

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., JULY 2, 2020, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

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, Ted Thies, Dennis Roberts, Lori Pheanis, Chad Woodworth, and Mark Madigan. Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Law Director Rick Faber, Fire Chief Bob Sewert, Police Chief Rick McGee, and Service Department Supervisor Josh Harry.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020, regular Village Council Meeting. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: None.

MAYOR: Mayor Jones read a thank you card from the Warnke Family. Mayor Jones also gave an update on a recent mayor's meeting and what was discussed. She also stated that there will be a Planning Commission Meeting on July 8th and the Village offices will be closed tomorrow, July 3rd.

LEGAL: Law Director Faber introduced Attorney Brett Geary from Clemans Nelson, who has been consulted on a Village employee matter. Attorney Geary announced that Mayor Jones and Municipal Manager Sewert were filing charges against Village employee, Josh Meyers, with the Clerk of Council. Clerk of Council accepted the signed charges and copies of the charges were given to all Council members. Attorney Geary then read the charges and stated that they were now a public record and that the official hearing will occur at the next regular Council Meeting on July 16, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to hire Attorney Brett Geary from Clemans Nelson as the legal representative in this case and authorize him to hire a court reporter for the public hearing. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Mark Madigan). Motion approved.

Attorney Geary then handed out the ORC Codes applicable to this case and described the process/procedures for handling this case moving forward.

There was discussion about why Council was just finding out about the employee's status, whether the Village should continue to pay the employee until the hearing or put him on suspension without pay, the hearing process, whether criminal charges could still be filed, and notifying Council sooner in the future should an employee be put on suspension or is being investigated.

Motion to put Josh Meyers on suspension without pay starting tomorrow, July 3rd, for up to 15 days. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Mark Madigan). Motion approved.

1ST READING: (Read by Belinda Harry) **ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.** Manager Sewert stated that this will need to be approved and sent to the County Auditor by July 20th, but Kanny is still making some changes to the proposed budget.

1ST READING: (Read by Belinda Harry) LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS RESULTING FROM THE “CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT” AND TO CREATE A LEWISBURG LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09. LEWISBURG, OHIO, RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS RESULTING FROM THE “CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT” AND TO CREATE A LEWISBURG LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TO ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: After a recommendation from Manager Sewert, Motion to schedule a Ways and Means Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, at 5:30 p.m., at the Village Offices. First by Ted Thies. Second by Chad Woodworth. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert stated that the Village had received a reimbursement of \$28,799.61 from the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation.

Manager Sewert talked about the letter included in Council packets from the Ohio History Connection regarding the application for the Cumberland Street House to be included on the National Registry.

Manager Sewert announced that the Historical Society had decided last night to cancel the World War II event that had been planned for 2020.

SAFETY: Chief Sewert stated that all tornado sirens had been tested yesterday. Mark Madigan asked if a reminder about the monthly tornado siren testing could be placed on the sign and/or social media to remind people each month when it would occur.

POLICE: Chief McGee announced that the Police Department had recently received a drone and described the drone and what it could do. Motion to accept an anonymous donation of a drone and a back safety box for the battery. First by Mark Madigan. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain (Dennis Roberts). Motion approved.

Chief McGee mentioned that Apollo is healing well.

Manager Sewert stated that there have been some incidences around town involving loose and/or dangerous dogs. He is currently working with a concerned citizen regarding this and is looking over other town’s Ordinances.

LIBRARY: Belinda Harry said that having patrons make appointments to visit the Library is working well, staff are still wearing masks and recommend that patrons wear them as well, and the Rowdy Readers book club has moved to the United Church of Christ to allow more room for the group to meet.

PARK: Mayor Jones stated that the Community Garden is finishing up their work project and that there are still a few spots available. Mark Madigan asked about what times the Spray Park is opened for use.

OLD BUSINESS: Ted Thies asked when we are getting back to the previously mentioned pay raises for the fire and EMS employees. Manager Sewert answered that it is on the agenda for the upcoming Ways and Means Committee Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Ted Thies asked about the Village paid administrative leave policies and stated that in the future Council should be notified when an employee is being investigated and/or put on leave.

MISC. BUSINESS: Mark Madigan announced the upcoming Community Association and Performing Arts Meetings. Mayor Jones reminding everyone that the Farmers Market continues to be open on Mondays and stated that there was a good turn out this week. She also gave updates on the food pantry, Creating in the Burg Meeting, and other upcoming meetings.

Motion to adjourn. First by Chad Woodworth. Second by Dennis Roberts. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 No (Mark Madigan). Motion approved.

TIME 8:34 p.m. MAYOR _____

DATE _____ CLERK OF COUNCIL _____