

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 17, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 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, resident Rhonda Close, American Legion Post 257 representatives Don Riffel & Jim Danner, resident Gregg Beechy, John Temple from the Trinity Community Church and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – April 4, 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 – March 2017:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the March Financial 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.

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

**GUESTS:**

**Sidewalk Complaint:** Resident Rhonda Close was present to express concern with the condition of some of the sidewalks around the Village. She noted that she tripped on an uneven sidewalk on Spring Street and injured her face. Administrator Young stated that he surveyed the sidewalks on Spring Street after hearing of her accident and noted there were at least seven properties with sidewalks that had at least a 2" drop. Mayor Stricklen recalled a campaign to repair sidewalks around the Village many years ago, noting that two council members walked every sidewalk throughout the Village and recorded those that needed replaced, with the Village enforcing the required repairs. Councilwoman Cooper reminded property owners of their responsibility to repair their sidewalks, with Solicitor Gilman concurring. Solicitor Gilman stated that the property owner is liable and further noted that the Village could compel owners to improve their walks by several means, including assessing the cost of improvements to their property tax. Solicitor Gilman agreed to meet with Administrator Young to review the guidelines and procedures for enforcement.

**L-P Ministerial Association Rally:** The Rev. John Temple of the L-P Ministerial Association invited Council to participate in an addiction awareness rally entitled *Together We Care* on May 7 in Central Park. Councilwoman Cooper reminded Rev. Temple that a park usage request form is required. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the use of Central Park for the rally contingent upon the submission of a Park Usage Request Form to the Village Office. 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.

**Property Damage Complaint:** Trinity Community Church Pastor John Temple advised Council of damage that is occurring to the church property since the conclusion of the Safe Routes to School Project on Bustle Street. He stated that in addition to the damage caused by vehicles dropping off children, he has concerns that it is dangerous for children crossing the street in the area. Administrator Young stated that he did not know there was a problem, noting that the area was observed closely at the conclusion of the project for potential issues. Reverend Temple stated as soon as the Police presence in the area left during drop-off and pick-up before and after school, the problem started. Council discussed several options including curbing, *No Parking* signs, police presence, and/or shrubbery. Administrator Young stated he would discuss the problem with Chief Taylor. Mayor Stricklen promised Reverend Temple that the Village would look into the problem further to resolve the issues.

**American Legion Donation:** Mr. Jim Danner and Mr. Don Riffel of the American Legion Post 257 presented the Mayor and Council with a donation for the proposed new Maintenance Department facility in the amount of \$12,244.74. Mayor Stricklen expressed sincere appreciation for their generous donation and their commitment

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to the project. Mayor Stricklen noted that an auction has been scheduled for May 12 at 2:00 PM in preparation of the demolition of the existing building.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 17-2017  
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 17-2017 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. 17-2017. 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.

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 17-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 18-2017  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY  
PUBLIC AUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Council discussed adding the removal of the building on Wally Road to the list of auction items. Solicitor Gilman noted he would amend the Ordinance to include the removal of the building within 14 days of the auction, and further that the official rules for the removal would be announced the day of the auction.

**EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE**

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilwoman Cooper seconded that the amended Ordinance No. 18-2017 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. 18-2017. 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.

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilman Welsh moved that amended Ordinance No. 18-2017 be passed as read. 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.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**East Main Sidewalk Project:** Administrator Young reported that project is scheduled to begin on May 1. He noted he would be meeting with residents in that area to discuss the project.

**Spring Clean-Up:** Administrator Young reminded Council of the community spring clean-up April 19 & 20.

**Pool Guard Chair Improvements:** Administrator Young presented a quote from W.M. Smith & Associates in the amount of \$908.91 for parts to repair one of the damaged lifeguard chairs at the pool. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the purchase not to exceed \$950. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lifeguard Pay:** Councilman Van Sickle reported that the Parks & Buildings Committee discussed increasing the hourly pay for lifeguards in an effort to be more competitive with the State Park and to attract more lifeguards. He asked Council for their approval to ask the Solicitor to prepare an amended salary ordinance to increase the rate to \$10 per hour for lifeguards and possibly to adjust the Assistant Manager position rate of pay.

Councilman Welsh moved to approve the request to amend the salary ordinance. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. 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.

**Park Usage Request:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve a request from the Loudonville Youth, Inc. for use of the Riverside & Wally Road ball fields for tournaments on June 23-25, July 7-9, and July 14-16. 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. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes. Motion carried.

**Summer Regular Ball Season LYA:** Council discussed if there was a need for the Loudonville Youth, Inc. to submit park usage requests for their regular summer season schedule. Solicitor Gilman suggested the LYA submit a copy of their summer schedule with a park usage request for the public parks. Councilman Van Sickle noted he would contact LYA representative Scott Smart to discuss it with him. Councilwoman Cooper noted she would contact the youth soccer group regarding the same.

**Chamber of Commerce Schedule of Events:** Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the following schedule of events for the Chamber of Commerce:

April 21	3-9 PM	Downtown	Ladies Night out
May 27	9 AM-4 PM	Central Park	Mohican Arts & Crafts Festival
May 29	9 AM	Regular route	Memorial Day Parade
July 1	8 AM-8 PM	Central Park	Antique Festival
July 1	8 AM-4 PM	Main Street area	Car Show
July 1	Dusk	Riverside Park	Fireworks
Aug 5	9 AM-4 PM	Downtown	Sidewalk Sales

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.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-08:**

Claims Ordinance 2017-08 was presented for review. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-08. 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.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Van Sickle moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:36 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