

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 16, 2018

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Mayor Steve Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Jason Van Sickle and Mr. Tom Gallagher. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Fire Chief Mike Carey, American Legion Post Members Don Riffel and Jim Danner, Fair Board Member Dale Knoble, MAGF representative Kathy Goon, and Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Stricklen opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Community Revitalization District. Solicitor Gilman commented that creating the district would provide reduced costs associated with bringing additional liquor permits into the district, making it more feasible for restaurants to locate in the Village. Kathy Goon of the Mohican Area Growth Foundation stated that the Community Revitalization District would be a useful tool in the recruitment of restaurant establishments into the downtown business district. She noted it would provide for an additional 15 license opportunities for food establishments that have at least 75% food and 25% liquor. She further noted that the application process to obtain one of the licenses is mandated and governed by the State of Ohio. With no further public comments, Mayor Stricklen noted that Council would be considering legislation on the proposed creation of a Community Revitalization District later in the meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – January 2, 2018: Councilwoman Cooper moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Monthly Financial Report – December 2017: Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the December Financial Report. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Mayor's Court Report – December 2017: Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the December Mayor's Court Report. 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. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

American Legion Post #257 Donation: Legion members Don Riffel and Jim Danner presented Mayor Stricklen with a check for \$13,962.40 for the proposed new maintenance building. Mayor Stricklen thanked the Legion members for their continued support of the project.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ODOT Main Street Bridge Replacement Project Detour: Administrator Young discussed the proposed agreement from Jerry Bantz of ODOT, which puts the 10-day detour onto S. Mt. Vernon Avenue for both cars and trucks during the project. Councilwoman Cooper moved to authorize Administrator Young to sign the agreement. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Speed Limit near McDonald's: Administrator Young reported that he had contacted ODOT per Council's request to reduce the speed limit from 50 mph to 35 mph on SR 3 in front of McDonald's restaurant. He noted that ODOT District 3 Traffic Engineer Julie Cichello responded by email that "a reduced speed limit in this area is not justified based on the existing roadside development and geometric characteristics of SR 3."

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND ORDINARY EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Robinson seconded that Ordinance No. 2-2018 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. 2-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Ordinance No. 2-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ORDINANCE 3-2018

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A REVITALIZATION DISTRICT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilwoman Cooper seconded that Ordinance No. 3-2018 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. 3-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Ordinance No. 3-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ORDINANCE 4-2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF VILLAGE REAL ESTATE FORMERLY KNOWN AS PART OF WALLY ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Ordinance No. 4-2018 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. 4-2018. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance No. 4-2018 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Central Park Fountain Flower Pots: Council discussed a letter from Richardson's Greenhouse informing them that Richardson's will no longer be providing maintenance for the flowers in the park or downtown during the summer. Richardson's did offer to provide the flowers and place them in the pots for a fee of \$35 per pot, but asked for a commitment by the end of January. Kathy Goon stated that the Chamber of Commerce had discussed the watering of the flowers at their recent meeting and noted that they were working on a solution. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the purchase of flowers for the pots from Richardson's contingent on the Chamber's success in their search for a caretaker. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

MUGS Community Reinvestment Area Request: Council discussed the action taken by the Loudonville-Perrysville School Board on January 8, 2018 in which the School Board failed to support the proposed Community Reinvestment Area Abatement Agreement between the Village of Loudonville and MUGS for their property situated in the downtown area. Mayor Stricklen expressed perplexity that the School Board voted against the agreement. He questioned their understanding of the CRA program, stating that he felt it provides an incentive for property owners to significantly improve their property. Law Director Gilman commented that the Ohio Revised Code statute provides for a few exceptions that exist that would allow the Village to enter into the agreement with MUGS without approval by the School Board, noting he would further review the CRA requirements and options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fence Permit Request – Fair Board: Council reviewed a fence permit request from the Loudonville Agricultural Society for the placement fencing at their Wally Road tractor pull site. Fair Board representative Dale Knoble noted that each row of fence on both sides of the tractor pull site would be approximately 300' long and 4' high. He noted that the fence between the track and the river would be along the row of light poles, with enough distance to allow access for emergency vehicles. He noted that the other side would be approximately 6 to 7' outside the light poles to keep spectators back from the track. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve the fence request. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2018-02:

Claims Ordinance 2018-02 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2018-02. Second by Councilwoman Cooper. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At the request of Mayor Stricklen, Councilman Welsh moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of real property at 6:26 PM. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

RECONVENE: At 6:38 PM, Councilman Gallagher moved to end the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilwoman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 PM. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor