

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 7, 2019 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Lori Pheanis, and Ted Thies. Chad Woodworth was absent. 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 January 17, 2019 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Mayor Marsha Jones). Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Mayor Jones turned the floor over to Chief McGee, who introduced Sammy Hill. Chief McGee recommended hiring Mr. Hill as a part-time police officer. Mr. Hill introduced himself and his family to council and reported on his military background and that he is a recent graduate of the police academy. Manager Sewert also recommended hiring Mr. Hill. Motion to hire Sammy Hill as a part-time police officer. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Mr. Hill was then sworn in by Mr. Faber.

MAYOR: Thanked the Service department for their hard work during the bad weather.

Reported on recent and upcoming meetings and events.

Reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting, where the Commission has approved the lot split for Trinity Lutheran Church. The church will now need permits and approval from Zoning for conditional use and variances before it can sell the parsonage.

LEGAL: FIRST READING: LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018 ENTERPRISE ZONE ANNUAL REPORT. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained that this is done annually and explained the Enterprise Zone.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-01** LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018 ENTERPRISE ZONE ANNUAL REPORT. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE UPDATING THE MEMBERS OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained the purpose of the ordinance and that this is a preliminary step to get changes in the charter.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2019-02** ORDINANCE UPDATING THE MEMBERS OF A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Reported that he has met with Dick Ewing's attorney and that we will be moving forward with a tax abatement and a community reinvestment agreement with the brewery.

Addressed the salary survey comparison included in the council packets. For council's review and discussion at the upcoming budget workshop.

The Village will be aggressive with property maintenance. Will look into painting where needed. There will be property maintenance article on the front page of the spring newsletter to remind residents of maintenance requirements.

Accolades to the Service department for snow removal during the recent storm. We have ordered more High Water signs for flooding areas.

The police cruiser that was wrecked recently has been totaled out by the insurance company. The Village has the option of keeping the car and receiving \$8,311, or turning it over to the insurance company and receiving \$9,111.33. Recommends turning it over to the insurance company. We have stripped it of what equipment we could use. Motion to turn the wrecked police cruiser over to the insurance company. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce recently held a meeting on healthcare and passed along the SOCA (Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance) plan. Mrs. Pheanis summarized the Chamber meeting that she and Manager Sewert attended yesterday. The Village will look into the SOCA plan.

Brown Memorial Library has requested blocking off a parking area on Dayton Street on Mondays for an adult book club from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The van transports handicapped adults and having parking at the Dayton Street entrance to the library makes it easier for the wheelchairs to get in and out of the van. Manager Sewert stated that he will have this done.

Addressed the refuse memo that was in council packets. He reviewed the comparison chart with council. The Village will review water, sewer and refuse costs annually for possible increases. He stated that he really doesn't want to buy a refuse truck but doesn't see any other way. Discussion followed regarding maintenance of a new refuse truck, as well as funding. Recommended that council authorize him and Josh Harry to move forward with getting specs for a new truck, then get ready to bid it out. The Village is working on a 5-year plan for capital expenditures for other major expenses.

Has given Miami Valley Lighting authority to update the lights at the school to LED's. Will be meeting with ODOT tomorrow at the school at 2:00 p.m. to discuss crosswalks.

Council then reviewed the roster of Village Council Boards and Committees. Motion to accept the roster of the boards and committees for the Village as it stands at the time of this meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The hazardous mitigation plan will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

We have received the lead-based paint report on the Bicentennial store. We will start discussion with the building's owner regarding purchasing the building.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert received the resignation of Jerry Pottenger effective January 31 from the EMS. Recommends accepting the resignation. Motion to accept Jerry Pottenger's resignation. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion accepted.

Manager Sewert reported that he and Chief Sewert met with Cargill Cares about safety regarding the new facility Cargill is building.

He met with the billing company to go over numbers. It was a good meeting and we are getting our money's worth with this company.

Batteries in the tornado sirens have been checked. They have been replaced within that last 2-3 years.

POLICE: Chief McGee had nothing to report. Mayor Jones reported on the retirement get-together for Officer Hatfield.

LIBRARY: Mrs. Harry reported the next trustees meeting is February 12 at 6:00 p.m.

PARK: Mr. Thies reported that there was no meeting of the Park board in January. He then recommended changing the Rec Center committee meeting to March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Motion to change the Rec Center committee meeting to March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. First by Ted Thies. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mayor Jones reported that she met with a representative of the Ohio State University Extension office regarding a proposed community garden, which she thinks should be located just east of the spray park. There was discussion on the project, which Mayor Jones said would bring much needed fresh produce to the community. Motion for approval for Mayor Jones to work with the Ohio State University Extension office on the community garden project. First by Ted Thies. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved. Mayor Jones stated that the next meeting regarding this project is February 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Jones reported that the Snowball was a great success.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Faber reported on the 5-year schedule for levy renewals: Current Operating Expense levy in 2019 for 3.8 mils; Brown Memorial Library in 2020 for 1 mil; Recreation in 2021 for 1 mil; Fire & EMS in 2022 for 2.25 mils; and Police in 2023 for 2.25 mils.

Mr. Madigan reminded everyone of Bingo on February 9, the Chocolate Walk on February 15 and 16, and Euchre Game night on February 16.

Mayor Jones reported the next Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce meeting is February 12.

Mr. Roberts reported that he was approached by a school board member who was concerned about the declining enrollment at the school and felt the Village could help with some new housing to draw young families into the community.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

TIME 8:38 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____