

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 19, 2019

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Village Hall council chambers. Mayor Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Jason Van Sickle, Mr. Tom Gallagher, and Mrs. Cathy Lance. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Police Chief Kevin Taylor, Fire Chief Mike Carey, agenda guest Grant Cowell of Grants Quac and Roll, Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, Village residents Brandon Biddinger, Jamie Black, Brandon Biddinger, Dee Hinkle and area residents Luke Sage, Jessica Daniels, Emily Heffelfinger, and Matt Cominsky.

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

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF EMPLOYEE TONY W. MOWERY: Mayor Stricklen read the following Resolution in honor of long-time employee, Tony Mowery, who passed away unexpectedly:

Whereas, on August 5, 2019, the life of Loudonville Village employee Tony W. Mowery came suddenly to a close, leaving behind a testament of commitment to longevity in the workplace; and

Whereas, his remarkable thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the Village began on May 18, 1982 with the Water/Wastewater Department and ended with the Maintenance Department; and

Whereas, these years were marked by the always capable, honest, energetic and trustworthy manner in which he carried out his duties; and

Whereas, the friendships he made and goodwill he shared with both fellow employees and Village residents will not be forgotten.

Now, therefore, be it resolved in dedication to the memory of Tony W. Mowery, the Mayor and Council of the Village of Loudonville do hereby express sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be placed upon the official record of our Village, and that an official copy of this expression of our sympathy be delivered to the family of Tony W. Mowery.

In Witness Whereof, we do hereby cause the Mayoral Seal of the Village of Loudonville to be affixed on this 19th day of August, 2019.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting: Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mrs. Lance, abstain. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report – July 2019: Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve the August Financial Report. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Court Report – July 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to accept the July Mayor's Court Report. 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.

GUESTS:

Grant Cowell – Grants Quac and Roll Food Truck: Mr. Cowell was present to discuss the possibility of gaining Council approval to park his food truck in the Village on specified dates. Mayor Stricklen asked Council to consider granting the approval until regulations for food trucks are drafted and adopted by Council. The Council discussed locations including the parking spaces around the NE quadrant of Central Park, the Village's new parking lot at N. Water & N. Park Place, on S. Brentwood Drive where the Chick-fil-A truck was parked on July 30, and on the grass in Central Park. Solicitor Gilman noted that Brentwood would require a council-approved street closure. Mr. Cowell was granted permission to park his food truck in the

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SW quadrant of Central Park on the grass at the corner of Main and Brentwood on August 21 and 22 between 11 AM and 2 PM. He noted his truck operates off a generator and has a water tank.

Swim Team Representative Luke Sage: Mr. Sage asks Council what the capacity of the Council Chambers was for the Parks & Buildings Committee scheduled for Thursday, September 5. Mayor Stricklen noted that it would be held in the Village Council Chambers as Mr. Sage noted he did not have a list of committed people who would be attending.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Fire Department Projects: Fire Chief Carey reported that the FEMA project Direct Source Capture Exhaust System has been installed. He also reported that the concrete floor drain replacement project has been completed.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 28-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUDONVILLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC., FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE STREETS OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE FOR THE 2019 FREE STREET FAIR.

Solicitor Gilman noted there were no changes from the prior year agreement other than the dates.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Ordinance No. 28-2019 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. 28-2019. 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.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Ordinance No. 28-2019 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:

West Main and Mt. Vernon Intersection: Councilman Welsh reported that the Safety Committee met to discuss the ODOT intersection study report that recommended the intersection be changed to a 4-way stop. Chief Taylor stated that he did not agree with the State's recommendation but rather asked Council to consider placing flashing LED stop signs on Mt. Vernon Avenue only and removing the overhead flashing light. Chief Taylor stated that he believes that out-of-town drivers approaching the intersection on Mt. Vernon Avenue think that the flashing light is a 4-way red stop, not aware that it is yellow flashing on Main Street. The Chief further suggested that the overhead flashing light be covered first with a bag as a preliminary test when the LED flashing stop signs are installed. Councilman Gallagher commented that the stop bar should be removed on Main Street and stated he was in favor of the LED flashing stop signs on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Solicitor Gilman noted he had observed in recent travels outside of the Village a sign that reads "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" that was hanging with an overhead flashing light. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the purchase of two LED stop signs to be placed on Mt. Vernon Avenue at the intersection. 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.

Pool Usage – Loudonville Swim Team: Mayor Stricklen stated that since there were several swim team members present at the meeting, he wanted to take the opportunity to ask Council to consider turning the pool over to the swim team during swim meets in an effort to resolve recent conflict between the swim team and the Village. He explained that he had discussed the idea with Solicitor Gilman, who noted that the Village would have one employee present. Administrator Young noted that the employee would be a certified pool operator. Mayor Stricklen's suggestion included turning the concession sales over to the swim team as well, noting that the Loudonville Youth Association and Loudonville Soccer Association both run their events using the Village parks and ballfields without conflict. Councilman Young stated that he would like to hear more about the swim team complaints, noting that they had presented a list of

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complaints two years prior and neither the Parks & Buildings Committee that he was a member of, nor Council, had addressed them. Swim team representative Luke Sage commented that the swim team was not trying to be combative with the Village or Pool Manager and did not want to take revenue away from the Village. Mayor Stricklen noted that his proposed concept could involve a written agreement that would include a checklist to ensure the facility is not vandalized, citing the specific historical problem of missing showerheads after swim meets. The Mayor expressed his optimism that his proposed recommendation would benefit both the Village and the Swim Team and would provide resolution to the ongoing problems between the swim team and the pool staff and administration. Mr. Sage responded that he felt it would work, affirming that other swim teams do the same thing. He further commented that while he was in favor of the suggestion, he could not speak for the swim team board. Mayor Stricklen advised that it would ultimately be the decision of the Village Council on the direction taken. Solicitor Gilman concurred and noted that there would be standards set that would be required of the swim team. Village Administrator Curt Young noted that this proposed new policy would put the swim team in the same park usage relationship with the Village as the Loudonville Youth Association and the Loudonville Youth Soccer Association. Mayor Stricklen encouraged the Parks & Buildings Committee to discuss his idea at their meeting on September 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mohican Greenway Corridor Plan: Councilman Young reported he had attended another meeting regarding the proposed project between Loudonville and Brinkhaven, which is being sponsored by the Ashland County Engineer's Office, the Holmes County Engineer's Office, and the Knox County Engineer's Office. He announced there is a public meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 29 at the Loudonville Public Library from 5-7:30 PM for anyone interested. Solicitor Gilman reminded the Council to advise the Village Office without delay if more than two councilpersons would be attending so that a meeting notice could be prepared timely. Village resident Dee Hinkle expressed support of the project, noting she felt it could have the potential to bring more visitors into the Village.

Park Usage Request – LYA 2020 Fastpitch Tournaments: Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve the request from the Loudonville Youth, Inc. to use the Riverside and Wally Road fields, restrooms and pavilion for the 2020 Fastpitch Softball Tournaments. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-16:

Claims Ordinance 2019-16 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-16. 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 Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:39 PM. 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.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor