

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., DECEMBER 7, 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 November 16, 2017 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Mark Madigan). Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Bill Derringer, Superintendent of the Tri County North Local School District, was on hand to inform council of the bomb threat that took place at the school today. He stated he was very proud of the way his staff handled the situation. All students were evacuated to Trinity Lutheran Church. He reported that Chief McGee took immediate action. The Fire department assisted, and Village workers took action to block streets and direct traffic. A crisis situation turned into a community effort to keep the kids safe. Our plan went like clockwork. Thank you for what the Village did for the school today.

Lori Pheanis was in attendance. She reported she was approached by Manager Sewert about serving on council. She said she would be honored to do so.

MAYOR: The Christmas Lighting of the Park was tremendous.

LEGAL: FIRST READING: A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018. Belinda Harry read the third reading by title only.

Manager Sewert explained that this is a formality that is done annually.

Motion to waive the three reading rule. First by Marsha Jones. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-08** A LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Marsha Jones. 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 2017. Belinda Harry read the third reading by title only.

Manager Sewert reviewed the spreadsheet with council, pointing out the changes made by Kanny Schlotterbeck, Fiscal Officer.

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

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-19** A LEWISBURG, OHIO, ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS REVENUES, RESOURCES, AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017. First by Marsha Jones. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Addressed the Village property located at St. Rt. 40 and N. Main St. He has reached out to the Ohio National Road Association and Heritage Ohio about funding opportunities to rehab the property. Both organizations would like to tour the property after the holidays before making any recommendations.

Gave an update on the South plant. The Village has met the EPA guidelines to fix the issues. We will be doing bacteria tests monthly.

Margee McClain will be retiring April 30. Would like council's approval to move forward with the advertisement for the position. The hope is to have someone on board February 1 so he/she can work with Margee through the tax season. Motion to allow Municipal Manager Sewert to advertise for Margee McClain's position. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Susan Laux, of Mote & Associates, and I met with County officials regarding the downtown project. We are running short of monies because of all the businesses who have applied for grant monies. Ms. Laux is recommending that \$50,000 be moved from the sidewalk repair line item to building repairs. The goal is to get on the County Commissioner's docket for next Wednesday for approval.

After the first of the year, will want to have a meeting of the Safety and Ways & Means Committees.

The newsletter went out last week.

On December 22, we will have an employee Christmas luncheon at the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. All council members are invited to attend.

Read the resignation letter of Mayor Putnam, effective December 31, 2017. Mr. Roberts thanked Mayor Putnam for his great service to the Village. Motion to accept Mayor Putnam's resignation effective December 31 at noon. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Echoed Mr. Derringer's sentiments on the help from the Village. Thank you, Bill.

The Christmas lighting contest is on. The winners will be announced at the next council meeting.

Mrs. Harry asked Manager Sewert what could be done about the grill sitting on the porch of the house at N. Commerce and E. N. Water Streets. Manager Sewert said we would check to see if there is a violation of the property maintenance code.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert thanked Mayor Putnam for his serviced and wished him well.

POLICE: Chief McGee distributed the monthly report. Thanks to the Fire/EMS and Street departments today for their help. Mr. Mayor, you will be missed.

LIBRARY: Mrs. Sewert reported that the library was hosting an open house on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. They are seeking a new director to replace Dianna Oda. There are 30 children signed up to make gingerbread houses.

PARK: Mr. Madigan reported there was no meeting in November due to lack of a quorum. There is not meeting in December. The lighting of the park was great. Thanks to Herschel Braughton Jr. for the fireworks.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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 reported that the next Bicentennial meeting is Monday at 6:30 at the Community Center. The deadline to make Cabbage Patch donations is December 10. Donations can be dropped off at one of the churches in town.

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

TIME 8:11 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____