

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO,
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 20, 2020, AT THE FIREHOUSE.**

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marsha Jones.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Sewert, Municipal Manager.

PRESENT: Mayor Marsha Jones, Council Members Belinda Harry, Ted Thies, Dennis Roberts, Lori Pheanis, and Chad Woodworth. Mark Madigan was absent. Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Law Director Rick Faber, Fire Chief Bob Sewert, and Police Chief Rick McGee.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:00 P.M. Manager Sewert announced the Public Hearing to discuss the Ohio Natural Resources (ODNR) Recreational Trails Funding Program (RTP) for the proposed Lewisburg Community Park Walking Path Maintenance Project was now in session.

Manager Sewert asked Park Maintenance and Service Department employee, Clint Baughman, who was in attendance to give a brief overview of the proposed project, as part of the Public Hearing.

NOTE: Councilman Mark Madigan arrived at 7:02 P.M.

Dennis Roberts asked if there would be a gravel or dirt burme, which Clint Baughman answered it would be a dirt burme.

There were no further questions from Village Council. There were no questions from citizens in attendance. The Public Hearing closed at 7:07 P.M.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020, regular Village Council Meeting. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Howard Garner representing the Lewisburg Trailriders asked permission to use the Community Center on Friday, April 3rd for a Fish Fry fundraiser and to apply to the State of Ohio Liquor Board for a permit to sell beer at the fundraiser. Manager Sewert stated he'd consulted with both Law Director Faber and Police Chief McGee and they saw no issues with the proposed event and their request.

Motion to allow the Lewisburg Trailriders to have a Fish Fry fundraiser, at the Community Center on Friday, April 3, 2020, and allow the Trailriders to sell beer at the fundraiser with the necessary permit from the State of Ohio Liquor Board. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Chris Meyer on behalf of Dick Ewing of the Lost Railroad Brewery, a proposed project on the western edge of the Village, presented a financing program that may assist in the project moving forward. The financing program is named Pace Financing. Manager Sewert, had previously shared information with Village Council in their packets regarding the Pace Financing program, which Mr. Meyer went into brief details of.

Mr. Meyer stated the key components of the program were the property owner must submit a petition that describes the energy special improvement project. Then, request the Village levy a special assessment on

the property. Next, an ESID Board will be created to review and approve the project. Mr. Meyer briefly touched on the levying of the special assessments and drafting of agreements regarding the special assessments. Mr. Meyer stated that his firm will be working with the Law firm Bricker & Eckler on behalf of Dick Ewing on the ESID application that will be forthcoming to the Village of Lewisburg soon.

Mayor Jones asked if there were any questions of Mr. Meyer.

Ted Thies stated he'd researched the Pace financing program today, and thought from what he'd read, it could be a good financing tool for the project to come to fruition and provide for energy efficiency.

Dennis Roberts wanted to make sure there was no financial liability to the Village of Lewisburg as part of the special assessment.

Law Director Faber stated this was the first he'd heard of such a program and too was concerned of any liability the Village may have relating to the special assessments and felt he must further research the Pace financing program.

Manager Sewert stated that he attended a meeting earlier in the week, which Bricker & Eckler gave an overview of the Pace financing program, he felt it could be another Economic Development tool for the Village to offer, especially since its primary purpose is energy efficiency related, and in that meeting, he stated to representatives with Bricker & Eckler he'd want Law Director Faber to contact them if there may be any questions from tonight's meeting.

Brenda Latanza, Preble County Economic Development Director thanked Village Council for their consideration of utilizing the Pace financing program to keep the Brewery project moving forward here in Preble County.

Discussion ended, with the main consensus from Village Council, that it sounded like a good program, but would recommend that Manager Sewert and Law Director Faber do further research, as well as, make contact with representatives from Bricker & Eckler relating to the questions, specifically any liabilities to the Village of Lewisburg relating to the Pace financing program going forward.

MAYOR: None.

LEGAL: Law Director Faber asked since Clerk of Council Eliza Wagoner is absent tonight due to illness, that the 3rd Reading of Resolution for the Village of Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio, concerning flood prone areas and its intent to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program be postponed until the March 5, 2020, Village Council meeting.

1st Reading (Read by Belinda Harry): Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Manager Sewert stated there were no changes to the Appropriations from the Budget Workshop this past Saturday, and therefore recommended to waive the three readings, so that Finance Director Kanny Schlotterbeck can send the 2020 Appropriations Ordinance to the County Auditor.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-02: Annual Appropriation Ordinance. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert asked for a Safety Committee meeting, as soon as possible to further discuss our priorities within the Fire and EMS Departments going forward in 2020.

Motion to schedule a Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 7 a.m., in the Village Office. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert stated that he and Law Director Faber have not yet scheduled a meeting with County officials regarding the Larry Rike property, which was brought up at the February 6, 2020, Village Council meeting but will do so soon.

Manager Sewert concluded his report, by asking if there were any questions for him.

SAFETY: None.

POLICE: None.

LIBRARY: Belinda Harry reported on several upcoming events planned at the Brown Memorial library, including the Author of the book “Widows”, whom will be visiting Lewisburg in April.

Belinda Harry reported the children’s room at the library has recently received a fresh coat of paint.

Belinda Harry thanked Josh Harry and the Service Department for the installation of the security camera system at the library.

Law Director Faber reported that Library Board member Kanny Schlotterbeck contacted him regarding the Library Boards’ approval to move forward in placing the Library Renewal Levy on the November ballot. Law Director Faber explained the necessary procedures and the four-step process in placing the Library Renewal Levy on the November ballot and stated he will begin to work on this process.

PARK: Ted Thies reported the Park Board of Trustees have rescheduled their February 17, 2020, meeting until Monday February 24, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Community Center.

Ted Thies reported the next Recreation Center Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 11, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Community Center.

Law Director Faber asked if a non-profit organization had been set up for the funding of the Recreation Center. Ted Thies stated that is the next step in the process.

Chad Woodworth reported the TCNSRA sign-ups are going well and thanked the Village of Lewisburg for their assistance in the rehabilitation, painting and cement work in the concession stand and garage areas of the Village Park.

Police Chief McGee mentioned it would be a good time to approve the TCNSRA Opening Day Parade, discussion followed, and a motion was made to allow the Opening Day Parade on Saturday May 2, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m., with the route being the same as previous years and ending at the Village Park. First by Ted Thies. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Clint Baughman reported the placement of security cameras in certain areas of the Village Park has begun and should be completed soon.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Jones shared a recent article relating to the grant dollars received from Cargill Cares for the Fire and EMS Departments and to assist in bin rescue, the article was in their corporate newsletter.

Mayor Jones shared pertinent upcoming dates to the Village’s bi-weekly calendar.

MISC. BUSINESS: Belinda Harry reported on the Wednesday Neighbors Night at the Trinity Lutheran Church and the addition of a Nutritionist from the Preble County OSU Extension office.

Mark Madigan asked Chief Sewert on the status of the Tornado sirens testing. Chief Sewert stated the testing will begin in March.

Chief Sewert, also, stated there will be a Weather Spotters class at the Community Center on Tuesday March 3, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m.

Mark Madigan reported there will be possibly two weather meteorologists at the library on Saturday, March 7, 2020, to give a presentation on Tornados and severe weather.

Mark Madigan reported the TCN Community Association recently held one of the largest bingo crowds since the beginning of Saturday night Bingo and reminded everyone that on Saturday, February 29th the annual Euchre Party will be held.

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

TIME 8:15 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____