

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Dennis Roberts, Belinda Harry, Mark Madigan, Jackie Sewert, Marsha Jones and Chad Woodworth. 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 17, 2017 regular Village Council Meeting. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: John Bell of Integrity Energy explained that his company is an electric and gas company. He lives in Preble County and stated that Preble County is has been deemed an aggregation county by the County Commissioners. He is working with other communities in the county to put together aggregation communities in Preble County. He has been working with Gratis, Camden and New Paris, and the Village could participate with these communities to obtain great rates for its citizens. He would like to sit down with Village Administration and do a feasibility study and is asking permission to do so. Mr. Woodworth asked Mr. Bell if citizens were to switch, would they have to pay a termination fee for their current service. Mr. Bell explained that they could get out of their existing contracts, but would more than likely have pay a termination fee. Mr. Roberts asked if natural gas was an option. Mr. Bell explained that it was. Regarding businesses, the size of the business will determine whether it could participate without affecting the price. There would be a fixed, guaranteed rate for participants. Mayor Putnam recommended that Manager Sewert work with Mr. Bell to look into this.

MAYOR: The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual State of the Village at the Community Center on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Read a Thank You note from the Derby Days Committee.

LEGAL: First Reading: 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. Belinda Harry read the first reading by title only. Mr. Faber explained that this is a standard ordinance done every year by The Walter Drane Company for updating our ordinance book.

Motion to waive the three reading requirement. First by Marsha Jones. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-12** 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. First by Marsha Jones. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Would like to schedule a Ways and Means Committee meeting to discuss possibly raising the sewer rates. Will contact the Committee via email to get that set up before the next Council meeting.

He and Brenda Latanza, of the Preble County Development Partnership, recently met with Congressman Warren Davidson at Pratt Industries.

Update on the Downtown Grant – Josh Harry and Kim Cahill did a great job with this project, which got finished on time. Thanks to them for their hard work.

Water Tower – Thanks to Josh Harry and Bruce Robbins for their help during the recent renovations to the water tower. Both went above and beyond the call of duty.

ODOT/Clay Street project – the projected completion date is around October 1.

The walking path in the park was resurfaced this week and looks great.

The fall Newsletter will be going out the beginning of October. Chiefs Sewert and McGee were asked to get their write-ups to Kim Cahill by September 20.

Recommend hiring Arthur Wilson as a part-time refuse worker. He interviewed well and would expect him to work no more than 30 hours a week. Motion to hire Arthur Wilson as part-time refuse worker. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting moved into the Public Hearing.

Mr. Faber explained the purpose of the public meeting, which was to address parking issues on West North Water Street between North Main Street and Horn Street. He then gave the history of the curb in question. He further explained that Council will be deciding on the issue of whether or not to paint the curb yellow.

He stated that anyone who wished to speak was required to sign in on the sheet provided.

First to speak was Ron Baker. He had bought the house located at 215 N. Main St. and the curb was painted yellow when he bought it. After the curb was changed, he asked that it not be repainted.

Next to speak - Brenda Gullickson – Cheeseman Trucking has been owned by the family for 70 years, and the truck route has been established since then on that street. Please paint the curb yellow again.

Next to speak - Michael Sandner, Attorney for Cheeseman Trucking – He passed out pictures of the subject street showing the issues arising out of the fact that the curb is not currently painted yellow.

Next to speak - Sam Hoops, VP of Safety with Cheeseman Trucking – Now that the curb is not painted yellow, there is a potential for a problem with parking on both sides of the street. It is very unsafe. We deserve safe access from Water Street.

Next to speak - Gary Hunter – Lives on the corner at 301 N. Main St. Trucks coming through there are not the same as the trucks that came through there 70 years ago. Trucks should have another access to Route 40 and should be disallowed to come through residential neighborhoods. This access route is not needed any longer since they have another access route.

Next to speak - Beverly Reed – The curb should be painted yellow again.

Next to speak - Park A. Harry – The curb needs to be painted yellow again. It is difficult to get emergency vehicles through there when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Next to speak - Allen Worley – Recently bought 215 N. Main Street from the Bakers. Wants trucks moved off of Water Street. They fly through there. Paint the curb yellow if you want to, but move the truck route.

Next to speak - Lindsey Worley – Recently bought 215 N. Main Street. Safety is a huge issue. I don't mind if the curb is painted yellow, I just want the truck route changed. The trucks fly up and down the street.

Next to speak - Aaron Cooper – Lives on the north side of Water Street. I don't mind if the curb is painted yellow. There are safety issues because the trucks fly up Water Street. The road is in horrible condition from the trucks. I want them to slow down. Would like to see a stop sign at Horn & Water Streets.

Next to speak - Tawny Cooper – Trucks fly on Water Street. Kids are going to get hurt. We need a stop sign at Horn & Water Streets.

Last to speak - Dana B. Robbins – The curb there has been painted yellow for years. The trucks need to slow down, but the curb should be painted yellow.

The public hearing ended and Council returned to regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Putnam thanked the participants. Mrs. Jones mentioned that if the trucks had to go out to Route 40, then they would also have to go by a preschool and the school to get back to the highway. Mr. Faber explained that the Village owns the right-of-way on Harold Horn Memorial Parkway up to the water tower, then it is a private right-of-way, but Cheeseman could use it.

Mr. Roberts wanted to hear the recommendation from the Police Department. Manager Sewert said that Chief McGee had recommended at the last council meeting that the curb be painted yellow again. Manager Sewert also is recommending that the curb be painted yellow, and that a study should be done to determine if a stop sign should go in at the corner of Horn Street and West North Water Street.

Mr. Faber then explained that the issue being decided is whether or not to paint the curb yellow on the south side of West North Water Street. Mr. Roberts asked what the speed limit was on that street. Chief McGee stated that, per state law, it was 25 miles per hour. Manager Sewert stated that improvements needed to be made on that street. Mrs. Harry stated that parents need to keep an eye on their children. Mayor Putnam stated that we all need to work together on this safety problem. Manager Sewert stated that he agreed with Mr. Cooper, and we will see what we can do.

At this time, there was a motion to paint the curb yellow on the south side of West North Water Street between Main and Horn Streets. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mr. Madigan asked if yellow lines within the Village are journalized. Mr. Faber said that approval of line painting should be through ordinance or a motion of council, and that this is an executive function.

Motion to authorize Manager Sewert to have the truck route touched up with paint to clarify the truck route. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mr. Madigan asked if the yellow lines can be cleaned up and whether we can keep a journal of where the lines are. Mr. Faber explained this is an executive decision. Manager Sewert stated that we will organize and establish a journal of the yellow lines.

Mr. Roberts asked if we could use downtown grant monies for the painting the lines. Manager Sewert indicated that we could not as this is outside the parameters of downtown. Mrs. Harry said this would be a good time to look at other areas.

Mr. Hoops said he would talk to their drivers.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER (CONTINUED): Please review the health insurance documents that were in your packets. We will tell Simon Insurance we are shopping insurance.

We will start the painting process on Water Street.

Thanks to Coach Wright for his help with Derby Days.

SAFETY: Thanks to all for help with Derby Days. Chief McGee deserves a pat on the back for dealing with the parking issues. Manager Sewert echoed that.

POLICE: Distributed monthly report.

Cpl. Johnson and Apollo met with the Young At Heart group. That meeting went very well. They will be meeting the Women's Guild soon. They will also be going to Michigan at the end of September to get their National Certification.

Conducted active shooter evacuation training at the school on August 14.

Requested approval of the homecoming parade route on September 27, which will be the same as last year – from N. Main Street in front of the cemetery to Dayton Street to Tillman Lane. Motion to approve the homecoming route for September 27. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Marsha Jones. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

LIBRARY: None.

PARK: The next meeting is September 18 at the park. The walking path looks great.

OLD BUSINESS: Manager Sewert reported that he met with an official from the City of Eaton recently, who wanted information about the dog park as Eaton would like to build one.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan asked if the Village would be doing a dedication ceremony for the gazebo. Manager Sewert indicated that we would look into that. Mr. Woodworth asked that, now that the gazebo is in place, where will the beer garden for Derby Days be located next year. Manager Sewert said that will be addressed soon.

Mr. Roberts said that County Prosecutor Martin Votel would like to attend a council meeting soon.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mr. Madigan reminded everyone of Bingo this Saturday at the Community Center.

Chief Sewert reported that the Fire department taught CPR to 60 teachers at the school recently.

Mrs. Harry asked if we can look at other streets for issues. Manager Sewert responded that this will be addressed.

Motion to adjourn. First by Belinda Harry. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

TIME 9:03 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____