

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 22, 2019

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Village Municipal Building. Answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Jason Van Sickle, Mr. Tom Gallagher, and Mrs. Cathy Lance. Mayor Steve Stricklen presided. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Times Reporter Jim Brewer, Loudonville Village residents Brandon Biddinger and Matt Young, and American Legion Post 257 representatives Jim Danner and Don Riffel.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – January 7, 2019: The minutes of this regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Gallagher moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

American Legion Post #257: Legion officers Don Riffel and Jim Danner presented Mayor Stricklen with a \$20,585.87 donation for the new Maintenance Building. They also presented a \$5,000 donation to be placed into the Loudonville Fireworks Display Agency Fund. Mayor Stricklen graciously accepted the donations, thanking the Legion officers for the unprecedented support that the Legion has given to the Village of Loudonville, affirming that their generosity will benefit the entire community. Mayor Stricklen commented on the impressive new facility, thanking Council for their part in making it happen.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Maintenance Building Change Orders: Administrator Young reported that the maintenance facility was nearly completed, noting that the plumbing was almost finished. He noted that there were two small change orders including:

- 1) Additional electrical work to accommodate the lift and the workbench locations. He noted that the electricians would be adding the electrical requirements for the lift as well as additional outlets for the workbench at a cost of \$1,200.
- 2) Additional insulation is required to correct a condensation problem at the firewall where the block wall protrudes into the attic space. He noted the additional insulation and cost of \$1,600 was approved as reasonable by the architect, with Administrator Young noting it would be completed the next day if there were no objections.

Mayor Stricklen noted he was pleased that there were so few change orders on the project, citing excellent planning for the project. Councilman Gallagher noted it is easier to complete the extra work now while the contractors are still on site.

Traffic Study at Main & Mt. Vernon: Administrator Young reported that ODOT responded back to the letter from Council requesting a traffic study be done at the intersection. He noted that ODOT would be completing the study in the spring and would notify Council should they wish to be onsite for the study.

Backhoe Purchase: Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart commented on the inclusion of a new backhoe in the 2019 appropriations, noting that the backhoe has been in his five-year capital purchases plan. He commented that Administrator Young has been working to include the backhoe into the budget for several years when it could be split between all funds that will utilize the backhoe while not having to take out a loan. He noted that the 2005 backhoe would be traded in if it had any value. Superintendent Burkhart further stated that while he does work with at least a five-year plan, it changes constantly, noting that priorities can shift in any given year due to unplanned equipment or infrastructure failure. He noted that streets are regularly inventoried for needed or projected improvements and commended Administrator Young and Fiscal Officer Van Horn for their efforts in budgeting for capital improvements over the years without an having a notable increase in general revenue sources. Mayor Stricklen concurred, noting that reports show significant fund balance improvements since 2011 despite the decrease in state funding. Mayor Stricklen noted that he has made a written request to all Council members for a list of projects they feel are important over the next five years.

Fire Department Sale of Assets: Fire Chief Carey reported that all GovDeals sale transactions had been completed with close to \$12,000 in sales.

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Sidewalk Snow Removal: Solicitor Gilman reminded the community that homeowners and occupants are required by Village Ordinance to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. He noted that he had personally witnessed many students walking on the street because the sidewalks weren't cleared. He suggested that Council make the Police Department aware of areas where sidewalks aren't being cleared so that proper notices can be served.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 3-2019

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Ordinance No. 3-2019 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. 3-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance No. 3-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 4-2019

A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE LOUDONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIRECT SOURCE EXHAUST SYSTEM PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Young seconded that Resolution No. 4-2019 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. 4-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes;
Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Resolution No. 4-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes;
Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 5-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LOUDONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT DIRECT SOURCE CAPTURE EXHAUST SYSTEM PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 5-2019 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. 5-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Ordinance No. 5-2019 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. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fence Regulations: Planning & Zoning Committee Chairman Young reported that the committee had met to discuss possible revisions to the Village's fence regulations. He noted that the committee would like Council to consider establishing a required 24" setback from neighboring property lines. He also stated that the committee would like to include allowing an exception to the 24" setback requirement should both property owners sign a written agreement that the fence can be placed directly on the property line. Councilman Welsh moved to authorize Solicitor Gilman to draft proposed legislation revising the fencing regulations in the Village. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

Village Annual Financial Report: Councilman Van Sickle acknowledged and thanked Fiscal Officer Van Horn for the timely filing of the Village's 2018 Annual Financial Report with the Auditor of State.

Street Maintenance – Snow Removal: Councilman Van Sickle acknowledged and thanked Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart for their work on clearing the streets after the recent snowfall. Mayor Stricklen concurred and further commended the safety forces as well.

Rumpke Spring and Fall Clean-Up: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the proposed spring and fall clean-up dates of April 17-18 and October 16-17, 2019 as requested by Rumpke. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

American Legion Minstrel Banner Request: Councilwoman Lance moved to approve a banner request for the Legion Minstrel, which is scheduled for March 29 and 30 in the Theatre. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

Abatement Survey at 146/148 N. Water: Mayor Stricklen asked Administrator Young about the status of the required abatement survey for the property, with Administrator Young commenting that the study was completed today with final results expected within the week. He further noted that he was optimistic that the results would be positive.

Fire Department Direct Source Exhaust System: Chief Carey expressed appreciation to the Council for their patience with the project. He apologized for the delays caused by revisions to the bid specifications, and assured them that the changes were necessary to assure a successful project outcome. Mayor Stricklen thanked Solicitor Gilman for his review of and revisions to the bid specifications.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-02:

Claims Ordinance 2019-02 was presented for review Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-02. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilwoman Lance moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor