

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 6, 2019

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 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, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Times Reporter Jim Brewer, Loudonville Village residents Kristin Wilson, Brandon Biddinger and Matt Young. Also attending were Dr. Brian Santin and Mike Middaugh, representatives of the 2020 Flixible Bus Rally.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – April 15, 2019: The minutes of this regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve 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. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report – April 2019: The monthly financial report was presented for approval. Councilwoman Lance moved to approve the April financial report as presented. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mayor’s Court Report – April 2019: The monthly Mayor’s Court report was presented. Councilman Welsh moved to accept the report as presented. 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.

GUESTS: Flixible bus owners Dr. Brian Santin and Mr. Mike Middaugh introduced themselves to Council and reported that the next Flixible Bus Rally is scheduled for August 26-30, 2020. They asked Council for permission to again have the parade proceed through town on Saturday, August 29, 2020. They further asked Council to consider giving their approval to pause the parade downtown and allow the drivers to angle park the buses between Spring and Market Streets for a short period of time so that residents and visitors could tour the buses while parked. They noted they would then proceed back to the campgrounds. Dr. Santin noted he had discussed the request with Valerie Spreng at the Chamber of Commerce and had received Chamber support. Mayor Stricklen noted that he was in favor of the proposal, but advised Dr. Santin that approval would also be required from ODOT. Mayor Stricklen commented that Administrator Young could provide a letter of approval from the Village for their submission to ODOT. He also suggested that Ms. Spreng at the Chamber could provide information to them with regard to ODOT requirements for approval. Councilman Young moved to approve their request. Solicitor Gilman suggested the motion include a time frame, with 10 AM to 1 PM decided. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mayor Stricklen noted that “no parking” signs would be placed downtown on Main the night before the parade.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Butler Street Project: Administrator Young reported that the utility work was almost complete and the asphalt would be done next.

Building Demolition Cleanup: Administrator Young reported that the demolition work at the North Water Street property was nearly complete.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 16-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PROVISION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT

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EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Ordinance No. 16-2019 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. 16-2019. 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. 16-2019 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.

ORDINANCE 17-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO PAY THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE MOHICAN AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC., FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO, AND TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS CITIZENS.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

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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. 17-2019 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Custodial Employee: Upon question by Councilman Young, Administrator Young noted that the recently-filled part-time custodial position includes upkeep in the Riverside Park and Brentwood Drive public restrooms.

New Police Cruiser: Councilwoman Lance reported that the Finance Committee had met to discuss a request from Chief Taylor to purchase another new cruiser this year, a 2020 Ford Explorer. She noted the Committee is recommending the cruiser be purchased outright rather than through a lease/purchase with the bank. Councilman Gallagher expressed his support of the request. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the purchase of the 2020 Explorer at a cost of \$33,993. 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.

Fireworks Donation Request: Council considered a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a donation for the 2019 fireworks display. Councilman Welsh moved to authorize the contribution of \$500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the fireworks display. 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.

American Legion Post 257 Riders Club: Mayor Stricklen announced that the Legion's annual Bike Show is scheduled for June 22. The Riders Club asked Council for permission to close the same streets as in the past few years from 6 AM to 6 PM: Water Street from Main to Bustle; Bustle Street from Water to Brentwood;

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Brentwood from Main to Bustle. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve the street closure request. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Donor Recognitions: Mayor Stricklen read aloud Certificates of Appreciation to be presented to the following donors, recognizing their commitment to recreation and the arts in the community:

- 1) American Legion Post 257: \$3,000 to the Loudonville Pool for free weekly youth swims and \$18,549.87 for capital improvements at the pool.
- 2) Fraternal Order of Eagles 2275: \$3,000 to the Ohio Theatre for a weekend of family movie entertainment and general donation.
- 3) Loudonville Theatre & Arts Committee: In-kind donation of backstage & onstage improvements at the Ohio Theatre as well as sound equipment.
- 4) Loudonville Progressive Mothers Club: \$600 to the Ohio Theatre for the purpose of helping underprivileged children participate in programs at the theatre.

Levy for Street Repair: Councilwoman Lance asked Council their opinion on considering a levy for street repair. She noted that Ashland City enacted an additional tax to repair streets several years ago. Administrator Young suggested Council hold off on discussion to increase taxes for streets as the Village was recently notified that they qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding due to the Village's recent identification as a low-to-moderate income community throughout the entire Village. He noted that this designation puts the Village in a position to receive CDBG funding for street improvements. Administrator Young reminded Council that the Village has put down a considerable amount of asphalt the past few years on several large projects, noting 16,000 square yards were placed on North Water Street and Wally Road alone. He stated that he is in the process of exploring the procedure to obtain the CDBG funds, which do not require matching dollars, and will report to Council on his findings.

Request for Waiver of Pool Rental Fee: Loudonville Library representative Kristin Wilson asked Council to consider donating the use of the pool for a two-hour free family night for the summer reading program sometime in July. Councilwoman Lance advised Ms. Wilson that the Parks & Buildings Committee discussed how to handle requests for waiver of the pool rental fee at their meeting on April 15, but made no policy recommendations to Council for approval. Reading from the Committee notes, Councilwoman Lance shared that the Committee discussed how to determine who might be permitted use of the pool for free. She further noted that the Committee had planned to consult with Pool Manager Young to establish a policy, but had not yet done so. Mayor Stricklen suggested that a policy was needed to fairly justify a waiver of the fee from the various groups that request use of the pool. Administrator Young suggested the fee be waived for the Library since the Parks & Buildings Committee had not yet established a policy for Council consideration. Councilman Young moved to waive the fee for the Library to use the pool for their summer reading program family night. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-09:

Claims Ordinance 2019-09 was presented for review. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-09. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:32 PM. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor