

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO,  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., JANUARY 16, 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:** Eliza Wagoner, Clerk of Council.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Marsha Jones, Council Members Belinda Harry, Lori Pheanis, Dennis Roberts, Mark Madigan, and Chad Woodworth. Ted Thies 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 January 2, 2020, regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**CITIZENS:** Library Director Mary Lakes reported on events going on at the Library. There will be a Cocoa, Cookies, and Cricut event on February 8<sup>th</sup>, to teach people how to use the Library's new Cricut machine. In March there will be a Science Saturday about Extreme Weather. In April there will be a few events to go along with the One Book Many Communities book pick *The Widows*, by Jess Montgomery, including an event on April 18<sup>th</sup> teaching people how to make rag rugs. Library Director Lakes also handed out pamphlets about the Library's 2020 Adult Reading Challenge.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Jones announced that there had been a Bicentennial Square Committee meeting earlier tonight. The next meeting will be on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There is currently some outside issues with water coming in the Bicentennial building that will need to be fixed before further work on the inside of the building can be completed.

**LEGAL:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Read by Belinda Harry): Resolution for the Village of Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio, concerning flood prone areas and its intent to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Read by Belinda Harry): Ordinance Defining the powers, duties, functions, and compensation of the Clerk of Council for the Village of Lewisburg, Preble County, Ohio

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER:** Manager Sewert stated that the Village would be getting their Records Commission organized. Law Director Faber stated that an inventory of all current records need to be made in order to determine what needs to be saved, what can be destroyed, and where to save all the records. Once a list of items to be destroyed has been created, the Village has to seek approval from various historical groups.

NOTE: Council member Ted Thies arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Manager Sewert stated that a small task force to review the downtown parking situation will probably meet for the first time sometime in February.

Manager Sewert stated that the pre-application for a downtown improvement grant has been approved and can now move forward to a full application working with the county on the application process. The grant could go towards alley and sidewalk improvements.

Manager Sewert along with Chief McGee presented the specs for a new F-150 police responder vehicle. Chief McGee stated that this vehicle would be a K-9 unit.

Manager Sewert stated that he is looking into applying for a Recreational Trails Grant that would go towards repaving the walking trails in the park.

Manager Sewert gave an update on the progress of the Employee Policy Manual. Stated that he would be meeting with Clemans & Nelson on January 27<sup>th</sup> and hoped to present the manual to council soon after.

Motion to have a Ways and Means Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., at the Village Offices. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to have a Safety Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 a.m., at the Firehouse. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Belinda Harry. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to have a Budget Workshop on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., at the Firehouse. First by Ted Thies. Second by Mark Madigan. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert stated that the Service Department recently finish putting in a new floor and completed other maintenance work at the Police Department.

Manager Sewert requested to have an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

**SAFETY:** Mayor Jones announced that on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the Village will be recognizing Cargill Cares for their recent donation to the Lewisburg Safety Department.

Chief Sewert praised employee Jessica for all her work recently as she filled in for Kenny.

**POLICE:** Chief McGee thanked the Service Department for the new floor they just installed at the Police Department.

**LIBRARY:** None.

**PARK:** Motion to have a Recreation Center Meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Center. First by Ted Thies. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Jones announced that the Mobile Food Bank would be at the Community Center on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Mayor Jones also stated that the first Lewisburg Thrives Meeting of 2020 went well and the next meeting would be March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mark Madigan announced that Lewisburg Life will be having a Chocolate Walk on February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, with carriage rides on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to close Twin Street from St. Rt. 503 to the Alley on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Ted Thies announced that the lot recently cleared across the street is available for purchase and that it could possibly be a municipal parking lot.

**MISC. BUSINESS:** Mark Madigan announced that the next Bingo Event would be February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center, and there would be a Eucre Event on February 29<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Mark also announced that the Lewisburg Performing Arts Committee has been trying to line up acts to perform every month.

Mayor Jones announced that the Gatherings on the Green has been decorated and is ready for the Snow Ball this Saturday.

Lori Pheanis announced that she plans on relocating to Florida sometime this year.

Mark Madigan announced that the World War II, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event being held this June is being organized and should be a great event to attend.

Motion to request to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Council moved into executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Council came back into regular session at 8:45 p.m., with no action taken.

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

TIME 8:46 p.m. MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

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