

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

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

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

**PRESENT:** Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Jackie Sewert, Marsha Jones and Chad Woodworth. Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Law Director Rick Faber, Fire Chief Bob Sewert, and Police Chief Rick McGee.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Marsha Jones – due to absence). Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** None.

**MAYOR:** Preble County Commissioner Rodney Creech was on hand to report that the county was doing very well. He extended his appreciation for everything that Lewisburg does for the county. Mayor Putnam thanked Mr. Creech for his assistance in helping Lewisburg get the downtown business grant.

Announced the proposed promotion of Sgt. Gary Parker to Assistant Chief of Police. Chief McGee spoke of Mr. Parker's experience and recommended him for the promotion. Motion to promote Sgt. Gary Parker to Assistant Chief of Police for the Village of Lewisburg. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Mr. Parker was then sworn in by Law Director Faber.

Announced that Manager Sewert had received the 2016 Preble County Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Sewert dedicated the award to the memory of his father.

Thanks to council for all they've done for the Village this past year.

**LEGAL: FIRST READING:** ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 0.363 ACRES PART OUTLOT 2 OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, FROM RAY SHIVELY AND LORI SHIVELY, HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Mr. Faber explained where the property was located, and that, if approved, the closing would take place in approximately 30 days.

Motion to waive the three reading requirement. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to waive approved.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2016-11** TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 0.363 ACRES PART OUTLOT 2 OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, FROM RAY SHIVELY AND LORI SHIVELY, HUSBAND AND WIFE. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

Mr. Faber then advised council that there may be more real estate issues coming up soon.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Thanks to Commissioner Creech for his support.

Thanks to Mayor Putnam and council, and a Merry Christmas. Thanks also to Chief Sewert, Chief McGee and Mr. Faber. We have a great community.

**SAFETY:** The Village employee volunteer firefighter program is a work in progress. We will meet with the volunteers once a week to ensure we make the program work.

Thanks to Mayor Putnam for his leadership. Thanks to Kanny, Margee and Kim in the front office.

Sgt. Parker is a true servant to the Village. We appreciate that and are very fortunate to have him with us.

Mayor Putnam thanked Chief Sewert for his service to the Village.

**POLICE:** Thanks to council. Apollo and Andrew are doing well. They will be a great asset to the Village and to the county. Merry Christmas to all.

**LIBRARY:** Recently had their Christmas open house.

**PARK:** We had an amazing Lighting of the Park and parade. Thanks to all who helped, and to Marsha Jones.

On May 23, 2017, the Carson & Barnes Circus will be back in town. Motion to permit Carson & Barnes Circus to perform on May 23, 2017. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The park looks great. The stream bank project is done and the bank looks great.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Madigan stated that the crosswalks near the school need to be painted to make them more visible.

Chief McGee reported that Apollo will be at the next council meeting for a meet and greet. We will look into getting body armor for him.

Mayor Putnam recognized Josh and Dylan McCollough who were in attendance. Dylan was attending the meeting for a class project.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mrs. Harry thanked Sandy Parker for being on hand to support her husband, Gary, on his promotion.

Mr. Madigan reported that the next Bingo will be January 14.

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

TIME 8:03 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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