

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 20, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 83557234277) 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. The following guests joined the meeting: Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, Scott Eliot, Jamie Lifer, Dennis Schaefer, and three unidentified listeners.

This meeting was held concurrently with a meeting of the Loudonville Planning Commission for a public hearing and discussion regarding a proposed zoning change from C-2 to Industrial for Ashland County Parcel ID #B08-038-0-0005-0 (owner Marilyn Byers). The following LPC members were present: Mayor Stricklen, Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Brandon Biddinger, and Mr. Tom Motz. Mr. Carl Smith was absent from the LPC meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Stricklen invited public comment regarding the proposed zoning change from C-2 to Industrial for Ashland County Parcel ID #B08-038-0-0005-0. Resident Jamie Lifer stated she was concerned about the proposed Industrial zoning adjacent to her residential property at 526 East Campbell, asking what the setback would be from her property. Administrator Young reported that the setbacks within the Industrial zoning classification include 20' front and rear setbacks, noting that the setbacks within an Industrial zoning classification are greater than required currently within the C-2 zoning classification. Councilman Gallagher questioned whether larger setbacks could be considered when it is developed, given that the location is adjacent to residential homes. Ms. Lifer also questioned what the hours of operation would be for the business. Solicitor Gilman explained that the matter before the Planning Commission and Village Council being considered is a proposed change to the zoning classification from C-2 to Industrial. He further stated that there is no design or use plan before the Planning Commission and Council, noting that the public hearing announcement included only the consideration of a proposed zoning change for the parcel. Administrator Young noted that his understanding of preliminary plans include a more central location on the property for any buildings as an area is needed for truck traffic ingress and egress around the building perimeter. Councilman Welsh stated that development of the property would include a thorough review of the proposed plans in accordance with Village and State codes. Mr. Brewer asked if there was a potential buyer and developer of the property. Mayor Stricklen stated that Premier Metals, who owns property adjacent to the parcel, was purchasing the property from Mrs. Byers. Solicitor Gilman clarified that the parcel number includes approximately 5 acres, but the rezoning request does not include the entirety of the property. Councilman Van Sickle stated that he spoke with a business owner situated southwest of the parcel who was concerned with a potential water run-off problem should the property be developed. He noted they wished to place their concern on the official record of council proceedings. Councilman Gallagher answered that, if the property is developed, the plans would require state and local approval and water runoff would be considered and be a part of the design.

Planning Commission Member Welsh moved to recommend to Council that the property be rezoned from C-2 to Industrial. Second by Planning Commission Member Biddinger. A roll call vote upon said motion resulted as follows:

Bill Welsh, yes; Brandon Biddinger, yes; Mayor Stricklen, yes; Tom Motz, yes.  
Motion carried and the Planning Commission meeting adjourned.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – July 6, 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; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Ashland County Community Foundation Grant:** Administrator Young reported that he was obtaining estimates for a new roof and furnace for the Youth Building should Council wish to apply a portion of the grant to improvements at the Youth Building. Councilman Gallagher noted that the Youth Building improvements were included in the 2020 budget, with Administrator Young noting that the roof and

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furnace replacement project had actually been budgeted in previous years, but noted the availability of grant funds is helpful. Council also discussed purchasing new trash receptacles for the downtown area with the grant funds, with Councilman Matt Young stating he would forward to Curt the information he had obtained for new trash containers. Mayor Stricklen encouraged the purchase of high-quality trash receptacles.

**Swimming Pool Sandblasting/Painting:** Administrator Young stated he was in the process of obtaining quotes to sandblast and repaint the swimming pool, noting he feels this would be an ideal time to complete the project rather than wait until spring. He noted he hoped to have quotes to present to Council at the August 3 meeting.

**Road Repairs:** Administrator Young stated he wanted to clarify to Council that the draft schedule for road repairs in the Village has not changed. He further commented that he keeps the Street Committee Chairman apprised of the direction they are going and that the priorities as reported to Council have not changed. He stated that if Council sees a street project that needs to be addressed sooner, to let him know. He reported that he is hopeful to be able to complete some of next year's scheduled projects this year, but is hesitant to speculate which ones, if any, until comparable asphalt quotes are available. He asked Council to advise him if Council as a whole would like to revise the street repair schedule, noting priorities may be adjusted accordingly, but further stated he would otherwise continue to move forward with street repairs as have been prioritized and scheduled and as funds are available.

**Eliot Mobile Home Placement Request:** Council considered a request from Scott Eliot to place a mobile home on Lot #6 at the Loudonview Mobile Home Park at 334 North Jefferson Street. Mr. Eliot advised Council that it is a new mobile home, and noted that his drawing was not to scale. Upon question by Councilman Gallagher regarding the size, Mr. Eliot assured Council that the mobile home was smaller than the lot size. Councilman Matt Young moved to approve the request to place the mobile home on Lot #6 at 334 N. Jefferson Street. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:  
Matt Young, yes; Jason Van Sickle, yes; Bill Welsh, yes;  
Tom Young, yes; Tom Gallagher, yes; Cathy Lance, yes. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 27-2020**

**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 27-2020. 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. 27-2020 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.

**ORDINANCE 28-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE PROVISION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE**

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Gallagher moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Ordinance 28-2020. Councilwoman Lance seconded the motion. 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.

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ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Gallagher moved that Ordinance No. 28-2020 be passed as read. 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.

**ORDINANCE 29-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH MARKET STREET RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE**

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Gallagher moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Ordinance 29-2020. Councilman Matt Young seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Gallagher moved that Ordinance No. 29-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 30-2020**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE**

Solicitor Gilman explained that while the Village of Loudonville has always followed state statute as governed in Chapter 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding the availability of public records for inspection and copying, the current State Auditor would like to see every municipality have an internal written policy and procedure for records requests.

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Gallagher moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Resolution 30-2020. Councilman Tom Young seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Gallagher moved that Resolution No. 30-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE 31-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, STATE OF OHIO AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 19-83**

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Matt Young moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Ordinance 31-2020. Councilman Tom Young seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilman Matt Young moved that Ordinance No. 31-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Flxible Bus Parade:** Councilman Tom Young asked if anyone had knowledge if the bus parade was still taking place. *(Scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020)* Mayor Stricklen stated he has not been made aware whether it has or will be canceled.

**State Covid-19 Guidelines:** Councilman Gallagher stated that the Village has not been following state guidelines regarding masks at the last couple committee meetings he has attended in the Village Council chambers. He stated he felt the Village should adhere to the state requirements regarding social distancing and masks for all meetings and when employees assist the public. He questioned whether the Village should adopt a policy, with Mayor Stricklen stating that he felt a local policy is not needed, but noted he would make sure that the state guidelines are followed by the Boards and committees.

**DONOR RECOGNITION:**

**Charles River Laboratories:** Mayor Stricklen expressed appreciation to Charles River Laboratories for their donation of \$500 to the Police Department and \$500 to the Fire/EMS Departments.

**American Legion Post 257:** Mayor Stricklen expressed appreciation to the American Legion for their donation of \$7,813 to the Village toward the bond retirement of the new maintenance building.

**Rick & Janie Wolf:** Mayor Stricklen thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, who donated \$500 to the Village's custodial Fireworks Fund to be remitted to the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Fund.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-14:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-14 was presented for approval. Councilman Tom Young moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-14. 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, Councilwoman Lance moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:39 PM. 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.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor