their hard work.

SAFETY: The new heart monitors will be in next Monday.

Billing monies from transports was up 8% from last year, but the number of runs was down. Brought in \$193,000 last year.

Contracts with surrounding townships are up next year.

POLICE: Distributed monthly report. Thanks to the Street department for their help in painting the Police department.

LIBRARY: Preschool reading program is going on now. A Farewell to Downton Abbey will be held on January 30.

PARK: The monthly meeting has been rescheduled to January 25.

OLD BUSINESS: About 90% of the Christmas lights are down.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Sewert thanked Josh Harry and Park Harry for everything they do for the Village.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

TIME 8:00 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____