

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 16, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 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, Firemen Brad Dilgard, Jed Cronebach and Mike Carey, residents Barbara and James Kollar, American Legion Post 257 representatives Don Riffel and Jim Danner, Mohican Historical Society representative Ken Libben, Theatre Manager Ken Young, and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – January 3, 2017: The minutes were presented for approval. Councilman Wilson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Monthly Financial Report – December 2016: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the December Financial Report. 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.

Mayor's Court Report – December 2016: Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the December Mayor's Court Report. 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.

GUESTS:

American Legion Donation: Mr. Riffel and Mr. Danner of the American Legion Post 257 presented Council with a donation in the amount of \$12,905.40 for the Maintenance Building Project Fund. Mayor Stricklen accepted the donation and expressed appreciation to the Legion for their continued support of the project. Mayor Stricklen reported that the Village was in the process of having the existing building inspected for demolition and the site preparation plans were being discussed.

Kollar Mobile Home Request: Mr. and Mrs. Kollar asked Council to consider approving their request to remove and replace their existing mobile home at 722 Pearl Drive with a new one. Mayor Stricklen noted that Council would consider their request under New Business.

Log Cabin Electric: Kenny Libben of the Mohican Historical Society asked Council to consider granting them permission to have the electric service to the cabin in Central park tied into the Village service. He noted that the Historical Society currently uses about \$1.00 per month but have to pay a minimum bill of about \$50 per month. He noted he had contacted Ohio Edison and they would approve the change upon receipt of a letter of request to their Akron office. Mr. Libben noted that he received an estimate of about \$400 to \$600 to move the service line to the Village pole, stating that the Historical Society would pay for the work. Councilwoman Cooper noted that the Parks & Buildings Committee had previously discussed his request and were agreeable if Ohio Edison gave their approval. Attorney Gilman suggested that the electrician inspect the log cabin prior to switching the service line and further asked Mr. Libben to work with Village Administrator Young on the project.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2-2017

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE 2017 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 2-2017 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. 2-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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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. 2-2017 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

ORDINANCE 3-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO PAY THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE MOHICAN AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC., FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO, AND TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS CITIZENS.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 3-2017 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. 3-2017. 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. 3-2017 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.

RESOLUTION 4-2017

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES AND COMPENSATION PROPOSAL OF ADR & ASSOCIATES, LTD. FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE EAST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Young seconded that Resolution No. 4-2017 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. 4-2017. 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.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Resolution No. 4-2017 be passed as read. 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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy: Mayor Stricklen appointed Brad Dilgard to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Resignation: Mayor Stricklen reported that Fire Chief Gallagher has submitted his formal letter of resignation effective February 3, 2017. He stated that Chief Gallagher is currently using his four weeks' vacation up to his last day, February 3. Councilman Young questioned the Mayor as to his plan to replace Chief Gallagher. Mayor Stricklen stated that he would be providing Council with the applications of the two qualified candidates who are interested in the position. The Mayor further stated that he will be absent from the February 6 Council meeting, but he is considering having Council join him in interviewing the candidates. He noted that Assistant Chief Mike Carey would be appointed the Interim Chief until a new Chief is selected.

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Solicitor Gilman reminded Mayor and Council that in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the Mayor shall appoint a fire chief with the advice and consent of the Council.

Theatre Operations: Parks & Buildings Chairman Van Sickle reported that the Village has been approached by a group of interested people who would like to assist the Village with the operations of the theatre on a volunteer basis. He noted that the individuals are interested in lending their knowledge and expertise in the theatre management, noting they have connections to the Cleveland Playhouse Square group. Councilman Van Sickle stated that the committee was very enthused about the potential growth of the theatre should the Village move in this direction, noting that improving theatre operations could provide additional economic growth to the downtown. He noted that the couple interested in providing direction might also be interested in providing monetary support of the theatre, noting they were instrumental in the significant improvements to the Franklin Theatre in Franklin, Tennessee. Councilwoman Cooper further commented that the group's vision is to form three volunteer committees made up of community members, including a committee to oversee the improvements to the building and equipment, a committee to improve and oversee the movie schedule and choices, and a committee to improve the scheduling of live performances. She noted that these volunteers would be directed by a Theatre Manager who would be employed by the Village, noting the Parks & Buildings Committee and Village Council would retain control of the theatre operations while benefiting from the expertise of the group. Solicitor Gilman reiterated that any Village employees who might be employed at the theatre would be under the Village administration rather than the advisory committees. He further suggested that a written plan be drafted outlining the guidelines for Council review. Theatre Manager Ken Young commented that he was aware of some of the changes the group was interested in making, including improvements to the concession stand and movie showings, and shared a letter of information highlighting the operations at the Franklin Theatre. Councilman Van Sickle commented that he felt the Loudonville theatre was at a point where it could stay just as it is or it could substantially grow, noting the group was interested in bringing more live premier stage productions to Loudonville via an outreach program through the Cleveland Playhouse. Councilwoman Cooper stated that she felt the theatre could be a focal point for economic development in our area and that the Loudonville Theatre and Arts Committee was very enthusiastic about the proposed improvements to the theatre operations.

Loudonville Library Summer Reading Program: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the donation of several movie passes and swim passes for prizes for the summer reading program. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Kollar Mobile Home Replacement: Council considered the request from James and Barbara Kollar to remove their existing 14x60 mobile home at 722 Pearl Drive and replace it with a new, larger 14x70 one. Administrator Young noted he would verify setbacks and general regulations. Solicitor Gilman commented that existing setbacks could be grandfathered in if they do not change. Councilman Young moved to approve the replacement of the existing mobile home if the larger one complies with setback and other regulations. 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.

Ashland County Municipal Government Conference: Mayor Stricklen reported that he, along with Councilmen Wilson and Young, Village Administrator Young, and Fiscal Officer Van Horn attended the conference sponsored by the Village of Jeromesville at the Hayesville Middle School on Saturday, January 14. He noted almost all municipalities were represented at this first annual event. He expressed appreciation to Jeromesville's Mayor Spayde for planning and hosting the event, remarking that working together with other municipalities in the County can provide a louder voice in Columbus regarding matters that affect the communities.

Mohican Area Growth Foundation: Mayor Stricklen reported that he had attended the MAGF meeting on Friday, noting that the Board members were very appreciative of Council's support.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-02:

Claims Ordinance 2017-02 was presented for review. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-02. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 PM. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor