

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 P.M., APRIL 17, 2019 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

**ROLL CALL:** Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

**PRESENT:** Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Ted Thies and Chad Woodworth. Lori Pheanis 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 April 4, 2019 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** None.

**MAYOR:** Proclaimed that May is Motorcycle and Bicycle Awareness Month in the Village. The proclamation will be read at the May 4 rally in Columbus.

**LEGAL:** None.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** The closing for the Bicentennial store was last Friday. The Village now owns the property.

The Safety Committee has been working on a strategic plan. The focus will be on the fire/EMS volunteers. The initial plan should be ready in June. The next meeting is May 20, but would like to change that date. Motion to change the May 20 Safety Committee meeting to Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The operating levy is coming up for renewal in November. We have been considering a replacement levy rather than a renewal. This topic will be on the agenda of upcoming council meetings. There was discussion on the differences between the two types of levies.

6:40 p.m. – Lori Pheanis arrived at the meeting.

The draft Operations Plan will be discussed this week and will report back to council at the next meeting.

The new refuse truck is being prepped and we should be able to put it into service next week. We continue to look at housing options for it.

Phosphorus removal equipment is being installed at the waste water treatment plant.

We are currently doing an energy audit for Ohio Rural Water.

Property maintenance is going very well. It's a work in progress. Mr. Woodworth stated that we will be focusing on the quadrants.

Mayor Jones reported on park cleanup day. Mr. Madigan asked about resurfacing the walking path. Manager Sewert indicated that we will be looking into grants for sealing the path.

Thanks to Chief Sewert and Chief McGee for their help with the Royal Canin 5K.

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo had a record number of exhibitors and visitors this year.

**SAFETY:** Chief Sewert reported that the tornado sirens were all tested separately and tested fine. Checked the batteries at the water tower and everything was good.

Easter egg hunt is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the park.

**POLICE:** Chief McGee had nothing to report. Mayor Jones reported on the attendance of Chief McGee and Officer Gilbert at the Tri County North middle school job fair.

**LIBRARY:** Mrs. Harry distributed the director's report and reviewed upcoming events at the library. The recent STEAM meeting went very well, and the library will participate in the first block party on May 3.

**PARK:** Mr. Thies reported that the April 15 Park Board meeting was being rescheduled for some time next week. Baseball opening day is April 27. The next meeting of the Rec Center committee is May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Jones reported on recent and upcoming meetings and events.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Roberts asked how much the Village's share of the new gas/diesel tax would be. Manager Sewert said the estimate is approximately \$45,000 annually and will start being collected in October or November. He reported that Fiscal Officer Kanny Schlotterbeck will be contacting the state of Ohio to find out more information.

Manager Sewert reported that the Village won a safety award through the Preble County Safety Council for no accidents.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mr. Woodworth thanked the Village for its help in preparation for baseball opening day.

Mrs. Harry reminded everyone of the Fire/EMS breakfast on April 27 at the Community Center.

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

TIME 7:15 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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