

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

June 19, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 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. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Mr. Roy Wilson was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Kiefer, Planning Commission members Carl Smith, Tom Motz and Michael Smith, Gloria Sargent and Bethany Paterson of MUGS, Elliot Livensparger, Mike Cloud, Robbie Knable and Joe Kowalski representing North Coast Design Build, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – June 5, 2017: Councilwoman Cooper moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

GUESTS:

Mr. Mike Cloud, a general contractor and developer with North Coast Design Build, presented Council with a proposed plan to construct five residential facilities around the Village to house the current residents of Jac-Lin Manor. Mr. Cloud explained that new State rules require that developmentally disabled adults be housed in more home-like settings rather than an institutional-like setting. Mr. Cloud, who noted he was speaking on behalf of Jac-Lin Manor owner Linda Snowbarger, further commented that the five units would house five to six residents each and would be staffed 24-hours per day. He stated it is the intention of Mrs. Snowbarger to convert the Jac-Lin Manor facility into a facility for Alzheimer patients once the current residents are relocated, assuring Council there would be no loss of jobs. Mr. Joe Kowalski, representing Mentor Network, shared that his company would be acquiring and managing the new facilities and residents. Mr. Cloud reviewed four of the proposed sites, including two lots on Middle Drive and two lots in the Industrial Park. Upon question by Mr. Cloud as to potential Village approval that might be required for the proposed sites, Solicitor Gilman stated that the sites on Middle Drive were acceptable within the Village zoning guidelines. He noted that the Industrial Park sites would require either a conditional use approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals or a spot-zoning change by Council from Industrial to Residential-Commercial. Solicitor Gilman further commented that he was hesitant to suggest a rezoning on a lot-by-lot basis in the Industrial Park. Solicitor Gilman stated that the Code allows for the Zoning Board of Appeals to approval a conditional use with a ten-day notice required for the public hearing. Administrator Young noted that a re-zoning consideration by Council requires a thirty-day notice for the public hearing. Administrator Young stated that he would work with Mr. Cloud to schedule a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider a conditional use within the Industrial Park. Mr. Cloud stated that was not prepared to discuss the fifth location as they were still negotiating with the property owner.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 23-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LOUDONVILLE TOWN HALL ADA ENTRY AND RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 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. 23-2017 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. 23-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 23-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mosquito Spraying: Administrator Young reported that the Maintenance Department would begin spraying for mosquitos on Wednesday, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park Fence: Council again discussed the poor condition of the dog park fence, with Councilwoman Cooper commenting that she had not been approached by any citizens interested in replacing the dog park fence. Councilman Van Sickle expressed his opinion that the fence should be removed completely, especially in its current deteriorated condition, further stating he felt it could be a potential liability issue for the Village. Councilwoman Cooper agreed, noting that she felt the liability was more significant than the local interest in maintaining the fence. Councilman Van Sickle moved to authorize the removal of the dog park fence. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Usage Request: At the request of Ms. Gloria Sargent and Ms. Bethany Paterson representing MUGS coffee shop, Council reconsidered its denial of a park usage request for use of the SE & NE quadrants of Central Park for a flea market on July 15 to benefit the Mugs coffee shop. Mrs. Paterson addressed Council, explaining that MUGS is a non-profit organization working to open the coffee shop and meeting rooms at their downtown location. She noted that they encountered structural issues with their building but were moving one step closer to completing their renovations to the building. She stated that they need approximately \$20,000 for the next phase of their renovation project, and noted that while they have been trying to avoid fundraisers for their project, they were supportive of Ms. Sargent's enthusiasm toward raising funds for the project. Ms. Sargent stated that she was planning to charge \$25 per table for the approximate 10x10 spaces she would provide to flea market vendors to display their items between 9 AM and 3 PM. Mrs. Paterson noted they had talked with Valerie Spreng of the Chamber, who suggested they partner with the Unity-in-the-Community event. Her plan was to sell refreshments from the wooden stage in the NE quadrant and also hoped to invite Pete Hurst of Backyard Barbeque as the only other concessionaire, noting that she had not contacted him as of this date to determine if he would be available or willing to participate in the fundraiser. Councilman Van Sickle expressed his hesitation in approving the event due to the potential liability concerns. Councilwoman Cooper stated that while she was in favor of supporting the MUGS non-profit group, she expressed her personal displeasure with the overall aesthetics of a flea market in Central Park. Administrator Young commented that typically the Chamber hosts these types of events, noting they are familiar with the requirements. He further stated that the Village does not control many of the electrical hookups because they were installed by or belong to either the Chamber or the Fair Board. Ms. Sargent and Mrs. Paterson thanked Council for their input, with Councilwoman Cooper suggesting perhaps they consider hosting the event at New Hope Church, who sponsors the MUGS initiative. At the conclusion of the discussion, Council took no action to reverse their original denial of the request on June 5.

Park Usage Request: Council considered a Park Usage Application from Julie Tucker of Shreve to use the Riverside Park Bridge on Tuesday, July 17 from 4 PM to 6:30 PM for a wedding on the bridge. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve the request. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Rotary Business Membership: Mayor Stricklen asked Council if they had considered the invitation from the Loudonville Rotary to join their business membership at an annual cost of \$545, which includes the meal costs for the weekly luncheon meetings. Mayor Stricklen noted that the membership allows for any individual employee of the Village to attend the weekly lunch meeting. The Mayor asked Council to consider the Village membership and be prepared for further discussion at the July 3 Council meeting.

Railroad Complaints: Council discussed the poor condition of the Market Street railroad crossing, noting that the recent repairs made to the crossing were not acceptable and the water is still not draining away correctly. Solicitor Gilman explained that the Ohio Revised Code allows for the Village to seek legal action against the railroad company if they don't correct the problem after receiving a 30-day notice from the Village. Councilman Young noted that the tracks on Township Road 457 are in bad condition as well, with Administrator Young stating that those tracks are outside the Village corporation limits. Council agreed to proceed with providing the railroad with a 30-day notice to repair the tracks to an acceptable condition.

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CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-12:

Claims Ordinance 2017-12 was presented for approval. Councilman Young moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-12. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor