

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Village Hall council chambers. 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, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Police Captain Brian McCauley, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Kiefer, Fire Captains Brad Dilgard and Dan Robinson, EMS employees Brad Bilancini and Chad Callahan, Village resident Brandon Biddinger, area residents Jill Book, Josh Book and Dan Piskur, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting: Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Tom Gallagher, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;
Tom Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

GUESTS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Draft Village Street Paving Schedule: Administrator Young distributed a copy of the draft paving schedule he had prepared along with Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart for the years 2020-2024. He noted the estimates were based on recent paving pricing. He stated that the paving schedule can change from year to year, explaining that some paving projects can be tied to utility line improvements, some related to EPA expectations, and further commenting that since the Jefferson Street project was not chosen for CDBG funding this year, the project will be funded with Village dollars and another street will be submitted in the next round of CDBG funding. Administrator Young reviewed the projects that have been completed in the past several years, noting that 6,000 SY of asphalt were put down on Butler Street, 16,000 SY on the Water/Wally project, and stated that over 16,000 SY of asphalt will be used on the Market Street project alone this year, with 60% grant funding for that project. He noted the funding sources available for paving projects including the gasoline tax, the county-levied license permissive tax, the Village-levied license permissive tax, and the Village income tax. Councilman Gallagher expressed appreciation to Administrator Young for putting together the draft paving schedule.

LEGISLATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Premier Metals/Byers Property: Councilman Tom Young asked Solicitor Gilman what the status was on the negotiations between the Village and Premier Metals regarding the relocation of utilities on the Byers property. Councilman Tom Young stated that he had talked with Joe Yoder of Premier Metals and stated that they were interested in discussing the proposed project with the Village again. Solicitor Gilman explained that he was notified in November 2019 by Premier Metals legal representatives that the project was put on hold. He noted that the property owner contacted him during the last week of January 2020 to advise him that Premier Metals may want to move forward with the project. Solicitor Gilman stated that he and Administrator Young recently met to put together a written proposal for their consideration. Councilman Tom Young stated he felt the project would be beneficial to the Village.

Appreciation: Councilman Matt Young expressed thanks to the Loudonville Maintenance Department and Administrator Young for their quick response to a request by him to straighten a road sign on School Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Concert Series Proposal: Councilman Matt Young stated that he was contacted by Mr. Steve Brown regarding a proposed summer concert series in Central Park. He noted that he has reached out to Valerie Spreng at the Chamber of Commerce regarding the request.

American Legion Post 257 Show Banner Permit: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the banner permit request from the American Legion to be hung March 15-April 25. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mohican Mountain Bike 100 Banner Permit: Councilman Gallagher moved to approve the banner permit request from the American Legion to be hung April 25-May 30. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Majestic Mohican Gardens Club Hanging Basket Project: Council reviewed an invitation from Majestic Mohican Gardens Club to purchase a hanging basket for the downtown at a cost of \$65 per basket, which includes watering throughout the summer. It was noted that there are no hooks in front of the municipal building, and the Village office staff maintains two planters at the entrance to the building. Councilwoman Lance moved to purchase two hanging baskets to be placed anywhere in the downtown on available hooks at empty storefronts. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District: Mayor Stricklen reported that he had received information from the Ashland SWCD regarding a fundraising program they are spearheading. He noted the fundraiser involves local artists painting rain barrels, which are then auctioned off. He noted that the painted rain barrels would be placed on display around town for a period of time, and community members would have an opportunity to vote on their favorite before they are eventually auctioned off to raise money for Ashland SWCD. With no objections from Council, Mayor Stricklen stated he would be contacting Valerie Spreng at the Chamber Office regarding the program.

2020 Census Employment Opportunities: Mayor Stricklen reported that the Census Bureau is looking for applicants for employment to assist with the 2020 Census. He noted that contact information would be available at the Village website for anyone interested.

February 17 Council Meeting: Mayor Stricklen noted that the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting is Presidents Day, Monday, February 17. Council agreed to have the regular Council meeting on Monday, February 17.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-03:

Claims Ordinance 2020-03 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-03. 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.

DONOR RECOGNITION: Mayor Stricklen read two Certificates of Appreciation to be presented to Tom & Jeannie Stake and to the Loudonville Theatre and Arts Committee for their generous donations to The Ohio Theatre. Mayor Stricklen thanked Stakes IGA for their donation of 80 cases of water to the theatre, noting the resale value of about \$1,900. He also thanked LTAC for their donation of \$10,000 to be used toward the general operating expenses of the theatre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Young moved to enter into an Executive Session at 6:22 PM to consider the investigation of complaints against a public employee. 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.

Councilman Tom Young invited full-time EMS employees Brad Bilancini and Chad Callahan to join Council in the Executive Session.

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RECONVENE: At 7:35 PM, the regular meeting of the Village Council reconvened.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Van Sickle moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 PM. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor