

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 AT THE FIREHOUSE.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Kim Cahill, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Council Members Mark Madigan, Lori Pheanis and Chad Woodworth. Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, 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 13, 2019 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Mayor Jones introduced Carolyn Tepe of the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Tepe discussed the goal and process of the upcoming 2020 census. She stated that census workers going door-to-door would be wearing a badge, carrying a clearly-marked bag and carrying a hand-held. The bureau is asking communities to assist in getting an accurate count. The bureau is hiring, and individuals can apply at data.census.gov.

Tori from Community of Faith Church asked permission to close E. Harrison Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley for the church's festival on October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion to close E. Harrison Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley for the church's festival on October 31 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Loir Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MAYOR: Reported on her recent meeting with Ben Thaeler of Congressman Warren Davidson's office. Congressman Davidson will be in the area this weekend and in early October. He is going to try to attend the block party tomorrow evening.

LEGAL: SECOND 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. Mr. Faber read the second reading by title only. He explained the corrections done by the county auditor. He stated that, due to fact that only four council members were at the meeting, the third reading could not be waived.

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

FIRST READING: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO. Mr. Faber read the first reading by title only. He explained that this ordinance is done annually. He stated that, due to fact that only four council members were at the meeting, the second and third readings could not be waived.

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

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: We have received the lights for the Bicentennial mural on the side of the firehouse. We hope to have them up by Harvest Fest.

The evergreen tree next to the firehouse was donated by Mrs. Kouts many years ago in memory of her husband, Ralph Kouts, who was a long-time employee of the village. Mrs. Kouts thinks the tree is looking bad and would like to have it taken down. She will replace it with something else.

The Village has taken care of the cross walks and lighting at the school.

Doug Kramer is working on his final report on the paving and striping project. I should have that report by the next meeting.

Reported on the letter received by a resident regarding the location of Derby Days, wherein the resident asked that Derby Days be relocated to the park. Recommends not moving Derby Days due the logistics and many other reasons. Believes there are things the Village can do to help the resident and will definitely work on that.

Pointed out the line item expense for the new bucket truck. It is a 1989, but everything works well. We got our money's worth. Have used it 4-5 times already.

Reported on the recent gas leak at S. Main & South Streets. Chief Sewert explained what happened. Ultimately, the leak originated at South Street and South Commerce Street. There were some evacuations, but everyone is safe. Thanks to all who assisted.

Will give an update at the next meeting on the possible annexations of the Webster property and the Hopewell plat.

The Service department is gearing up for year-end.

Gave an update on the status of part-time personnel. Will be meeting with the school about new interns for next year.

SAFETY: Manager Sewert reported that the fire/EMS contracts with Harrison Township, Twin Township and Verona are up this year. We are ready to present proposals to each.

Chief Sewert thanked Mr. Faber for his help with the contracts. He also reported on the recent repairs to some of the vehicles and the firehouse. Thanks to Josh Harry for his help.

POLICE: Chief McGee distributed the monthly report. Mayor Jones reported on Community Night Out, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, at the Community Center.

LIBRARY: Mayor Jones reported on recent events at the library.

PARK: There was no report. The next meeting is September 16. The spray park is still open.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Jones thanked the Fire/Police/Service departments for their help at Derby Days.

Mayor Jones reported that a smaller farmers market will continue at Bicentennial Square since school is back in session. Asks to close Twin Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Motion to close Twin Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mayor Jones reported on recent meetings attended.

The dedication of Bicentennial Square will take place during Harvest Fest.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan asked to close Twin Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley for Harvest Fest on October 19. Motion to close Twin Street from St. Rt. 503 to the alley for Harvest Fest on October 19. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mayor Jones reported on recent meetings of the arts program committee and Lewisburg Area Council of Churches.

Manager Sewert reported that the block party is in support of the food bank.

Mr. Madigan reported that Bingo is September 14 at 6:30 p.m. and that he will not be at the September 19 council meeting.

Motion to adjourn. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

TIME 8:13 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____