

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 P.M., DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Lori Pheanis, Ted Thies, 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 6, 2018 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Brenda Gullickson addressed council about getting cross walks at the school on the north and south sides, along with additional lighting. She stated it is very dangerous. Manager Sewert explained that he has talked with Dayton Power & Light, and they are working on a quote for additional lighting. Manager Sewert said that he will also be meeting with ODOT soon about this, as well.

MAYOR: Mayor Jones introduced Dick Ewing, who was in attendance to request an address from the Village for the brewery he is building. Manager Sewert stated that Mr. Faber will research what we need to do to accomplish this, and we will get that done. Mr. Ewing stated that the town hall meeting for the brewery went very well, with about 46 people in attendance.

The Village of Lewisburg was awarded the Community Improvement Award at the recent Preble County Chamber of Commerce awards dinner. Mayor Jones also reported on other award winners.

Referred council to the list of upcoming events in the community.

LEGAL: THIRD 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 third reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained the recent numbers for estimated revenue that was included in council's packets. He reviewed the report of Fiscal Officer Kanny Schlotterbeck with council, the spreadsheet of costs provided by Rumpke should council decide to outsource refuse pick up to Rumpke, and the quote from Best Equipment for a new trash truck. He then explained how he came up with the proposed rate increase number. The ordinance would go into effect February 1. Should council decide to outsource to Rumpke, employees currently working on the trash truck would be shuffled around, and no one would be let go. There was much discussion on the subject, and Manager Sewert stated he would provide additional information to council at the next meeting to help with the decision of either outsourcing with Rumpke or continuing refuse pick up by the Village. Mr. Faber explained the changes in the ordinance.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2018-17** ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.05 OF THE LEWISBURG, OHIO, CODIFIED ORDINANCES DEALING WITH GARBAGE AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES AND RATES. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

THIRD READING: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH WATER RATES. Belinda Harry read the third reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained the proposed change in water rates. Mr. Faber explained the actual rate change on the ordinance.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2018-18** ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, DEALING WITH WATER RATES. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

SECOND READING: AN ORDINANCE INCREASING AND/OR SPECIFYING VARIOUS SALARIES AND/OR WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO. Belinda Harry read the second read by title only. She then recused herself due to a conflict of interest, and stepped out of the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Manager Sewert explained that Gary Wagner, who is currently contracted with the Village for the management of the wastewater plants, will be leaving January 1. As a result, Josh Harry, Director of the Street Department, will be taking on that additional responsibility, and Manager Sewert would like to add Step 6 to readjust his step pay. Mr. Faber explained the change on the salary chart, with Step 6 being added. Manager Sewert explained that Josh Harry and Danial Douglas both hold Class I operator licenses. They will both studying to get their Class II operator licenses in 2019. In addition, two part-time employees will be signing up to study for Class I operator licenses. There was much discussion on this issue. Mrs. Pheanis had a concern that Mr. Harry's salary would be more than the police chief's salary and, adding in the benefits, makes it even higher. Mr. Madigan stated he felt the wages were getting out of hand for such a small village. There was also discussion on Mr. Harry's position being made salary versus hourly. The issue of overtime was discussed, along with the direction of this position. There was discussion about approving the ordinance without the wage increase until the Class II operator license is obtained. Mr. Madigan asked if council could get a copy of Mr. Harry's overtime since he took the position of Director of the Street Department. Manager Sewert stated he would have that for council at the next meeting and that he recommends council approve the ordinance. There was no vote. Ordinance will go to a third reading.

Belinda Harry returned to the meeting 7:41 p.m.

SECOND READING: A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained that this is done annually.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-14** A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

FIRST READING: A LEWISBURG, OHIO, ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS REVENUES, RESOURCES, AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained that the Village would have a carry-over of approximately \$800,000. We did get into the reserves this year due to the Bicentennial. Mayor Jones stated that she would like to have a budget workshop with council in January and will schedule that at the next council meeting. Mr. Faber explained the exhibits attached to the ordinance.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Ted Thies. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2018-19** A LEWISBURG, OHIO, ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS REVENUES, RESOURCES, AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: With the passing of the police levy, he would like the Safety Committee to meet after the first of the year to what can be done to help the Fire/EMS. The general fund levy is up for renewal in November of 2019.

Turned floor over to Chief McGee, who stated he would like to hire Caleb Shatsby as a part-time police officer. Mr. Shatsby recently graduated from the police academy. Manager Sewert recommended the hiring. Motion to hire Caleb Shatsby as a part-time police officer. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Mr. Shatsby will be sworn in tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. since he could not be in attendance this evening.

Regarding the Cumberland Street house, Dan Barton, consultant, has determined the year of the house to be circa 1830. The next step is to apply for the National Historical registry. Once that is achieved, then we can apply for a second round of grant money. Mr. Madigan asked Chief McGee if his officers could check on the house routinely to ensure it is secured. Chief McGee agreed and will make sure the officers check it.

Reported that the Village will be looking into annexing the Webster property again in 2019.

The Village will also continue looking into annexing the Hopewell plat.

Regarding the street paving project for next year, Mr. Thies asked if we could have Vectren complete their underground work before the paving is done. Manager Sewert stated that we will get a letter to them about that.

Read a thank you card from Earl Schlotterbeck for the Bicentennial celebration.

Mrs. Harry wanted to know if something could be done about the Register Herald delivery drivers throwing newspapers onto the street. In addition, if any residences are empty, the newspaper just pile up. Mr. Faber indicated that there is an ordinance in place about that and a copy will be provided to council at the next meeting.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert reported that repairs have been made to the flag pole with the assistance of an individual who volunteered his time and resources. Chief Sewert said he will be sending this gentleman a thank you card.

POLICE: Chief McGee reported that Officer Dave Hatfield has submitted his letter of resignation effective December 31. Officer Hatfield has been with the Lewisburg Police Department for 17 years. Motion to accept Officer Dave Hatfield's letter of resignation. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 2 No (Belinda Harry and Mark Madigan). Motion approved. Chief Sewert expressed his thanks to Officer Hatfield and said he will be missed.

LIBRARY: Mrs. Harry distributed the monthly Director's Report. It has been a good year for the library. Presented a letter of resignation from Walter Thokey, Library trustee. Motion to accept the resignation of Walter Thokey from the Library Board of Trustees. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

PARK: Mr. Thies reported that the lights at the park look great. He also reported there will be a meeting of the Rec Center committee on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Proposed drawings will be available for review at the meeting. Motion to schedule a council work session on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. First by Ted Thies. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. The proper notifications of the meeting will be distributed.

Mayor Jones talked about having additional activities during the holiday season at the park.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan asked about the status of the lights for the mural on the fire house. Manager Sewert said the Village will be getting quotes.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Sewert thanked the mayor and council for their support this past year. Thanks to both chiefs for their support as well.

Mayor Jones stated she is working to get an all-organizations meeting set up in January. She would like to get people socializing and getting more involved in the community.

Mr. Thies reported that there is an interest in a new housing development for the Village. This would be a maintenance-free community for seniors. He is going to look into this further.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan reported that the great-great grandchildren of Henry Horn, founder of Lewisburg, were in the Bicentennial Store on Monday.

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

TIME 8:27 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____