

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

April 6, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 755464744) 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. Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer and resident Brandon Biddinger joined the meeting via audio/video, and resident Dennis Schaefer joined via audio.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting: Councilman Matt Young moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Council Minutes – April 2, 2020 Special Meeting: Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Monthly Financial Report – March 2020: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the March monthly financial report. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Monthly Mayor's Court Report – March 2020: Councilman Welsh moved to accept the March Mayor's Court Report. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 11-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Ordinance 11-2020. Councilman Van Sickle seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance No. 11-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 12-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN.

Administrator Young noted that the EPA-required source water protection plan is a second phase of assessments required under the Wellhead Protection Program and must be completed before September

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of 2021. He explained that the plan encompasses the drinking water source protection area around the water plant to determine potential sources of contamination around the water wells.

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Resolution 12-2020. Councilman Welsh seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Resolution No. 12-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire/EMS Contracts: Safety Committee Chairman Welsh reported that the Safety Committee met and had discussion that included the township Fire/EMS contracts that are up for renewal in June 2021. He stated that the Committee was going to recommend to Council that the contracts be renewed at the current rate of \$90 per household for a period of the next three years. Councilman Tom Young stated that at the time of the Safety Committee meeting on March 10, he agreed with the recommendation of keeping the rate at \$90 per household for a three-year term. He went on to say that given the current pandemic crisis, he would like to recommend keeping the \$90/household rate for one year only and revisit it after that. Councilman Van Sickle commented that he felt the townships needed longer than just a one-year term so they can better plan for their levies if needed. Solicitor Gilman stated that levies are generally placed for 5-year periods and suggested Council be aware of the township levy cycles when establishing a term for the contract. Councilman Gallagher stated that he has computed that the average Village resident household in 2016 paid \$180 per year in income tax and property tax, and said he felt there needed to be an increase to the township per household rate to make it more equitable. Mayor Stricklen commented that there has always been a discrepancy in the manner in which cost per households are computed by different interested parties. Mayor Stricklen further commented that Fire Chief Carey was not recommending an increase in the contracts at this time. Councilman Tom Young stated that there are townships that are laying off employees and expressed concern at what the future might be. Mayor Stricklen stated that he felt Council should consider whether the Village residents are receiving a better service than the townships due to time and distance considerations and perhaps Village residents should be paying more. When Councilman Gallagher stated that that was not the case in some instances citing non-resident Josh Buzzard was closer for service than the Black residence, Mayor Stricklen answered that while there are exceptions, the majority outside the Village will not receive the same service due to time and distance of the calls. Councilman Gallagher stated that living outside the Village is a choice and non-residents should not get a discount for Fire/EMS services because they live further away from the station. Councilman Gallagher stated he felt the contract should be increased in 2021 to help fund wage increases. Councilman Gallagher also stated that he heard the Fire Chief compare the cost of adding a full-time employee vs utilizing part-time employees, and Councilman Gallagher cautioned that the Village could run out of part-time employees if they are quarantined. He stated rates and costs would go up and the Village would have to absorb those increases. Mayor Stricklen suggested another Safety Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the Fire/EMS contracts further. Solicitor Gilman suggested that Council meet with the townships to become aware of their current levy cycles. Mayor Stricklen asked any other council members if they had questions or comments regarding the contracts and with no further comments, Safety Committee Chairman Welsh stated he would schedule another Safety Committee meeting.

Spring Clean-Up: Administrator Young announced that Rumpke has postponed the Village's spring clean-up until further notice.

Pool Applications: Councilwoman Lance asked if the Village had received any lifeguard applications to date, with Administrator Young noting the Village had received two. Mayor Stricklen expressed his concerns that the Village swimming pool may not open timely this summer under the Governor's current orders. The Mayor stated the Village will do what it can to prepare under the circumstances, but that he does not see the pool open on June 1.

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Village Facebook Page: Councilman Matt Young stated that he had activated the Village's Facebook page and noted he had asked Solicitor Gilman to review it before he makes it available to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition: Mayor Stricklen expressed thanks to all the Village employees who he stated are doing a tremendous job serving the residents under the circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-04:

Claims Ordinance 2020-04 was presented for approval. Councilman Young moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-04. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:42 PM. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor