

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 6, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 85318318613) 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, Brandon Biddinger, Dr. Dakota Zickefoose, Dennis Schaefer, and one unidentified listener.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Monthly Financial Report – June 2020:** Councilwoman Lance moved to approve the June monthly financial report. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Monthly Mayor’s Court Report – June 2020:** Councilman Gallagher moved to accept the June Mayor’s Court Report. 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:**

**Norfolk Southern Railroad Crossing Repairs:** Administrator Young reported that Norfolk Southern has advised him that the repairs to the crossings will get underway in August rather than June as previously announced by Norfolk Southern.

**North Market Street Improvements Project:** Administrator Young announced that the Village received official notification from OPWC of the grant for the project. He noted that Solicitor Gilman is reviewing the agreement with OPWC. He further reported that the Planning Commission met to review and select an engineering firm from a list of applicants for the completion of the project design and administration.

**Coronavirus Relief Fund:** Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that the Village had received \$50,793.85 from the federal grant, which passed through the state and then the County. She noted that the State of Ohio Office of Budget and Management is overseeing the reporting that will be required, explaining that they have issued guidance and clarifications in accordance with the federal regulations governing the grant requirements. She stated that she and Administrator Young are in the process of studying the guidelines and would be meeting with department heads to discuss possible uses of the grant. She also noted that there have been some expenditures to date relative to Covid-19 that will be reallocated to the new Coronavirus Relief Fund once the appropriation is in place.

**LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 26-2020  
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, for Ordinance 26-2020. Councilman Welsh seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Ordinance 26-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Street Maintenance:** Councilman Tom Young stated he had previously suggested the consideration of a levy for street repairs, but noted he backed down given the Covid-19 pandemic. He commented that he thinks the Village should look at street maintenance again, stating he felt revenue was sufficient for Council to consider taking an aggressive look at expending more dollars on streets. He stated that Mt. Vernon Avenue was deteriorating with cracks and rough spots. He stated Bustle Street was like a roller coaster and that many other streets were in terrible condition. Councilman Van Sickle stated that he felt the Village has a plan, with Administrator Young stating that it includes fast tracking some of the worst streets at opportune times. Administrator Young also stated that it would be beneficial to see how the North Market Street bids come in to determine what other projects can be completed as well this year.

**Right-of-Way/Alley Usage Request:** Mayor Stricklen reported that the survey of the alley/ROW was completed. Solicitor Gilman reported that he continues to research the matter, noting that the Village Office staff assisted him in locating council proceedings dated back 105 years pertaining to the alley/ROW. He stated he was confident that a good solution to both the sewer line issue and the access issue could be established in the near future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Source Water Protection Plan:** Council Utilities Committee Chairman Van Sickle reported that the Utilities Committee met recently to review some of the recommendations from the study of the area around the water plant by Arcadis as part of the Source Water Protection Plan. He advised Council that one of the recommendations included testing of the production wells, which will be done on a scheduled basis at a cost of approximately \$3200 to \$4000 per year. He also reported that the plan provides for the formation of a regulatory team to oversee the plan, noting he would report to Council again when the team is finalized. He also noted that the Utilities Committee also agreed to have Superintendent DeWitt obtain estimates to clean reservoirs #2 and #3 as recommended after a recent camera inspection.

**Curbing on East Main Street:** Councilman Matt Young asked Council to consider extending the new curbing east on East Main Street from the Union Street intersection, noting he felt it would improve the aesthetics in that area. He questioned whether there were any grants available for a project of this type.

**Unkempt Properties:** Councilman Matt Young reported he received a complaint from a resident in the area of Adams and Bustle Streets regarding a property in that neighborhood that is in poor condition. Councilman Matt Young further asked if there is an incentive the Village can provide to reward residents to keep up their property and make them more aesthetic. Councilman Stricklen noted that the Village does have a designated Community Reinvestment Area as part of the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area Program that provides for property improvement opportunities. Administrator Young advised that there is information regarding the CRA Program at the Village website that includes a map of eligible areas in the Village and well as links to information about the program. Solicitor Gilman advised Councilman Matt Young and any other persons with concerns regarding the condition of properties in the Village to contact the Police Department, Administrator Young, or the Village Solicitor, noting there are standards for property upkeep and procedures in place to encourage or require compliance. Mayor Stricklen voiced his opposition to the idea of rewarding homeowners for maintaining their property.

**Deck at 222 W. Main:** Dr. Dakota Zickefoose addressed the Council regarding a deck he was replacing above the Alabaster Mouse at 222 W. Main Street downtown, noting he had heard that a councilmember had expressed concern with the safety of the deck. Dr. Zickefoose explained that he was replacing a deck that was removed several months prior, and he presented a detailed description of the deck construction and load-bearing. He went on to state that Schrock Construction had reviewed the plans and had issued a written acknowledgement that the deck construction meets or exceeds accepted building standards. Councilman Tom Young asked Dr. Zickefoose if he had received a building permit, to which he replied that he was in the process of obtaining a permit from the Village. Councilman Tom Young advised Dr. Zickefoose that a commercial building permit is required from Richland County. Dr. Zickefoose stated he would have Schrock Construction speak with the Richland County Building Department.

**Bike Path Motor Vehicle Traffic Concerns:** Councilman Matt Young expressed concern that there has been some motor vehicle traffic on the bike path. He stated that there are several points of entry onto the

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bike path that do not have signs stating motor vehicles are prohibited. Solicitor Gilman explained that although the bike path is in the Village jurisdiction, the Village does not govern maintenance and safety standards. He noted that the bike path was created by private citizens with agreements in place with private property owners who are responsible for maintenance and signage.

**North Market Street Improvement Project Engineering:** Mayor Stricklen reported that the Loudonville Planning Commission met to review applications from prospective engineering firms interested in providing the design and construction administration for the project. He noted that the Planning Commission voted to recommend Engineering Associates for the project, and further stated that the Village Solicitor would be preparing the necessary legislation for the contract for Council consideration.

**Mohican Area Community Fund Banner & Signage Request:** Councilwoman Lance moved to approve the request from the Mohican Area Community Fund for a banner to be displayed from August 1 through December 20, 2020 and for campaign progress signs to be placed in Central Park after the conclusion of the Street Fair through spring of 2021. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Chamber Rescheduled Events Approval:** Councilman Welsh moved and Councilman Gallagher seconded that the following events be approved as rescheduled:

Vendors Set-up in Park: September 3, 2020  
Antique Festival: September 4 & 5, 2020  
Car Show: September 5, 2020  
Fireworks: September 5, 2020

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.

**Chamber Car Show Street Closure:** Councilman Matt Young moved to approve the request from the Chamber to close streets for the Car Show on September 5, 2020 from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Chamber Fireworks Donation:** Councilman Gallagher moved to contribute \$500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Fireworks Show on September 5, 2020. 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:**

**Park National Bank Donation:** Mayor Stricklen read a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to the Park National Bank for the donation of \$2,750 to the Ohio Theatre to fund the 2020 Summer Movie Series and the Arts Alive Day Camp Summer Series, thanking them for their continued support of the theatre.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-13:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-13 was presented for approval. Councilwoman Lance moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-13. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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

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

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor