

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., MARCH 1, 2018 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:30 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 February 15, 2018 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** Mark and Amy Schroeder of Faith Baptist Church introduced themselves. They are restarting this church, which closed about a year ago. They reopened last week. They distributed the summary of a survey they took of what the community needs. They are starting a bible study on March 17 at 6 p.m. at the church.

**MAYOR:** Reviewed handouts for the Strategic Planning workshop scheduled for March 10. The plan is to define the mission, develop a strategic plan and project charter. More information will be given out at the workshop.

Attended the Preble County Mayor's meeting. Some of the issues discussed were roadway repairs and water treatment systems.

Attended the Lewisburg Area Council of Churches meeting.

Met with Boy Scout Troup 511 at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday. The scouts are looking for community projects.

Met with Ben Thaler, Field Representative for Congressman Warren Davidson, on Wednesday on a number of issues. We will try to arrange for a round table meeting with Congressman Davidson in the near future. Congressman Davidson plans to be at the Bicentennial celebration.

**LEGAL:** None.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Addressed the letter from Vectren informing of a possible rate increase.

Addressed the letter from the Preble County Pork Festival committee asking the Village to hang banners this year. All agreed the Village would not participate this year due to the Bicentennial.

John Foor, who drives the trash truck, has resigned. Ron Schaar was interviewed for the position, and HE recommends hiring Ron as a part-time employee. Motion to hire Ron Schaar as a part-time employee on the Street department. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The Preble County Development Partnership workforce development is holding a job fair on Wednesday at Twin Valley South schools.

We are gearing up for property maintenance in the Village. We will hit hard on junk all over town in each quadrant.

The spring newsletter will be coming soon.

The Register Herald will be publishing Preble Proud very soon.

We are still working with ODOT for assistance on the pot holes on St. Rt. 503.

Attended a historic tax credit seminar recently that was hosted by Historic Ohio. The Cumberland House can be saved without having to use Village funds. Also met with Dan Barton of Brainwave Connection Consulting at the Cumberland House. There are grant monies available for consulting fees. The documents from Dan Barton were reviewed, and it was recommended inviting Mr. Barton to a council meeting to discuss the options. There was discussion about what needs to be done right now to the house to make it look better. There was also discussion on the tax incentive investment and how that works. We will look to have a public hearing for community interest after meeting with Dan Barton. Clerk of Council will contact Mr. Barton and schedule him for a meeting.

**SAFETY:** The tornado siren testing starts Wednesday at noon.

**POLICE:** Distributed monthly report.

**LIBRARY:** Mrs. Harry reported that there will be an employee appreciation open house on Monday, March 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The next board meeting is March 15 at 6 p.m.

**PARK:** Mr. Thies reported that opening day for baseball is April 28, rain out day is April 29. There is still one opening on the board due to Joe Bradley's resignation. The board continued discussion of where to place the Ed Brennan memorial tree. There will be a circus on May 1 on Knapke Lane. Park cleanup is April 7 at 9 a.m. The representative from baseball requested approval of the parade route for opening day. Mr. Thies will get the particulars of that and report back at the next council meeting. There was a recommendation that something be done for Joe Bradley.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mrs. Pheanis reported that the Ways and Means Committee meeting regarding health insurance was cancelled and was rescheduled for March 22. Interviews for the tax/utility clerk position will be on March 8.

Mayor Jones reported that the Arlington Road bridge in Brookville is closing on March 5.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Madigan reported that the next Community Association meeting is March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Bingo is Saturday, March 10, at 6:30. There is a Euchre party on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Manager Sewert reported that Cargill is hosting a Business First meeting on March 13 at the Lewisburg facility. The brewery project is still in process.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mrs. Harry reported there has been a tremendous response to the Bicentennial Tea Party, which is now sold out.

Mr. Madigan reported that the Bicentennial store is getting more items. Please stop in.

Mayor Jones reported on various upcoming activities taking place in the Village.

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

TIME 8:27 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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