

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 15, 2019

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 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. Tom Gallagher and Mrs. Cathy Lance. Mr. Jason Van Sickle was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Police Captain Brian McCauley, pool employee Mya Switzer, Legion Officer Don Riffel, Village residents Morgan Young, Dana Riffel, Les Nickles, Matt Young and Brandon Biddinger, and area residents Dan Piskur and David Lentz.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – July 1, 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; Mrs. Lance, yes.
Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report – June 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the June Financial Report. 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. Gallagher, yes.
Motion carried.

Mayor's Court Report – June 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to accept the June Mayor's Court Report. 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. Gallagher, yes.
Motion carried.

GUESTS:

American Legion Post 257 Donation: Legion Officer Don Riffel presented the Village with a donation of \$18,604.76 for the Maintenance Building. Mayor Stricklen noted that the Legion's monetary support for the Maintenance Building is being used to pay down the principal balance, while the Village will continue to allocate funds for the scheduled bond retirement payments. Mayor Stricklen thanked Mr. Riffel for their generous donation.

Parking Complaint: Resident Les Nickles explained to Council that one of his neighbors keeps parking across the sidewalk. He stated that he has previously notified the Police Department about the ongoing problem but it continues. He stated that the address is 123 W. Campbell and it is the wife of a police officer. Mayor Stricklen assured Mr. Nickles that it would be resolved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION 26-2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR FEE ADJUSTMENT OF RUMPKE OF NORTHERN OHIO.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilwoman Lance seconded that Resolution No. 26-2019 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 Resolution No. 26-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Resolution No. 26-2019 be passed as read. 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. Gallagher, yes.
Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Food Truck Regulations: Solicitor Gilman reported that he had explored Council's request for sample food truck regulations created by other Ohio communities in recent years. He referenced his memo to Council dated July 11 in which he listed several examples of regulations. He noted that the most common is the adoption of a permitting process. Councilman Gallagher stated he thought the memo included some great suggestions, including the regulating of speakers. Solicitor Gilman noted that he would create an exception for festivals and other events such as those sponsored by the Chamber or the Fair Board, so that they would be exempt from the food truck regulations during those events. He further commented that there are current zoning regulations that govern food trucks on private property. Council agreed to have the Planning & Zoning Committee meet to draft regulations for Council consideration. Mayor Stricklen noted he would contact Kathy Goon for her input.

Food Truck Location – July 30: Council again discussed the location for the Chick-fil-A food truck that is coming to Loudonville on July 30 per Kathy Goon of Ashland Area Economic Development. *(Council at the previous meeting had approved that the truck be parked at the Village parking lot at the corner of Water and North Park.)* Council discussed having the Chick-fil-A food truck be parked on South Brentwood between Main and South Park, convenient to the public restrooms, picnic tables, and the park. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve closing South Brentwood between Main and South Park on July 30, 2019 for the food truck. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Utility Vehicle (UTV) vs. Under-speed Vehicle (USV) Plates: Solicitor Gilman reported that he and Chief Taylor were working on some final minor changes to the ordinance for slow-moving vehicles. He explained that after golf carts are inspected, they get full-size plates from the BMV. He noted that UTV's receive smaller plates and do not require an inspection form to be registered with the BMV. He further explained that the state statute only requires that they be titled, registered and approved by a local jurisdiction, with no plate size stipulation. He stated that he is drafting a minor revision to the Village's code to include the use of stickers to identify those vehicles that have been inspected. Upon question by Councilman Young as to why utility vehicles are considered with under-speed vehicles such as golf carts, Solicitor Gilman explained that the state statute includes golf carts, ATV's, and UTV's in the same code section regardless of speed.

Equipment in New Parking Lot: Councilman Young questioned why the trackhoe is still sitting at the lot at Water and North Park Place. Administrator Young noted he would contact them again to have it removed.

Street Signs: Councilman Young asked if any street signs have been ordered yet this year. Administrator Young reported that they are included in the budget and will be ordered for a fall project.

Wally Road Multimodal Corridor: Mayor Stricklen reported on the email Administrator Young had received from Ashland County Engineer Ed Meixner asking if Loudonville has anyone that wishes to be part of the Steering Committee for the Multimodal Corridor project. Councilman Young reported he had attended the project kickoff meeting on June 25 and commented that he felt it would be a great project for the area. He noted that while it was a very expensive project, he felt it was worthwhile. Mayor Stricklen noted he planned to attend meetings occasionally, but asked if any councilpersons were interested in joining the Steering Committee. Councilman Young expressed interest and stated he would contact Mr. Meixner.

Main and Mt. Vernon Intersection Traffic Study: Mayor Stricklen reported that the study should be complete within the next day or two.

NEW BUSINESS:

Waterline extension and tap for soccer fields: Councilman Gallagher reported that the Utility Committee had met with L-P Athletic Booster Josh Buzzard to discuss their project to extend a waterline to the soccer fields behind McMullen Elementary School, with the Village making improvements to the existing waterline within the right-of-way. He noted that the Booster Club is asking the Village to waive the tap fee for the project. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve waiving the tap fee and to proceed with the Village's waterline upgrade for that project. 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; Mrs. Lance, yes.
Motion carried.

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Request for excused absence: Councilwoman Lance asked Council to excuse her from the next Council meeting on August 5 as she will be on vacation. Councilman Gallagher moved to excuse Councilwoman Lance. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Request to close alley: Council considered a written request from Digna Frontz to close the alley between 223 N. Spring and 217 N. Spring on August 4, 2019 from 8 AM to 10 PM for a birthday party. Councilman Gallagher expressed hesitation, noting he would have preferred to see a list of signatures of neighbors indicting they didn't object to the closure. Councilwoman Lance noted she would not be as reluctant if it were a block party. Councilman Gallagher moved to deny the request to close the alley. 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; Mrs. Lance, yes.
Motion carried.

RECOGNITION:

American Legion Donation – Pool Free Swim: Mayor Stricklen expressed appreciation to the American Legion Post 257 for their second donation of \$3,000 this year for the free youth swim day at the pool. He reported that the free day of swimming has been immensely popular this year, and their first donation of the \$3,000 made at the start of the swim season was exhausted to date.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-14:

Claims Ordinance 2019-14 was presented for approval. Councilwoman Lance moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-14. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 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. Gallagher, yes.
Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor