

## LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 21, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Mayor Steve Stricklen presided. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhardt, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Police Officer Rondal Stone and family, Paramedic Todd McElwain, Firemen Brad Dilgard, Mike Carey, and Joe Kiefer, residents Shirley Reeder, Charles Roesch, Robert Staman, Jeff Reeder, and Robert Fankhauser, Sally Hollenbach and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Mayor Stricklen swore in full-time Police Officer Rondal Stone.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – February 6, 2017:** The minutes were presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**GUESTS:**

**Animal Complaint:** Resident Shirley Reeder of 203 S. Adams Street was present to discuss a neighboring property at 133 S. Adams Street that has three dogs at the property that are causing various concerns with the neighbors in the area. She also made a brief reference to a concern that an elderly resident at the home was perhaps not being properly cared for. Regarding the dogs, she noted that the dogs are tied out during the night and often howl for hours. She further stated she is concerned that the dogs are not properly cared for as they are tied to chains and often run in circles. She expressed fear for the children that pass by the property when the dogs are chained out. She commented that she has contacted the Police Department regarding the problem but it is ongoing. Solicitor Gilman stated that there are several Village ordinances that address this type of problem. He noted that there is an ordinance prohibiting frequent and habitual barking and noxious odors from animals. Solicitor Gilman encouraged the residents to contact the Police Department each time the dogs are barking so that a pattern of complaints can be established. Chief Taylor stated that the Police Department would investigate the noxious odor complaint. Resident Charles Roesch commented that the dogs are quickly taken back into the house when the police cruisers are in the neighborhood, noting he has made many calls over the years regarding this problem. He stated that the barking is extremely loud in the night. Resident Robert Staman commented that the times he has called the Police Department, he had to answer what he felt were too many questions. Solicitor Gilman noted that an ordinance violation was served at this property last year regarding junk on the property, which proved effective. Councilman Welsh asked Chief Taylor to get aggressive with this problem. Chief Taylor agreed, but reminded the residents to call each time the dogs are barking. Chief Taylor also stated that their concerns of mistreatment of the dogs should be directed to the Humane Society and the County Dog Warden would investigate. He further stated that if they have concerns of an elder resident's well-being in the household they should contact Adult Protective Services. Mayor Stricklen thanked the residents for coming to express their concerns and pledged to work together to resolve the problem.

**5K – Strive Health Chiropractic:** Dr. Dakota Zickefoose of Strive Health Chiropractic presented Council with his proposed plan to host a 5K on June 3, 2017 after the Mohican 100 Bike Race. He noted that he is striving to develop a culture of health and wellness in the area. He stated that hoped a 5K in town would bring 500-800 runners to the downtown area, increasing activity in the business district. Councilwoman Cooper questioned the logistics of having two major events on the same morning. Dr. Zickefoose replied that the Mohican 100 Bike Race only starts in town. Mayor Stricklen expressed concern with available lodging for so many visitors from both events, and Dr. Zickefoose noted that the bikers generally stay in the area but the runners would most likely be from surrounding areas and would be here just for the day. The potential route was discussed, with Mayor Stricklen asking Dr. Zickefoose to put his proposed route together and bring it back to Council for further consideration and approval. Maintenance Superintendent Burkhardt expressed concern with various routes that would require numerous side streets to be closed with barricades. Acting Fire Chief Carey asked that the potential route not include the entrance to the Fire Station. Dr. Zickefoose agreed to draft several proposed routes to present to Council. Mayor Stricklen thanked Dr. Zickefoose for his continued commitment to improving the downtown area and for his vision to improve the quality of life for area residents.

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**THEATRE OPERATIONS:** Ms. Sally Hollenbach was present to introduce herself to Council and field questions they might have regarding her proposal to provide independent consulting services for the day-to-day operations of the Theatre. Ms. Hollenbach, owner of Find Your Voice Productions, LLC, shared her vision of implementing systems that would provide for additional renovations to the theatre, expansion of programs including live entertainment, plays and musicals, educational programming for children and adults, and developing partnerships with local businesses for events and planning that would increase the impact the theatre has on the local economy and community. Mayor Stricklen asked Council to review the proposal to provide services for a fee of \$2,500 per month and be prepared to discuss a contract at the March 6 council meeting. Councilman Young asked Solicitor Gilman if a contract could be developed. Solicitor Gilman stated that the contract would be drafted to include very clear provisions of the agreement. Upon question by Councilman Young, Ms. Hollenbach noted that for the short term, the student employees would remain and work in conjunction with many volunteers. She noted that in the future, it is their vision of growth that the theatre would be prosperous enough to have more employees and would operate self-sufficiently. Councilwoman Cooper expressed her enthusiasm for the theatre and the potential growth, stating it is a jewel and that she looks forward to seeing it shine. Mayor Stricklen concurred, noting he felt the Ohio Theatre could be compared to the Ford Theatre, and further conveyed to Ms. Hollenbach that he felt she could lead it in that direction.

### **LEGISLATION:**

#### **ORDINANCE 5-2017 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE**

Ordinance 5-2017 was presented on a second reading.

#### **ORDINANCE 6-2017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EAST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK AND BIKE PATH IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

### **EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 6-2017 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 Ordinance No. 6-2017. 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.

### **ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 6-2017 be passed as read. 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.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fire Chief Position Vacancy:** Mayor Stricklen asked Council to review the applications from Todd McElwain and Mike Carey that were included in their packets. He noted that he would be asking Council to assist him in the interview process at the next Council meeting on March 6 in an Executive Session. Upon question by Councilman Young, Solicitor Gilman stated that the Mayor appoints the Fire Chief with the consent of Council.

**Full-Time Paramedic Position:** Council discussed the position vacancy due to the retirement of full-time Paramedic Tom Gallagher. Mayor Stricklen reported that the vacancy is currently being filled by part-time employees. He noted that when full-time EMT Chad Callahan completes his Paramedic training, he would move into the full-time Paramedic position. He stated that the current plan is to have the three Paramedics work 24 hour shifts and then fill the day shift with part-time employees, further noting that when the new Fire Chief is appointed, the plan will be reviewed and discussed. Acting Chief Carey stated that he felt the department could reduce costs by not filling the full-time position but rather fill it with part-time employees. He further noted that they currently have a full-time employee in fire school, and were successfully utilizing part-time employees to fill the schedule.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**American Legion Banner Permit:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve a request from the American Legion for a banner permit for their show on March 24 & 25. 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.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-04:**

Claims Ordinance 2017-04 was presented for review. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-04. 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.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 PM. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor