

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 3, 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:** Six members were present. Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert was present. Law Director Rick Faber was also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Marsha Jones. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZEN:** Dr. Lauren Holtvoigt, attending veterinarian of Mars Pet Care, explained that Mars would like to construct a dog park, the first in Preble County, at the Lewisburg Park. She went on to explain the different phases of construction. All thought the dog park was a good idea. Manager Sewert said that he had talked with the Village's insurance company regarding liability. Dr. Holtvoigt said the anticipated completion date would be the end of October.

Motion to accept Mars' proposal to construct a dog park. First by Donald Wright. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

Steve McFarland thanked everyone for the improvements made to his buildings. He will continue to make improvements to his buildings. He also thanked Chief McGee and his men for the great job they did during Derby Days, which went very well.

**MAYOR:** None.

**LEGAL:** None.

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Thanks to Don Cox for his leadership on the Eagle Scout project at the park. It looks great.

We have had numerous inquiries regarding when beggar's night will take place. Motion to set beggar's night for Thursday, October 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. First by Donald Wright. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

Met with representatives from ODOT yesterday regarding the Clay Street project. The planning process has started and we will complete the project in 2017.

The State of the Village will take place on Tuesday, September 8, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Commissioner Chris Day will be speaking, as will Mayor Putnam.

Every year, the Village donates \$5,000 to the Preble County Development Partnership for economic development. Manager Sewert would like to donate \$5,000 again for next year and make that announcement at the State of the Village. Motion to approve the donation of \$5,000 to the Preble County Development Partnership in 2016. First by Donald Wright. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion passed.

Police dog – turned over discussion to Chief McGee, who gave his report on the approximate annual cost of maintaining a police dog for the Village. After much discussion, everyone thought this was a good idea for the Village and worth pursuing. Manager Sewert recommended that the Ways and Means Committee address the cost at its next meeting.

Tour de Donut – the final planning meeting was held last night. Turned over discussion to Chief Sewert, who explained the three routes available to the approximately 1,900 people who signed up for the ride. The riders should arrive in Lewisburg between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. on September 12. Manager Sewert said that this is a great opportunity for us to showcase the Village, and thanked both Chief Sewert and Chief McGee for their help with the planning.

As was mentioned at the last council meeting, the Village did not receive the grant monies for the downtown project. Of the applications, four were funded. The Village was number five. We will try again next year and are still in the pipeline.

Everyone have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

**SAFETY:** During the first week of the new school year, the school had an interruption in their alarm system. We worked with the alarm company to get it fixed.

The tornado siren test on Wednesday went well. All four sirens are working fine.

**POLICE:** Distributed the monthly report.

**LIBRARY:** None.

**PARK:** The dog park project will be moving forward.

The new hand railing installed for the Eagle Scout project looks great.

The park looks incredible. The Village workers have done a great job cleaning up the brush.

The walking trails will be sealed again. The Village will do the work to save money.

The last Movie in the Park is this Saturday. The movie is Star Wars.

Soccer is doing well on the new fields.

The spray park will stay open during the hot weather.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council Member Madigan reminded everyone of the benefit spaghetti dinner for Paje Heindl's family on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Council Member Harry said that the deadline to submit order sheets for the Community Calendar is September 14. On September 19, the Flat Out Band will be playing at the Community Center with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the Community Association.

Mayor Putnam reminded council of the upcoming Ohio Municipal Leagues' 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Council Member Wright said that he has talked with several out-of-town people who have paid compliments to the Village. The word is out about how great our village is.

Mayor Putnam advised that he will not be at the October 1 meeting.

Council Member Madigan advised that he will not be at the September 17 meeting.

Council Member Harry commented about what a great job our police department is doing.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No. Motion approved.

TIME 8:22 PM MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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