

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 P.M., AUGUST 13, 2019 AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

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

**PRESENT:** Council Members Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, and Chad Woodworth. Mark Madigan, Lori Pheanis and Ted Thies were 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 August 1, 2019 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** Chief Sewert introduced Jerry Pottenger, who recently retired after serving the EMS for 20 years. He also introduced Bill VanBrederode, who also recently retired after serving 27 years. Chief Sewert presented these gentlemen with plaques commemorating their service. He then introduced Cindy Pottenger, Jerry's wife, who is also a member of EMS.

Mark Madigan arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**MAYOR:** Reported on the recent Lewisburg Area Council of Churches meeting.

**LEGAL: FIRST READING:** RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GREEN SPACE LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 10 OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, AN OHIO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO BE NAMED AND NOW KNOWN AS "BICENTENNIAL SQUARE". Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Sewert explained the purpose of the resolution.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-13** RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GREEN SPACE LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 10 OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO, AN OHIO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO BE NAMED AND NOW KNOWN AS "BICENTENNIAL SQUARE". First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**FIRST READING:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained that this resolution is done annually. He indicated that the county auditor would need to do some corrections.

No action was taken. This resolution will go to a second reading.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Reported on his recent meeting with Brett Geary, attorney at Clemens Nelson, who presented Manager Sewert with a proposal for representation of the Village in updating the employee handbook (not to exceed \$5,000), and a retainer of \$87.50 per month for representation in employment matters. Manager Sewert recommended accepting Mr. Geary's proposal. Motion to accept Manager Sewert's proposal of retaining the law firm of Clemens Nelson to update the employee handbook and on retainer for employment matters. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Regarding health insurance, Clemens Nelson will help us in this regard with the SOCCA program.

The paving should be done by the end of the week, and striping of the streets will be done next week.

Property maintenance letters have gone out to the property owners in the first quadrant.

We are working hard in preparation for Derby Days.

Attended a meeting in Columbus with Dan Barton and the Historical Society regarding the Cumberland House. The issue holding up the application is lining the building as a tavern in circa 1839. Mr. Barton will look for the missing information.

The Safety Committee recently met and agreed that some of the bricks in the firehouse need reappointing. We are looking into grants. Personnel is good, but we need to do some updates to the firehouse. Contracts with Twin Township and Verona were discussed.

Part-time employee Ethan Cooley has gone back to school. Casey Whipp and Mason Driescharff will be going back to school after Sunday, so we will have them for Derby Days.

**SAFETY:** Chief Sewert reported that there will be a testing of the tornado sirens Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. He indicated that this could not be helped and hoped to get permission to shut down the siren right away since there will be activities going on at Derby Days.

**POLICE:** Chief McGee had nothing to report. Mayor Jones reported on the Continuity Plan status. National Night out is on for Tuesday, October 1 in the Village.

**LIBRARY:** Mrs. Harry reported on activities and events at the library.

**PARK:** Manager Sewert reported that the next board meeting is Monday, August 19. The park will be blocked off this weekend for Derby Days.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Madigan would like to schedule Beggar's Night for Thursday, October 31, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Motion to schedule Beggar's Night for Thursday, October 31, from 6 p.m. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mayor Jones reported that she and Manager Sewert will be walking in the Derby Days parade and invited council to join them.

Mr. Woodworth indicated that throwing candy from the entries in the parade is a problem and safety issue. There was much discussion on this topic.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mayor Jones reported on recent events and that there are just two Farmers Markets left.

Mr. Madigan reported on Bingo on September 14; the next movie is at September 7 block party, where Willie Hawkins' band will be playing again; the Arts commission is planning live entertainment for next year.

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

TIME 6:48 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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