

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 15, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 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, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Paramedic Brad Bilancini, resident Scott Nave and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – May 1, 2017:** The minutes of this regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Monthly Financial Report – April 2017:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the April Financial Report. 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.

**Mayor's Court Report – April 2017:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the April Mayor's Court 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.

**GUESTS:** None.

**LEGISLATION:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Opera House Renovation Project:** Administrator Young reported that project bids are scheduled to be opened on Thursday, June 1 at 3:00 PM at Village Hall. He noted that a copy of the plan is available for inspection.

**Dog Fence Repair/Replacement:** Administrator Young reported that he has not yet received the quote for the dog fence, noting the fence contractor stated it could not be repaired but would require a total replacement.

**Pool Employment:** Administrator Young reported that the Pool Manager is still taking applications for pool positions, noting there is still a shortage of lifeguards.

**North Spring Street Sidewalks:** Administrator Young asked Council to consider waiving the \$25 permit fee for sidewalk replacement by those homeowners on Spring Street who received letters asking them to repair their sidewalks. Councilman Welsh moved to waive the \$25 permit fee. 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.

**Opera House Project Materials Testing:** Administrator Young presented a proposal from TTL Associates, Inc. for testing services for the Opera House Renovations Project to include soil testing and inspections, concrete steel reinforcement inspection, structural steel field inspection, and structural steel fabrications inspection for the ramp. Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the quote in the amount of \$9,000 from TTL Associates, Inc. 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.

**Valleyview Drive Chip & Seal:** Administrator Young presented two quotes to chip & seal Valleyview Drive. One quote was from Albatross Asphalt for a double layer of chip & seal for \$11,340. The second quote was from Melway Paving for single layer of chip & seal for \$7,941. Administrator Young noted that Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart recommended the Melway Paving quote. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the quote from Melway Paving in the amount of \$7,941. 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.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Waste Collection Bids:** Council briefly discussed the two bids received from Rumpke and Kimble. Solicitor Gilman noted that although the bid from Rumpke includes a 20% increase from the current contract, it was still lower than their proposed new contract before the Village decided to put it out for bid, further noting this illustrates the benefit of bidding. While Council expressed displeasure with the fuel surcharge, Administrator Young noted it was customary for the trash industry. Councilman Young moved to authorize the Solicitor to prepare legislation to enter into a contract with Rumpke for Village waste collection. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Street Closure & Park Usage Requests:** The following requests were considered:

Lions Club: NE Quadrant Central Park – Chicken Barbeques – May 27, July 1, and September 2, 2017

Lions Club: NW Quadrant Central Park – Nativity Scene – December 1, 2017 through January 6, 2018

Methodist Church: Closure of E. North Park Place between North Market & North Pleasant between July 17 and July 19, 2017 inclusive for Vacation Bible School

Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the requests from the Lions Club and the Methodist Church. 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.

**Auction:** Mayor Stricklen reported that the auction held on May 12, 2017 brought in a little over \$14,000. Mayor Stricklen thanked Auctioneer Kermit Richert for donating his services for the auction.

**Maintenance Building Removal:** Council discussed the options available for the removal of the old building now that it is empty. Mayor Stricklen noted that he was approached after the auction by an individual who was interested in removing the wormy chestnut wood from the building, with discussion ensuring regarding the interest in the wood and other items by many individuals and the best way to offer it for sale. Solicitor Gilman noted the wood could be sold by sealed bid or on GovDeals. Concerns were expressed regarding the possible instability of the building if some of the interior valuable wood is removed. Upon question by Council of the possibility of the Fire Department taking it down in a training exercise, Chief Carey stated it would too dangerous given the structure of the building. Administrator Young noted he may still have an individual who is interested in removing the building. After a brief discussion regarding the best way to get rid of the building, Council asked Administrator Young to obtain three quotes to take down and remove the building entirely.

**Letter of Appreciation:** Mayor Stricklen read a letter of thanks from the owners of the Blackfork Inn expressing appreciation to the Mayor, Solicitor and Police Department for their assistance in retrieving items that were taking from the Inn by the former tenant.

**Soccer Fields at Pool/Park Complex:** Councilman Robinson noted he had received a complaint of high grass at the soccer fields at the pool/park complex, noting players were getting ticks on them during practice. Administrator Young noted he would talk with the Maintenance Department about the mowing schedule there.

### **CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-10:**

Claims Ordinance 2017-10 was presented for review. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-10. 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.

**Sidewalk Discussion:** Resident Scott Nave asked Council about the progress of the sidewalks repairs on Spring Street, noting he had read in the paper that there was a problem in that area. Administrator Young reported he had sent letters to residents in that area who had sidewalks with at least a 2" drop. General discussion ensued regarding the governing of sidewalks, with Solicitor Gilman noting that the Ohio Revised Code allows the Council to govern the installation, maintenance and replacement of sidewalks in the Village. Mr. Nave asked about the East Main Street sidewalk project currently underway, with Councilwoman Cooper noting that the project was funded by a state grant. Solicitor Gilman stated that the Tree Commission will work with property owners who have trees in the tree lawn that are causing the sidewalks to heave, with the Mayor reiterating that the tree and the sidewalk remains the responsibility of the homeowner. The Mayor and Council discussed participating in an informal Village-wide survey of sidewalks, with the Mayor asking Council

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to make notes of sidewalks in need of repair. Mayor Stricklen expressed appreciation to Mr. Nave for the recent replacement of his sidewalk at his residence.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Van Sickle moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor