

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 19, 2018

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, and Mr. Van Sickle. Mr. Tom Gallagher was absent from the meeting. Mayor Steve Stricklen presided. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Fire Chief Mike Carey, and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – March 5, 2018: The minutes of this regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

GUESTS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Railroad crossing repairs: Administrator Young reported that Norfolk Southern Railroad has announced they will be repairing the crossing at Spring Street on April 5 & 6 and at Market Street on April 9 & 10, noting the Market Street crossing may take a few days longer. He stated that the repairs will require street closures during the project. Solicitor Gilman reported that the scheduled repairs were in response to the 30-day notice given to the railroad of the existing danger to the safety of citizens. He commented that their proposed repairs include removing the tracks and ties and building up the foundation, and recommend that Council encourage Maintenance Superintendent Burkhardt and Administrator Young to observe the project as it progresses to be certain the repairs are adequate. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the road closures during the two crossing projects. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Handicapped parking spots: Administrator Young presented Council with an estimate from H & S Concrete of Lakeville for the construction of two handicapped parking spots at the rear of the municipal building and adjacent to the end of the ramp for a cost of \$2,200 plus an additional \$180 for two parking blocks. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the proposal at a cost not to exceed \$2,380. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Curbing on Main Street at Union: Administrator Young presented Council with an estimate from H & S Concrete of Lakeville for the construction of 165' of new curbing along the south side of Main Street starting at Union Street for a cost of \$4,500. It was noted that this would extend past the front of the Paula Bush residence as discussed in the past. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the proposal not to exceed \$4,500. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Memorial Day Parade: Mayor Stricklen noted that the bridge project on West Main may hamper the Memorial Day Parade festivities, noting that the Legion will be evaluating the situation as it gets closer to the parade should they need to reorganize the route.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION 18-2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE MILTON R. AND BEULAH M. YOUNG FOUNDATION FOR FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOUDONVILLE SWIMMING POOL.

This was the second reading of Resolution 18-2018.

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**RESOLUTION 19-2018
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF
LOUDONVILLE**

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Resolution No. 19-2018 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. 19-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Resolution No. 18-2018 be passed as read. 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. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY 20-2018
RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR A RENEWAL LEVY OF A TAX EXCEEDING THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THIS
COUNCIL CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03(B)**

Solicitor Gilman noted that the two resolutions of necessity were for the renewal of the 3.5 mil, 5-year levy for the Fire Levy Fund and the 4.5 mil, 5-year levy for current expenses.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 20-2018 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. 20-2018. 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 Resolution No. 20-2018 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.

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY 21-2018
RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR A RENEWAL LEVY OF A TAX EXCEEDING THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THIS
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EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 21-2018 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. 21-2018. 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 Resolution No. 21-2018 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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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village parking lots: Councilman Young suggested Council consider stripping the sod, grading, and then graveling the parking lots at Riverside Park and at the Pool/Park complex, stating they are heavily used and in bad shape. Mayor Stricklen commented he would see what could be done.

Library Park Usage Request: Council reviewed a request from the Library for an event on May 4 from 9 AM to 5 PM described on the application as a conference event with a food truck, ODNR, and presenters. Councilman Welsh agreed to contact the Library for additional information on the event.

Water Rate Proposed Increase:

Councilman Van Sickle, chairman of the council Utilities Committee, advised Council of a new EPA Asset Management program that the Village is required to develop and implement before October 1, 2018. He noted that the program requires that predictive maintenance or replacement be scheduled for every piece of equipment and utility line before the equipment fails, and that funds be available and appropriated in accordance with the plan. Councilman Welsh stated that the committee discussed enacting a 2% annual increase in the water utility rate starting in January, 2019 to support the EPA requirements. Councilman Van Sickle encouraged residents to contact their state legislators to express concerns with the new unfunded mandate. Councilwoman Cooper moved to authorize Village Solicitor Gilman to draft legislation for Council consideration that would enact a 2% annual increase in the water rate. Second by Councilman Welsh.

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

DONOR RECOGNITION: The Mayor read the following Certificate of Recognition to be presented to Jamie & Ellen Black:

Whereas, Loudonville Village residents Jamie and Ellen Black have on numerous occasions in the past bestowed generous monetary donations to the Loudonville Police and Fire Departments for both training advancement and purchases of safety equipment; and

Whereas, the Black's dedication to the continuous support and betterment of the safety forces in our Village is again evidenced by their recent establishment of two permanent endowment funds with the Ashland County Community Foundation to benefit both the Loudonville Police and Fire Departments; and

Whereas, their generous donation of \$20,000, allocating \$10,000 to establish each of the funds, further demonstrates their genuine commitment to providing a permanent future source of funding; and

Whereas, as governed by the fund restrictions, the annual yielded distributions from each fund released to the Village of Loudonville will be used to offset costs associated with the purchasing of equipment and/or providing training for personnel in the Police and Fire Departments; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Stephen M. Stricklen, do hereby present this Certificate of Recognition to Jamie and Ellen Black with grateful appreciation for their efforts in establishing the Jamie and Ellen Black Charitable Funds for the benefit of the Loudonville Police and Fire Departments through the Ashland County Community Foundation .

In witness whereof, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Loudonville, and on behalf of the Village Council and our residents, I do hereby cause the Mayoral Seal of the Village of Loudonville to be affixed on this 19th day of March, 2018.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2018-06:

Claims Ordinance 2018-06 was presented for review. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2018-06. 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.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 PM. 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. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes.
Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor