

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., FEBRUARY 19, 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

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

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council

PRESENT: Six members were present. Municipal Manager Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Don Wright. Vote: 7 Yes 0 No.

CITIZEN: None.

MAYOR: Mayor Putnam extended his thanks to Gail Phillabaum for her service as Clerk of Council and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

A letter from Ken Root was read to council thanking the Village of Lewisburg and all the community members for the care shown to his wife, Phyllis, and to the family in their time of loss.

LEGAL: Second Reading: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Belinda Harry read second reading by title only.

Motion to waive the three reading rule requirement by Don Wright. Seconded by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to waive approved.

Motion to adopt the ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE by Don Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert had Law Director Faber report on the Community Reinvestment Area Agreements with Pratt Industries and DM Tool regarding their annual status review. Law Director Faber reported that the collection of information was nearly complete and, upon completion, the Tax Incentive Review Council would review the agreements for compliance and then the Village Council would complete the review to meet the March 31, 2015 State of Ohio reporting deadline.

Manager Sewert proposed the need to create a committee to review the need for an increase in the income tax rate for the village due to the decrease in state funding. The current rate is 1.5%. Proposed members would include: Dennis Roberts, Marsha Jones, Jeff Sewert, Mayor Pat Putnam, and Margee McClain, Village Income Tax and Utility Clerk. Motion to create the committee. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Don Wright. Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Dennis Roberts).

Salary increases were proposed for each of Kanny Schlotterbeck and Josh Harry. Manager Sewert requested that Law Director Faber prepare the proposal for a vote at the next council meeting. Manager Sewert also reported that he encourages the employees to get licensed. At this time, Manager Sewert is the only employee licensed in waste water treatment. Josh Harry is currently taking the classes necessary to become licensed in waste water treatment.

The village currently has a contract with Veolia to oversee the South Plant. The village currently does the operations maintenance. Manager Sewert would like to cancel the contract with Veolia (currently \$6,333.33 per month) and assume those duties, along with Gary Wagner. This would save the village approximately \$60,000 per year. Law Director Faber will be reviewing the contract with Veolia for termination purposes.

The village employees have done an excellent job taking care of the town during the extremely cold weather. All employees have stayed safe.

Manager Sewert would like to hire Kenny Root on a part-time basis to mow grass 1 or 2 days a week. Motion to hire Kenny Root: First by Don Wright. Second by Mark Madigan. Vote: 7 Yes 0 No.

A big thank you to Gail Phillabaum for her service and well wishes for retirement. She will be greatly missed.

SAFETY: Fire Chief Sewert expressed his gratitude to Gail Phillabaum for her years of service and wished her well in retirement. He stated his approval of the salary increases for Kanny Schlotterbeck and Josh Harry stating that Kanny takes great care of the village and Josh is committed and worth the money. He also expressed his appreciation for Manager Sewert and Police Chief McGee for the support the fire department receives from their groups.

POLICE: Chief McGee thanked Gail Phillabaum for her service.

The installation of the new radios will be starting soon. There will be 4 installed in the cruisers and 7 portables. All officers will receive training on use of the radios.

LIBRARY: None.

PARK: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Don Wright initiated discussion of solicitation permits and neighborhood watch groups as a result of a recent incident where he noticed a suspicious vehicle. He followed it, observed the occupants exit the vehicle, knock on the door of a residence and look in the windows of the home.

MISC BUSINESS: Belinda Harry stated she approves of the salary increases proposed for Kanny Schlotterbeck and Josh Harry, but that she will abstain when it comes up for voting at the next meeting. She also reminded the council that she brought a cake for all to enjoy in honor of Gail Phillabaum's last council meeting.

Marsha Jones reminded all that Sunday, February 22, is a Day of Caring.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Jackie Sewert. Vote 6 Yes 1 No (Don Wright).

TIME _____ 8:15 PM _____ MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____