

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 21, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Mayor Steve Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Mrs. Traci Cooper was absent and previously excused from the meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Assistant Fiscal Officer Jane Hollinger, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Kiefer, Historical Society representatives Jeanne Griffin, Kenny Libben, Alice Schopfer and Virginia Reynolds, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Stricklen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – August 7, 2017: Councilman Wilson moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.
Motion carried.

GUESTS: None.

LEGISLATION:

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 28-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 672.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO TO PERMIT HUNTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Van Sickle reported that a resident had contacted him to ask if Council would consider revising the required acres from 50 acres to 25 acres. He noted that the resident was unable to attend this meeting. Mayor Stricklen expressed support of the hunting Ordinances being presented on three readings to give residents an opportunity to attend the meetings to voice their opinions.

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 29-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO TO PERMIT HUNTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

RESOLUTION 30-2017

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 30-2017 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Resolution No. 30-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Resolution No. 30-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 31-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUDONVILLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC., FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE STREETS OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE FOR THE 2017 FREE STREET FAIR

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Wilson moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 31-2017 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be

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read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 31-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.

Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Wilson moved that Ordinance No. 31-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh.

A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reservoir Project – OPWC Disbursement Request #1: Administrator Young presented the OPWC Disbursement Request #1 for the Reservoir Project. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the request. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.

Motion carried.

Railroad Crossing Repairs: Administrator Young reported that Norfolk Southern had made repairs to the Market Street crossing today and would be working on the Spring Street crossing on Tuesday.

Water Service Request: Administrator Young reported that he received a verbal request for water service at the two properties at the corner of Township Road 457 and East Main Street, which are not in the Village corporation limits. Administrator Young noted that this might be the appropriate time to discuss annexation and/or rate increases for properties outside the Village corporation limits. Solicitor Gilman noted that the Village can provide utilities to properties outside the Village limits, but agreed that it would be good time to consider annexing the properties. Councilman Welsh questioned whether sewer would have to be provided. Mayor Stricklen stated he thought it would be a good opportunity to annex the whole corner and asked that the subject be placed on the September 5 Council agenda. Administrator Young noted that he was expecting a letter of request soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Theatre Usage Fees: Councilman Young reported that Mr. Libben from the Historical Society had contacted him concerning the rate of \$100 per night for their WWI event scheduled for February 2018, which was approved by Council on August 7, 2017. Mr. Libben stated that the program is free and open to the public, and while they could have held the event at the library for free, they would like to have it at the theatre but felt the fee was too high. Mr. Van Sickle noted that he anticipates a new council-approved rate structure for theatre usage after the renovated theatre reopens, and Mr. Young stated he would like to wait until the reopening to set the new rates. Councilman Van Sickle moved to waive the usage fee completely for the Historical Society event on each Tuesday evening in February 2018. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.

Motion carried.

Historical Society representative Jeanne Griffin expressed dissatisfaction with the Village, stating that she felt it took too long for the Village to consider the Historical Society's request to use the Theatre. Mr. Libben stated he does not want the Historical Society to receive special consideration, but would prefer a set usage fee. Mayor Stricklen asserted that once the theatre is reopened and the new usage rates are set, there would be no further considerations for events on a per-request basis, with the Theatre Consultant being able to book any events using the usage fee schedule as set forth by Council.

Traffic Light Timing: Councilman Young suggested that Council revisit his prior request to consider changing the timing on the traffic lights in town to help with the flow of the increased traffic on the weekends. Mayor Stricklen questioned whether the Village could alter traffic lights on the State Route according to Village preference. Mr. Wilson stated that the Village can change the timing on the lights, but he thought that it would require newer equipment. Councilman Young asked Administrator Young to look into the cost.

Right Turns on Red Downtown: Councilman Young asked Council to consider allowing right-turns-on-red at the Main and Water Street intersection downtown. Administrator Young asked for Council direction. Councilman Welsh moved to authorize Administrator Young to contact the State of Ohio regarding the

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possibility of permitting right-turns-on-red at the Main and Water Street intersection. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.
Motion carried.

Street Signs: Councilman Young expressed concern with the lack of street signs at many intersections around the Village. Administrator Young stated he could formulate a street sign replacement proposal for Council consideration. Councilman Robinson suggested he start with the main streets first and then the alleys.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Usage Request – Youth Soccer Assn: Council considered a request from the Youth Soccer Association to use the Village soccer fields throughout their fall and spring seasons. Councilman Robinson noted that he was concerned with the grass height and the mosquito problem at the soccer fields. Councilman Wilson stated he thought the Maintenance Department mowed them right before the weekend, with Administrator Young stating they do not mow them twice a week. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve a request from the Loudonville Youth Soccer Association to use the soccer fields for games and practices from August through October of 2017 and March through June of 2018. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes, Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes.
Motion carried.

Grass Clippings on Bike Path: Councilman Young expressed concern with the grass clippings that were being blown onto the bike path. Administrator Young noted that Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart was aware of the problem.

Signage Request – Mohican Area Community Fund: Council will consider a signage request from the MACF at their next meeting for the placement of campaign progress signs in Central Park.

POW-MIA PROCLAMATION: Mayor Stricklen read and signed the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, many men and women have bravely served our nation in the armed forces and fought to protect our freedom; and
WHEREAS, approximately 82,000 Service Members are still listed as unaccounted for since World War II; and
WHEREAS, the families and friends of unaccounted war veterans still await clarity regarding their fates or recovery of their remains; and
WHEREAS, a POW-MIA chair in any location is to remain perpetually empty to help people remember that even though our soldiers are not here, there is still a space for them; and
WHEREAS, the Sons of The American Legion Squadron #257 are presenting a POW-MIA chair to the Loudonville-Perrysville Schools to be placed at the High School Redbird Stadium for the students and community; and
WHEREAS, this "Chair of Honor" will be a reminder to all who see it of the sacrifices endured by members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America – especially those who were held as prisoners of war (POW) or remain missing in action (MIA). It will remain unoccupied until all are brought home or accounted for; and
WHEREAS, POW-MIA Recognition Day is a national observance in the United States; and
WHEREAS, the focus of POW-MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Stephen Stricklen, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Loudonville, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 1, 2017 as DEDICATION OF THE POW-MIA CHAIR and Friday, September 15, 2017 as POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY in the Village of Loudonville, Ohio, and do hereby urge all citizens to join me in honoring and remembering these American heroes, both past and present, for their courage, sacrifice and patriotism.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby cause the Seal of the Village of Loudonville to be affixed on this 21st day of August, 2017.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-16:

Claims Ordinance 2017-16 was presented for approval. Councilman Wilson moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-16. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.
Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes.
Motion carried.