

## LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 20, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 94661831657) Mayor Stricklen called the meeting to order. Answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Jason Van Sickle, Mr. Tom Gallagher, Mrs. Cathy Lance, and Mr. Matt Young. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, and Village Solicitor Thom Gilman.

### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Gallagher, yes; Matt Young, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Cathy Lance, yes. Motion carried.

**Council Minutes – April 13, 2020 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting:** Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Gallagher, yes; Bill Welsh, yes; Tom Young, yes;  
Jason Van Sickle, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

**Police Officer Rutherford Confirmation:** Mayor Stricklen asked Council for confirmation of the appointment of Full-Time Police Officer David Rutherford pending the successful outcome of his physical as required by the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund. Mayor Stricklen noted that Officer Rutherford graduated from the Police Academy in July of 2019 and has been in the FTO training program with the Village since December 2019. He stated he has successfully completed the training program, and is ready to be appointed to fill the full-time position left vacant by Officer Elsten's departure in January. Councilman Gallagher moved to confirm the appointment of Officer David Rutherford to Full-Time Police Officer. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Gallagher, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**CARES Act Provider Relief Grant:** Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that the Village had received \$7,111 from the US Department of Health & Human Services through the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, representing 6.25% the Medicare payments for EMS services received by the Village in 2019. She stated that the Federal Grant can be used for supplies and equipment or to accommodate lost revenues attributable to the coronavirus, and will be recorded in the EMS Fund as required. Attorney Gilman noted that he and Administrator Young discussed other opportunities for financial relief that the Village may qualify for through the CARES Act. He also stated that that additional funds might be available through CDBG for infrastructure projects that would require matching funds by the Village.

**Samaritan Hospital Foundation Grants:** Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that the Village received unrestricted grants from the Samaritan Hospital Foundation, including \$5,000 for the EMS Fund and \$5,000 to the Police Fund. Mayor Stricklen expressed appreciation to the Foundation for their generous monetary aid during the coronavirus pandemic.

**Estimated Revenue Projections:** Fiscal Officer Van Horn stated that it is too early to determine how income tax revenue will be affected overall until at least after the second quarter. She noted that employer withholding tax accounts for approximately 75% of the total income tax revenue, and further stated that, of that \$750,000 of withholding tax, she was encouraged that half is remitted by the Village's top ten employer withholding accounts which are still working at this time. She noted that net profit income tax receipts this year are not affected, although that revenue may come in in July rather than April with the extended tax filing date. She noted that gasoline tax revenue received in April from March was about \$1,000 short of the revenue budget estimate. She noted property taxes would not be as negatively affected as income tax this year according to the County Auditor. She noted that revenue from the State's local government distributions are dependent on state revenue, commenting that the Village receives about \$40,000 per year from the state local government fund. Fiscal Officer Van Horn expressed appreciation to the department heads, who she noted have been exercising caution in discretionary spending until the Village can fully determine the effects of the statewide shutdown. She also voiced

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appreciation to Administrator Curt Young, who she noted has always supported conservative budgeting and healthy carryovers, noting that strategy could prove advantageous this budget year.

**Village Network Upgrade:** Administrator Curt Young presented a quote from Fike Consulting to upgrade the network in the Municipal Building. He noted the upgrade would include the installation of a new network firewall, network switch, new patch panel, and wireless access to increase speed. He noted he had received several quotes and recommended the lowest quote from Fike Consulting for \$4,610.14. Councilman Tom Young moved to approve the quote. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call vote upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Gallagher, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATION:**

First Reading of Ordinance 13-2020

**ORDINANCE 13-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 860 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE.**

Solicitor Gilman noted that a guest to the teleconference meeting asked if there would be a proration for a partial-year permit. Solicitor Gilman noted that Council had previously made the decision to not allow a partial year proration since the permits are available to be purchased by the day, the month, or the year and that the regulations presented for Council approval did not provide for a proration of the permit fee. Mayor Stricklen agreed and noted that Council was clear on their earlier discussions that they did not want to allow a prorated fee given the flexible fee schedule.

**RESOLUTION 14-2020**

**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 this a renewal levy of the 1.7 mill levy originally passed in 1976.

**VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Councilman Gallagher moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Resolution 14-2020. Councilman Matt Young seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Gallagher, yes; Matt Young, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Cathy Lance, yes. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilman Gallagher moved that Resolution No. 14-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Gallagher, yes; Matt Young, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Cathy Lance, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Facebook Page:** Councilman Matt Young asked Solicitor Gilman if he had any more input on the Facebook page he had created for the Village. Solicitor Gilman stated he would meet with Councilman Matt Young this week to review it.

**Fire/EMS Contracts:** Solicitor Gilman stated that the he did not present the contracts in Ordinance form for Council approval, as he was uncertain if there would be any changes to the number of households used to calculate the contract amount. He noted that historically a count is taken of the number of houses and noted he believes that for the current contract, Councilman Gallagher had done that, with that number being used for the life of the contract. He questioned whether that house count number would change. Councilman Gallagher noted that he and Welsh completed the last one, with Councilman Tom Young noted that he received information from the County, which showed a slight variance at the time, and noted the Village used Hanover Township Trustee John Burkhart's numbers. Solicitor Gilman reminded

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Council that there are three entities that need to be addressed. Councilman Gallagher offered to look into the house count numbers and stated he would speak with the townships if there were no objections by Council. Mayor Stricklen asked the three Safety Committee members if they had any concerns with Councilman Gallagher's offer, to which they replied they did not. Councilman Gallagher stated he would speak with the townships, determine the number of households, and provide the information to the Fiscal Officer for disbursement to the other councilmembers. Councilman Van Sickle encouraged the trustees or clerks to contact any of them if they had any questions.

**Swimming Pool Season:** Councilman Matt Young initiated discussion regarding the opening of the swimming pool. He stated that he had concerns regarding possible health risks and time constraints due to the coronavirus pandemic. He said he spoke with several state government officials regarding a possible date that swimming pools might be permitted to open or reopen, but noted they were unable to provide a definite date at this point in time. He asked Council to consider a future date that would be the latest that the Village would consider opening the pool, taking into account both cost and potential health risks. He noted that preseason preparations usually begin around April to open by Memorial Day, and hoped that state government would make a decision about pools in the next few days.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Arbor Day Proclamation:** Mayor Stricklen read a proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Village of Loudonville. He expressed appreciation to the Tree Commission Members Greg Stamen, Stuart Danals, Jerry Dudte, Craig Obrecht, Dave Switzer, and Andy Reidenbach for their commitment and dedication to fostering a successful tree program in the Village. He noted that the Village is one of the top five communities in the state for continuous years of participation in the Tree City USA program, noting the Village has received an award for 29 straight years.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-08:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-08 was presented for approval. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-08. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Jason Van Sickle, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Tom Gallagher, yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Matt Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 PM. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Matt Young, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Tom Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor