

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., JUNE 18, 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. Donald Wright was absent. Municipal Manager Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZEN:** None.

**MAYOR:** Ginger Roth with the HIT Foundation has rescheduled her visit for one of the July meetings.

Turned over introduction of the Simone Hobbs Memorial Scholarship winners to Fire Chief Sewert. Ally Kring was the winner of a \$500 scholarship. She will attend the fire academy in Columbus, then go on to Sinclair in the nursing program, then on to Wright State University for her bachelor's in nursing. Austin Hammaker won a \$250 scholarship. He will attend Ohio Wesleyan in the fall to major in pre-med. Caitlyn Braughton also won a \$250 scholarship. She will attend Sinclair in the nursing program, and then transfer to Ohio University for her bachelor's in nursing. Chief Sewert wished them all well and stated that we are all very proud of them.

Mayor Putnam then turned over discussion of Lewisburg's award from the State Senate to Manager Sewert, who stated that he was very proud of our employees for having achieved a 100 Percent Award for Safety. This is a very prestigious award, and Kanny Schlotterbeck deserves a lot of praise for this award as well.

**LEGAL: SECOND READING:** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, ENTITLED "INCOME TAX," THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO RAISE THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX RATE FROM ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1.5%) TO ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT (1.75%), WITH FUNDS RAISED FROM SAID ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (.25%) INCREASE EARMARKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAID VILLAGE. Belinda Harry read the second reading by title only.

**SECOND READING:** RESOLUTION TO HOLD AN ELECTION ON THE ISSUE OF INCREASING THE LEWISBURG, OHIO VILLAGE INCOME TAX FROM ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT (1 ½%) TO ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT (1 ¾%) FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME AND TO EARMARK THE ONE-QUARTER (.25%) INCREASE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PURPOSES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016, ALL PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 718.01. Belinda Harry read the second reading by title only.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** There was a lot of storm damage around town from the storm that came through this afternoon. Tomorrow will be clean-up day.

Proposed a motion to hire student Dustin Green on a part-time basis for the summer only. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion to hire Dustin Green approved.

Council approved the sale of the old 1998 ambulance at a prior council meeting. A private medical transport company has made an offer of \$9,000 to buy the ambulance. Motion made recommending the sale. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion to sell the old ambulance for \$9,000 approved.

Received our permit from the Ohio EPA for the North WWTP indicating that we are meeting our levels.

Cargill has awarded the Village a grant of \$2,000 from its Cargill Cares Council. Marsha Jones had applied for the grant, and she presented the check to the Mayor. This grant will be used toward the Stream Bank Restoration project. Thank you to Marsha making this happen.

Vectren is getting ready to start work next week in the Village.

**SAFETY:** None.

**POLICE:** Officer Austin Snowden submitted his resignation. Recommended a motion to accept the resignation. First by Jackie Sewert. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion to accept Officer Snowden's resignation approved.

**LIBRARY:** The summer reading program is going great. Also going well is the digitalization project.

**PARK:** The thick brush and trees along both sides of the bridge have been cleared out and it looks great.

The umbrellas are up on the picnic tables at the spray park.

Spray park hours will be changed to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A security light will be put up on the building.

There was discussion about making the spray park a part of the park. There was also discussion about putting up a security camera at the spray park.

Saturday is Bridges Bikes & Blues, and Lewisburg is a water stop for the bikers.

Last Saturday was the dedication of bench in memory of Billy Joe Kouts. Two trees were also planted in his memory.

The soccer fields are coming along nicely.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Marsha Jones reminded everyone that Trinity Lutheran Church is expecting a donation of large cans of baked beans from Council for the Community Supper on July 1.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief McGee stated that a large bicycle ride of approximately 2,100 cyclists will be coming through the Village on September 28. A planning meeting is scheduled for July 1 at noon at the firehouse, which Chief McGee and Manager Sewert will be attending.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mark Madigan stated that he and Donald Wright are working to get a camera set up for Derby Days. This would allow people who cannot attend to be able to see what's going on in real time via an online connection.

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

TIME 8:10 PM MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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