

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

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

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Council Members Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Jackie Sewert, Marsha Jones and Chad Woodworth. Dennis Roberts 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 September 7, 2017 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: None.

MAYOR: Read a Thank You note from Laila of Trinity Lutheran Church regarding the Cargill Cares Neighbor Night Community Dinner.

Attended Mayors' Association Meeting on Tuesday evening. He asked attendees at that meeting if there was any interest in a co-op paving program. There was interest.

LEGAL: 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 is a formality which is done every year. He then went over the numbers chart with council. He stated that the Fire/EMS renewal levy is on the November 7 ballot. Next year is an off year for levies.

Motion to waive the three reading requirement. First by Pat Putnam. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-07** 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. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

First Reading: LEWISBURG, OHIO ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE FROM BARBARA J. FAHRENHOLZ. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Manager Sewert explained that the Village has been working with Ms. Fahrenholz on property maintenance, and she approached him about donating the property to the Village. Mr. Faber gave details about the history of the property. It is worth \$27,300 for tax purposes. He then explained the process. Mr. Madigan asked if the house was on a slab. Manager Sewert said he wasn't sure, but thought that it was. Mr. Woodworth asked if there would be any closing costs involved. Mr. Faber said that any costs involved would be borne by the Village, including legal fees. Manager Sewert explained that the house would be razed at a cost of approximately \$1,000, and the property turned into green space. There was discussion among the council members.

Motion to waive the three reading requirement. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-13** LEWISBURG, OHIO ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE FROM BARBARA J. FAHRENHOLZ. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Village recently implemented a policy requiring that furniture be wrapped in plastic before the employees would pick it up for trash. There was an instance of an employee contracting bed bugs when picking up furniture. In addition, the Village has been loaning out dumpsters free of charge for clean up if there was a large amount of trash. People are now taking advantage of this. We want to bring an ordinance into effect covering these items. Once the ordinance is approved, door hangers will be hung to help alleviate any further issues. At some point, Manager Sewert said he would like to invest in a chipper shredder, but will discuss that at a future meeting. Mrs. Harry asked how the trash truck was holding up. Manager Sewert said the John Foor is taking good care of it, but it is getting old. Mr. Madigan asked about supplying bags to wrap the furniture. Manager Sewert said that the bags are available at Ace Hardware.

Regarding West North Water Street, we ordered signs, which have been installed. The painting of the south side of curb from Horn Street to Main Street is done. Mr. Cooper has a legitimate concern regarding the sidewalk.

The ODOT project on Clay Street is almost done. The Village will have to do some grating on Clay Street, which will get done in 2018.

Would like to schedule budget workshop with council before the first meeting in October. Motion to schedule a budget workshop on October 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

The fall newsletter will be going out soon. Leaf pick up starts October 9.

The State of the Village went very well.

There are 16 businesses signed up for the participation in the Downtown Business Grant. A traffic counter will be set up to see if a traffic light is warranted at Dayton & Commerce Streets. Completion of this grant must done by August 31, 2018.

SAFETY: Nothing to report.

POLICE: Nothing to report.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

PARK: The board meeting was held this past Monday. The walking path was resealed black and is holding up well. There was discussion about memorial trees. We will wait until the sidewalk project is done before deciding on where to put them. Mrs. Jones asked about plaques along the walking path with a history of the Village. That will be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mayor Putnam reported that Chris Day will be retiring as Village Administrator of West Alexandria in November. Mr. Day will stay on as a county commissioner.

Linda Creech, a resident of the Village who was in attendance, asked if the council meeting dates can be put on the sign at the firehouse. She said there were others who wanted to come but didn't know when the meetings were being held. That can be done, and she was informed that the meetings are the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse, and that this information was located on the Village's web site.

Mr. Madigan reported that the Bicentennial store has been busy. Stop in to buy Christmas gifts as the items are selling fast, so get them before they are gone.

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

TIME 8:10 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____