

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2020

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Darcy, Donnalley, Berg, Thomas, and Beech
ABSENT:

The regular meeting on September 8, 2020 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding. The meeting was held at the Lisbon Fire Station.

The meeting was preceded with a moment of silence for Kenny Schreffler Center Township Trustee who died the previous week. Mr. Schreffler had served as a trustee for 39 ½ years.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the 8/25/2020 meeting.
Darcy 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount \$31,146.97 of and payroll for PPE 8/22/20 in the amount of \$44,232.02.
Thomas 2nd

Clarification was given on the \$5,000.00 expense in General, this was the IT Service Contract for year 2020. The \$14,355.75 in Fire was for the turn out gear.

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson had a swearing in ceremony newly appointed Fire Chief Mark Hall.

GUEST (S)

Tom Viets E Lincoln Way was present at the meeting. Mr. Viets had concerns about trees in the curb lawn at the Trinity Playhouse on Vine St, these will be discussed at the upcoming Shade Tree meeting. Mr. Viets stated he planted what he refers to as wildflowers in his curb lawn and front yard, he was directed that these areas needed to be mowed in accordance with a Village Ordinance. He feels that residents should be allowed to be permitted to plant what they want in their curb lawns and let them grow as areas in the South. He stated that there are at least 100 other residents who have flowers planted in their curb lawn. He also mentioned the food truck which has been located in the gas station parking lot, he believes the area is not zoned for fairs and this food truck operates a generator the entire time creating unwanted noise in the neighborhood. Council man Cox ask if he had the addresses of the residents who have flowers planted, Mr. Viets will get a list so these can be investigated. Council President Thomas stated the other items will be looked at and taken under advisement. Mayor Wilson stated the BBQ truck is thinking about changing locations.

Dale Hood E Washington St mentioned that he can hear the loose manhole cover on E Lincoln Way near the library at his house, he wondered what could be done about the noise. Council man Cox stated this had been addressed with ODOT when the paving was done, the punch list has yet to be completed. The Village has not signed off on the final project, Mayor Wilson stated because of this that Central Allied has not been paid for the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: 2ND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2076-2020 PRICE LIST FOR SALE OF CEMETERY PLOTS AND OTHER SERVICES

Temple made the motion to pass the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2076-2020.
Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: FIRE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE SET UP

Mayor Wilson informed Council that he attended both the Center and Elkrun Township meetings since the last Council meeting. Each township assured him that they would have some type of proposal to the Village after Labor Day. There was discussion on the safety meeting on September 1st. During the meeting, each township stated they had a few issues with the contract, however neither township indicated either way if they wanted to remain active in the operation of the fire department or not. There was also discussion on the creation of a fire district or privatization during the meeting. Mayor Wilson said when he discussed this the townships at their meetings neither seemed interested. Council man Cox stated he feels this could be the best for all three entities and is worth looking into. Council woman Temple feels the townships do want to stay involved. The next safety meeting is scheduled for Oct 6th 5:00 pm at the fire station. Mayor Wilson would like to establish a negotiating committee to discuss the fire contract. Council man Cox and others on Council feel this is something that falls under the duties of the already named Safety Committee. Solicitor Beech's opinion is that there does not need to be a separate committee established these discussions do fall under the duties of the Safety Committee.

RE: PRITCHARD AVE

Mayor Wilson indicated to Council he would like to apply for the grant he mentioned after Pritchard Ave was chip and sealed for paving of Pritchard from Lincoln Way to Race Rd. The County engineer's office indicated to Mayor Wilson that the Village would have a chance at this grant with the chance increasing if the Village contributed money to the project. Mr. Wilson's cost estimate based on the measurements he has is \$70,000.00 for a total milling and paving project, he questioned how much the Village is willing to contribute. The deadline for the application is October 16th. Council President Thomas indicated she does not feel comfortable contributing anything to the project at this point with the Grant St Bridge project cost and Village contribution still being an unknown in addition to the other projects the Village would like to complete. She feels there are too many irons in the fire with unknown cost to pledge a contribution to any new projects. Council members concurred with Mrs. Thomas. There was also discussion on how the street was after the chip and seal compared to now, the road is still bumpy but not as bad. The bus traffic with the school being there was also a topic of discussion. Mr. Wilson questioned if the grant should be applied for, Council agreed to apply for the grant with 100% of the funding being from the grant.

RE: TRICK OR TREAT

Cox made the motion to proceed with Trick or Treat as in years past on Halloween from 5 – 7 pm unless the Governor mandates events like trick or treat are not permitted.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2077-2020 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RATES AND AMOUNTS

Cox made the motion to pass resolution 2077-2020 a resolution accepting the rates and amounts set by the County Budget Commission.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: CARES ACT MONEY

The deadline to encumber cares act money is October 15th, the unencumbered money must be returned to the County Auditor who will redistribute based on the guidelines by the Ohio Department of Budget. The Village has received \$63,962.62 in two distributions from the County. Council set a Committee of the Whole work session for Tuesday Sept 15th 6:00 pm to discuss projects for the money. Mayor Wilson stated he believed there could be a third or fourth distribution depending on what the State and Federal Government do in the future, one of these distributions he thinks could be used as revenue replacement with no COVID19 restrictions.

RE: LISBON CHAMBER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Wilson recognized Debbie Richards from the committee who indicated the Scar crow on the square event is moving along. The paint has been purchased for the gazebo, it will be painted white and gray. The committee is going to decide if it would be cheaper and easier to have someone else paint the gazebo.

RE: BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS RATE INCREASE

Mr. Viets addressed Council again concerning the rate increased approved in the BPA meeting that preceded the Council meeting. The board had voted to raise the rates in the exact amount and manner they had earlier in the year. Mr. Viets would like to see the rates of area municipalities. He was told those rates are available on the EPA website with the Village falling in the middle of area municipalities. Board Chair Hoover who was present at this meeting indicated for the Village to be eligible to apply for grants for infrastructure the rates need to be at 1.77% of the median income of the Village, the current rates before any increase were at 1.2%. The board had paid for a comprehensive rate study through RCAP. Mr. Viets was informed if he has any other questions, he can attend a BPA meeting which precede Council meetings at 5:00 pm.

RE: VACANT BUILDING CITATIONS

Adam Newbold, owner of ATG, who owns several buildings in the Village ask to address Council and the Mayor concerning citations. Mr. Newbold addressed those in attendance concerning the citations he had received for buildings he owns that do not meet the standards outlined in the vacant building ordinance. Mr. Newbold had a lengthy statement regarding how he feels about the enforcement of these issues especially during the pandemic issues that many business owners are already facing. He indicated to Council and the Mayor that in the building he owns on south side of Lincoln Way he has invested approximately \$600,000.00 just to make the building structurally sound. He went on to say that he feels this citation are a slap in the face to business and property owners in the Village who have invested their time and money into properties. He pointed out there are not people knocking his door down to lease or purchase space from any building owner in town. The discussion included on how Mr. Newbold felt the Village should have spoke to the affected business owners instead of the "stick and no carrot approach". He wants the Village to consider how this affects everyone in the community who are trying to do better. Mr. Newbold intends to apply for a demolition permit to tear his buildings down before he paints the trim he was cited for. Mayor Wilson indicated that he and Mr. Newbold had spoken 4 to 5 times prior to citations being filed, Mr. Newbold did not dispute this fact however he is still not happy with the citations or process.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The financial report was distributed to council in their packets. The following reports were included: Month end August fund summary and bank reconciliation. Ms. Wonner indicated she will be certifying to the County for property taxes \$4,000.00 in mowing for the year.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. The repair to the whole on N Market St at Saltwell should start tomorrow, DW Dickey had to reschedule the concrete delivery due to a large job which took longer than they anticipated. A few teeth on the backhoe bucket were broke, welding improvement will repair at a cost not to exceed \$300.00 per Council man Cox. The metal steps from the upper parking lot to the lower parking lot at Village hall will be assessed for repairs in the next few days. The leaf machine has a hole in part of the vacuum that will need to be repaired before leaf collections begin.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported Adam McCullough has been promoted to Lieutenant. The hoods from the FEEG grant have been delivered and the gloves have been ordered. Winona Fire Department will be conducting a grain bin rescue training on October 10th, Chief Hall will provide more information when he receives. Council man Cox questioned if there has been any news on the FEMA grants applied for, FEMA is still in the process of awarding. The Village has not received any notices to date.

MAYORS REPORT

The August 2020 Mayor's Cash disbursement report was distributed to council in their packets.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

An estimate for supplies and materials, rental of equipment to repair the portion of wall in the shallow end of the pool in addition to 2022 square feet of sidewalk removal, finish, saw cut and sealing was distributed to council in their packets for \$32,626.21. Street Supervisor Oliver added 30% to his cost estimate bringing the estimate to \$42,414.73. Council man Berg indicated he is still trying to locate someone who will quote a price on the sealing of the pool gutter. There was discussion if the repairs mentioned were eligible for the Nature Works grant, the grant was for linear repair to the pool. Council was informed the port a jon owned by Thoroughbred Energy was vandalized over the weekend. Someone caught it on fire, the park cameras were not working properly therefore there is no footage available, the cameras are being repaired. The parks committee is looking in trash rain hoods for garbage cans.

APPROVED ZONING PERMITS

The most recent approved zoning permits were included in the council packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council man Cox took a moment to commend the Water Department and BPA for the work they have done over the last week with the water breaks throughout town. There were 4 breaks throughout the week in different areas of town for the department to repair. Plant Operator Chris Peterson and Bill Hoover BPA Chair thanked everyone for their support, also reporting all breaks have been repaired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Temple made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the employment and compensation of a public employee.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Temple made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:13 pm.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

Council President Thomas reported there was no action taken from the executive session.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on September 8, 2020 adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer