

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., May 7, 2015 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

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

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

**PRESENT:** Five members were present. Jackie Sewert and Donald Wright were absent. Municipal Manager Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZEN:** None.

**MAYOR:** Acknowledged the Fire and EMS personnel in attendance, and turned over discussion to Fire Chief Sewert. Chief Sewert stated that three of the firefighters - Ryan Gebhart, Derrick Barnhart, and John Sanders-Tirado - had just completed level one classes at no cost to the village. There were 18 in the class. Upon completion of the class, four individuals were recognized – three of those were Ryan, Derrick and John. All are definite assets to the Fire Department and we are quite proud of them.

Chief Sewert also recognized Kendra Vanover, who was in attendance. Kendra has completed her EMT training.

Randy Anderson has completed part of his EMT instructor certification. He will have full certification in one year. Randy has reignited the Cadet program. We currently have eight cadets.

Mayor Putnam thanked all of the firefighters and EMS personnel for their efforts.

There was a meeting of the Income Tax Committee just before the council meeting. Dennis Roberts, Chairperson of the Income Tax Committee, then took over discussions. The Committee is going to recommend a 0.25% income tax increase to council. He then recommended a motion to authorize Jeff Sewert and Rick Faber, Law Director, to gather the information necessary to put this proposed increase on the November ballot, the timeframe to do so and to report back to council. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

**LEGAL: First Reading:** RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only.

Law Director Faber explained the process of getting the renewal levy on November's ballot. This resolution is step 4 of the process.

Motion to waive the three reading rule requirement. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to waive approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-07** DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

First Reading: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS LEWISBURG COMMUNITY PARK (EAST CLAY STREET AND DAYTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH APPLICATION AND THE HIRING OF KRAMER & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO HANDLE THE APPLICATION AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only.

Manager Sewert explained that this grant is for curbs, gutters and sidewalks to be installed on Clay Street for easier access to the water sprayground and the Community Center. The village will be matching 20% of the grant with its own funds.

Motion to waive the three reading rule requirement. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to waive approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-08** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS LEWISBURG COMMUNITY PARK (EAST CLAY STREET AND DAYTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH APPLICATION AND THE HIRING OF KRAMER & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO HANDLE THE APPLICATION AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion to adopt approved.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Congratulations to the EMS personnel and firefighters, and thank you for a job well done. Fire Chief Sewert then recommended a motion to move Kendra Vanover to the Fire Dept. side, as well as keeping her on the EMS side. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Michelle Booth (125 Douglas Drive) has requested permission to close off part of the street to have a block party for her son, who is graduating from high school. Police Chief McGee indicated that there shouldn't be a problem as this was not a busy street. Proposed a motion to approve Mrs. Booth's request. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

A letter from Time Warner Cable was read as an FYI to council. The letter was informing customers that the merger with Comcast was no longer going to happen.

A letter from ODOT was read indicating that they would not be paving S.R. 503 through Lewisburg, as per the Village's request. ODOT stated that they would be paving S.R. 503 through Lewisburg in 1 to 2 years. There was discussion about finding out the exact timetable from ODOT. Manager Sewert will contact ODOT for this information.

Lewisburg has been awarded the \$300,000 block grant by the County. The next step is at the state level. We should know by the end of September if we will be awarded the grant.

Vectren has started their work in the Village.

All of the concrete in the sprayground has been poured, and the building is up. We are on target for opening Memorial Day weekend. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m.

The new road next to the water tower will be named Harold Horn Memorial Parkway. A dedication ceremony will be held on May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the corner of Harold Horn Memorial Parkway and St. Rt. 40.

Pot hole patching starts next week. Brush clean up has already started.

A meeting of the Ways and Means Committee is needed. Manager Sewert will contact the members to get that set up.

**SAFETY:** Randy Anderson has been promoted to lieutenant.

The tornado sirens were tested this week. All worked except for the one at the fire house. We are looking into getting it fixed.

**POLICE:** The monthly report was distributed.

The new radios have been installed, and the bugs are still being worked out.

Requested that Dayton Street between Tillman Lane and Clay Street be shut down on June 20 for Bridges Bikes & Blues. Motion to close Dayton Street between Tillman Lane and Clay Street for Bridges Bikes & Blues. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

**LIBRARY:** Fire Chief Sewert reported that the summer reading program was coming up. On June 15, there will be a demonstration with a police canine. On June 30, an astronaut will be at the library.

**PARK:** Opening day went off without a hitch after being postponed one day due to bad weather. Santa's house is now in place near the covered bridge. The first Movie in the Park was last Saturday. The next one is scheduled for June 6.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MISC BUSINESS:** Belinda Harry reported that the Whipps were celebrating their 50 year wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Mark Madigan reported that a motorcycle was being parked on the sidewalk at a residence across from the school, blocking the sidewalk. Chief McGee stated that this issue was addressed with the owner of the motorcycle

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ 8:20 PM \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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