

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick 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 7, 2017 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** Brenda Gullickson, Chairperson of the Park Board, thanked Mayor Putnam and Jackie Sewert for their service. Job well done.

**MAYOR:** Thanked Jackie Sewert for her service on Village council and presented her with a thank –you gift.

**LEGAL: FIRST READING:** ORDINANCE TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF NEEDED MUNICIPAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, TO COMPLETE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS AREA RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO PAY OFF THE PRINCIPAL INDEBTEDNESS PER ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$350,000.00) DOLLARS, AND TO FINANCE SAID PURCHASES, PROJECTS, AND DEBT LIQUIDATION THROUGH THE FARMERS STATE BANK. Belinda Harry read the third reading by title only.

Manager Sewert explained that this route was being taken rather than by leasing. Kanny Schlotterbeck, Fiscal Officer, has researched both options and believes this one is best. He recommended council waive the three-reading rule to proceed. This would be a 5-year loan to be paid in annual payments of \$70,000. There was discussion on what these funds would cover and what monies have been set aside for future capital projects.

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

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-20** ORDINANCE TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF NEEDED MUNICIPAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, TO COMPLETE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS AREA RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO PAY OFF THE PRINCIPAL INDEBTEDNESS PER ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$350,000.00) DOLLARS, AND TO FINANCE SAID PURCHASES, PROJECTS, AND DEBT LIQUIDATION THROUGH THE FARMERS STATE BANK. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion for council to move from the leasing option that was approved at the November 16, 2017 council meeting and on to the purchase option from Farmers State Bank. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** We had six entries for the Christmas Lighting contest. The winners are: Traditional – Jackson Family; Through the Eyes of a Child – Scott Schmidt. The remaining four entries received honorable mention.

The employee luncheon is tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Council is invited to attend.

Addressed the article on the microbrewery as an FYI.

Addressed the ODOT letter regarding the paving of Route 40 through the Village in 2019 as an FYI.

Would like to have a meeting of the Committees shortly after the first council meeting in 2018.

Thank you all for your support this year. Happy Holidays.

**SAFETY:** Thanks to Council for approving the purchase of the bunker hear. It is much needed. Thanks to Mayor Putnam for his service. We will certainly miss him. Thank you to Kanny, Margee and Kim in the office. They represent us well.

**POLICE:** Thank you, council, for everything.

**LIBRARY:** A director has not yet been hired. There is a book discussion on Tuesday, January 2, at Ruby Purl at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Murder on the Orient Express.

**PARK:** Mr. Madigan reported there was no meeting in December. The park is well lit and looks great.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Manager Sewert reported that the ad for tax/utility clerk as placed and will start December 23 and run through January 19. We hope to have a candidate by the first meeting in February.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Madigan reported that the Bicentennial books were in at a cost of \$20 each. Danny Russell, Abraham Lincoln impersonator, will put on two shows at the Community Center on February 17 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be available shortly.

Mrs. Harry reported on the Bicentennial Lady's Tea on April 7 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the First United Church of Christ. The sign-up sheet is at the Bicentennial store or call Belinda Harry to sign up.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mr. Madigan reported that the Bicentennial birthday kicks off December 31 at midnight with a fireworks display. Come to the Community Center at 10 p.m. The next Bingo will be January 13.

Mrs. Jones expressed sympathies to Asst. Chief Gary Parker on the recent loss of his wife. There is a lot of giving going on the Village right now. There were 80 Cabbage Patch boxes given out this year.

Mrs. Jones, as Council President, issued a proclamation to Mayor Putnam and presented him with a clock. Mayor Putnam thanked everyone and said it has been a pleasure to serve. Manager Sewert thanked Mayor Putnam, and expressed that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with him and that he will be missed.

Mrs. Harry thanked Mayor Putnam and said it has been a pleasure.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Mark Madigan). Motion approved.

TIME 8:25 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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