

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Ted Thies, and Chad Woodworth. Lori Pheanis was absent. Also, present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Law Director Rick Faber, and Police Chief Rick McGee.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2018 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: None.

MAYOR: Thanks to everyone for the support of the Police levy.

Reported on recent and upcoming events in the Village.

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce Awards ceremony is on December 7. Let Clerk of Council know if you want to attend. Lewisburg is nominated for an award.

LEGAL: FIRST READING: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.05 OF THE LEWISBURG, OHIO, CODIFIED ORDINANCES DEALING WITH GARBAGE AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained the proposed refuse rate increase. The only bid received thus far is from Rumpke. He then reviewed Rumpke's rate summary sheet. Will review and come back to the next council meeting for discussion. Clerk of Council will call New Paris to find out if they have an ordinance that trash must be picked up, and will also call the Village of Camden to find out what it charges for trash pickup. Mr. Faber explained the out-of-town rate, which would be 100% higher than the in-town rate if the ordinance is passed. Manager Sewert will meet with Rumpke and ask the parameters of the pickup. There was discussion about the comparisons of Rumpke versus buying a truck.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH WATER RATES. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained the ordinance. The increase would assist in payment of the water plant project. The minimum amount would stay the same, but the excess rate would increase. Thus, the majority of the residents would not be affected. There was much discussion on the subject. The increase should generate a reserve for the water fund.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Regarding the Hopewell plat annexation, a couple of residents would like to annex into the Village even if other plat residents do not. Would like to investigate the possibility of piece-mealing the annexation. There was much discussion on the subject. The possibility of abatements was discussed.

The Hometown Heroes banners were taken down this week. DP&L has given the Village a list of do's and don'ts for next year.

The Village continues to work with the county on the FEMA flood plain mapping.

The SIB loan for street paving has been approved and the signed documents have been sent back. Will go out for bids in April or May, and the paving will be done before winter next year.

We are on track for leaf pickup and working on clean up from the ice storm.

The winter newsletter will be coming out soon. Thanks to everyone for their support of the police levy.

Reminder that council is invited to the Chamber luncheon on December 3.

Rita Madigan has submitted her resignation from the LEU. Recommend accepting the resignation. Motion to accept Rita Madigan’s resignation from the LEU. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Miami Valley Lighting contract will be expiring soon. Will have a recommendation at the next council meeting. Miami Valley Lighting will also be updating lights to LED’s. He will also ask for an investigation of the lack of lights at the school.

Mr. Madigan suggested getting “Yield” signs for the crossing at the school.

Christmas lights are going up.

Reviewed the healthcare memo with council. The cost to the Village is going to increase by 13.9% next year. The Ways & Means Committee looked at a few brokers. All were about the same across the table. The bottom line is we can’t save any money. We’ve also looked at HSA’s and reviewed the healthcare plans of other communities. The Ways & Means Committee chose to keep the current plan the Village currently has, and there will be three options from which employees can choose. The employees would have to pay either 10%, 5% or 0% - depending on the plan they choose. There was much discussion on the subject. Mr. Faber checked the ordinance to determine if a change is necessary. A change is necessary and an ordinance will be ready for the next meeting where council will impose a percentage to be paid by employees. Motion to schedule a special meeting of council on Monday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. for medical insurance and any other business to lawfully come before council. First by Ted Thies. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mrs. Harry stated that the trash in the alley off of W. Clay Street is a problem. Manager Sewert stated that it was being picked up.

SAFETY: Nothing to report.

POLICE: Chief McGee had nothing to report.

LIBRARY: Mrs. Harry reported of the upcoming special reading at the Light of the Park on December 2. The next meeting is December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

PARK: Mr. Thies reported that he recently met with Susan Laux of Mote & Associates regarding the drawings and budget for the proposed recreation center.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

TIME 8:31 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____