

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., MARCH 15, 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 March 1, 2018 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Park Harry opened discussions about Derby Days. He asked Council to approve Derby Days and the Derby Days parade route. As representative for the Trailriders, he also asked permission to block off S. Market Street from Commerce Street to the alley for the beer garden. Motion to approve Derby Days, the Derby Days parade route, and granting permission to the Trailriders to block off S. Market Street from Commerce Street to the alley for the beer garden. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Dan Barton of Brainwave Connection Consulting addressed council regarding the property at 303 W. Cumberland. He viewed the property and announced the house was built prior to sawmills, so it was all hand-hewn. He estimated the house to be circa 1805 – 1810. The house is very significant historically. He proposed examining the viability and historic value of the house. He reported that the National Historic Registry now gives tax credits of 45% to restore building and recommends confirming eligibility for the National Historic Registry. Mr. Barton proposed examination of the house by experts to prepare for registration with the National Historic Registry. Grants from the state will also be identified. Tax credits can be used by towns owning the property with a long-term lease where lessee would be responsible for the renovation costs. Some of the costs can be offset by grants. Mayor Jones asked for the definition of long-term lease. Mr. Barton said it was 47 years, which is an IRS requirement. Manager Sewert asked what his timeline would be to get started. Mr. Barton said next week or the week after. Mrs. Pheanis asked what classifies an historical district. Mr. Barton explained that it was a continuation of registered historic homes. He said that the Village has two potential historic districts – downtown and Euphemia. Manager Sewert stated that the house will be painted, with the paint and labor being donated. Mr. Barton explained that colors in that time period were limited, but the building would be rehabbed to look like it did in 1810.

MAYOR: Reported that Mrs. Pheanis attended the Ohio Municipal League seminar on March 3. Mrs. Pheanis reported that it was very worthwhile.

Reported that council's strategic planning session went well. A mission statement for the Village was being created, and the next step is putting together an action plan.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce and Cargill meetings. The Cargill meeting was a good networking opportunity and many communities were represented.

Reviewed a list of upcoming meetings.

LEGAL: FIRST READING: LEWISBURG, OHIO RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2017 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA ANNUAL REPORT. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained this was done annually. He reviewed the report for both D&M Tool and Pratt and reported that both companies were in compliance. He recommended waiving the three-reading rule as the report was due to be filed on March 30.

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

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-04** LEWISBURG, OHIO RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2017 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA ANNUAL REPORT. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Thanks for Dan Barton for being here tonight. There was then an open discussion on the Cumberland house. Mr. Barton explained that there were many grants available to assist the Village. The timeline after applying for grants is approximately two months, and he will assist the Village in applying for the grants. There was general discussion on the project. Motion to allow Dan Barton to do more research and apply for grants, with a budget not exceeding \$3,991.00. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

A decision has been made regarding Margee McClain's replacement. Turned discussion over to Mrs. Pheanis, who reported that the Ways & Means Committee interviewed four people for the position. The committee recommends hiring Tammy Holley as part-time utility/tax clerk, with a start date of April 2. Motion to hire Tammy Holley as part-time utility/tax clerk with a start date of April 2. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Reviewed the letter from the Preble County Solid Waste District regarding the solid waste management plan.

Reported that the Village has renewed its membership with the Preble County Development Partnership.

Turned discussion over to Chief Sewert, who recommended hiring Jeffrey Lewis as part-time EMS. He is already on the Fire department side. Motion to hire Jeffrey Lewis as part-time EMS. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Regarding the policy levy, have had good conversations with citizens. Will meet with Mote & Associates to discuss grants for the Police department and will report back to council.

Recently talked with former mayor Pat Putnam. He is doing well and gives his regards to council and the Village.

Spoke with a representative from ODOT, and ODOT will be repairing the pot holes on St. Rt. 503 through the middle of town.

Will find out if Vectren is done with its work in the Village and report back to council.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert reported that all tornado sirens worked during last week's testing. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. at the park. New LED bulbs have been installed in the firehouse meeting room, and he thanked the Street department for its help with this.

POLICE: Nothing to report.

LIBRARY: Mrs. Harry reported that she attended the March 13 meeting of the trustees. She reviewed current and upcoming events at the library, including the summer reading program.

PARK: Mr. Thies reported that the next board meeting is March 19. Park clean-up day is April 7.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan reported that the next Bicentennial Committee meeting is March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The Bicentennial blue and gold lights on the light poles look great.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mayor Jones reported on various upcoming activities taking place in the Village and wished everyone a happy Easter.

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

TIME 8:43 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____