

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 7, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 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, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Assistant Fiscal Officer Jane Hollinger, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Fireman Brad Dilgard, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Council candidate Ted Fraser, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – July 17, 2017: Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Monthly Financial Report – July 2017: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the July Financial Report. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mayor's Court Report – July 2017: Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the July Mayor's Court Report. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

GUESTS:

Hunting in Village: Mr. Brewer asked Solicitor Gilman to explain the proposed revisions to 618.12 and 672.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village regarding hunting within the Village. Solicitor Gilman explained that the revisions would allow hunting on property that consists of at least 50 contiguous acres of land with the same owner and has a boundary point of land that is adjacent to property not within the Village corporation limits. He further noted that the property owner cannot hunt within three hundred feet of the boundary line of adjacent property that is within the Village.

Traffic light at SR 3 & Wally Road: Mr. Brewer asked Council if there has been any consideration in installing a traffic light on State Route 3 South at the Wally Road intersection. He expressed concern with the heavy traffic in the area especially on the weekends. Solicitor Gilman noted that the Village could ask ODOT to do a study of the intersection. Administrator Young noted that he had previously submitted a request to ODOT for their study.

Flag Poles in Central Park: Council candidate Ted Fraser presented Council with pictures of the bases of the flagpoles in Central Park. He stated that the Legion had purchased the flagpoles and the girl scouts had helped to put them in. He noted that the aluminum covers are severely damaged and questioned why they are being damaged. Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart commented that the mower wheels catch them. Mayor Stricklen stated that he would contact the Legion to see if they would be willing to replace them.

LEGISLATION:

FIRST 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.

Solicitor Gilman again reviewed the proposed ordinances. He noted that the amendments will allow the discharge of a shotgun, bow or crossbow on land within the Village owned by an individual, an employer of an individual, or on land owned by a corporation, LLC, partnership or trust of which the individual is an owner or trustee. The property must consist of at least fifty contiguous acres within the Village.

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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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Reservoir Project – PSI Quote: Administrator Young presented a quote from Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) for geotechnical subsurface exploration in the amount of \$7,995. He noted that the subsurface exploration is required to provide geotechnical information needed for the design and construction of the new water reservoir. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the expense at a cost not to exceed \$9,000. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Reservoir Easement: Administrator Young presented a payment request for a temporary construction easement with the property owners south of the reservoir in the amount of \$5,000. He noted that an option for a permanent easement is included in the event of a water line installation on the property. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the payment of \$5,000 for the temporary construction easement. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Railroad Crossing Repairs: Administrator Young reported that the Village had received word from Norfolk Southern that they were planning to make repairs to the railroad crossings on North Market and North Spring Streets soon. Mayor Stricklen commented that he thought the Village should close the Spring Street crossing until the repairs are made due to the poor condition of the crossing. Solicitor Gilman noted that it has been approximately 30 days since the Village filed the complaint with them, further stating that the Village can proceed with a lawsuit if the problem is not corrected. Council agreed that temporary signage warning of the bad crossing would be helpful until it is repaired. Administrator Young stated he would look into the availability of signage.

Paramedic Callahan: Fire Chief Carey reported that Chad Callahan has passed his exams and is now a certified paramedic. He noted he would be moving to the 24-hour shift rotation.

Police Officer McCauley: Police Chief Taylor reported that Officer McCauley has joined the department to fill their vacancy, noting that he has 22 years of experience in law enforcement, most recently with the Ashland County Sheriff's Department.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Professional Obligations: Councilwoman Cooper advised Council that she would be absent from the next Council meeting due to her professional obligation with the school, and asked that Council excuse her absence. Councilman Wilson moved to excuse her from the August 21 meeting with pay. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mohican 5K: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the payment of \$500 for a sponsorship of the Mohican 5K to the Loudonville-Mohican Area Chamber of Commerce. She noted that proceeds from this event are used to maintain and improve the bike path. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Councilman Wilson Term: Councilman Wilson advised Council that he would not be seeking re-election. Mayor Stricklen thanked Councilman Wilson for his years of service to the Village.

State Route 39 'No Engine Brakes' Sign: Councilman Van Sickle reported that he had been contacted by resident Dave Lance who questioned the placement of a "No Engine Brakes" sign near his home on State

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Route 39 West. It was noted that the sign used to be placed at the Village Corporation limit. Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart stated he would look at it and move it to its original location if necessary.

Pool Closing: Councilman Van Sickle reported that the pool will be closing on August 20.

Pool/Park Pavilion Roof: Councilman Van Sickle reported that the pavilion roof needs replaced at the Pool/Park Complex and presented a quote from H&H Customs Homes for \$2,676 to replace the shingles with a 40-year metal roof. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the quote for the roof replacement. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Theatre Operations: Councilman Van Sickle reported that the Council had previously allocated \$8,000 in the annual appropriation ordinance to relocate the projector in the theatre. He stated that the Parks & Buildings Committee and the Theatre Consultant had discussed the project and decided the projector would be best left in its current location but with a soundproof booth built around it. Councilman Van Sickle asked Council to consider re-allocating the appropriation to allow for the construction of a soundproof booth around the project, to renovate the first floor concession stand, and to construct a mobile concession cart for the second floor. He presented quotes from Sawblade Custom Creations for a total of \$4,200 for all three projects. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the expenditure. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Theatre Usage Fees: Councilman Van Sickle noted that the Parks & Buildings Committee received a request from the Museum and the Library to use the theatre on four Tuesday evenings in February 2018 for a joint project. He noted that the Committee suggested Council approve a reduced fee of \$100 per day rather than \$125. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the theatre usage for the Museum/Library joint project for each of the four Tuesdays in February 2018 at a usage fee of \$100 per day. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Loko Bean Community Clean-Up: Council considered a request from Ashley Thurber of Loko Bean Coffee Shop at 206 West Main Street for permission to organize a volunteer group to pick up trash around the downtown area once or twice a month. Solicitor Gilman noted that the request did not require official approval, and reminded the volunteers that some of the areas could be private property. Councilwoman Cooper expressed her support and gratitude of their endeavor. It was agreed that they could place the trash into the Village dumpsters. Councilman Welsh moved to approve their request. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Park Usage Request – Silent Witness Display: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve a request from the Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven in Ashland to place their Silent Witness Initiative silhouette displays in Central Park from October 16-20, 2017. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Park Usage Request – Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve a request from the Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven in Ashland to hold a candlelight vigil on October 19, 2017 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Grass Clippings: Mayor Stricklen reminded residents that there is an ordinance prohibiting mowing grass clippings into the street. It was noted that the grass clipping can cause the storm sewers to clog as well as causing the roadway to become slippery.

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CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-15:

Claims Ordinance 2017-15 was presented for approval. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-15. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 PM. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor