

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 16, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre. 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, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Police Captain Brian McCauley, Planning Commission members Brandon Biddinger and Tom Motz, L-P School Superintendent Catherine Puster, Pool Manager Cheryl Young, residents Jennifer Carroll, Jim Griffith and Angela Cronebach, Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, swim team representatives Lisa Sage, Luke Sage, and Jessica Daniels, Redbird Resilience/Hope for This Step representatives John Stoops and Stephanie Fish, and Mark Thomas.

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

**PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION – Planned Development District (Carroll Property):** In accordance with Section 1256.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Loudonville, a preliminary discussion was held between the Village Council and Planning Commission to review a proposed development plan submitted by John and Jennifer Carroll for their property on Twp. Rd. 455. Councilman Gallagher reported that the Council Planning & Zoning Committee met to review the request. He stated that the committee is recommending that Council grant the request to split off the 2-acre parcel and then begin the procedure to re-zone the property to an R-3 zoning classification. Resident Angela Cronebach questioned what the proposed development plan submitted by the Carroll's includes. Mayor Stricklen explained that the request is to split off an approximate 2-acre parcel for the construction of a new home. Mayor Stricklen asked his fellow Planning Commission members if they had any questions or concerns, to which there were none. The Planning Commission then voted unanimously to allow John and Jennifer Carroll to divide the parcel for the purpose of the construction of a new home. Councilman Gallagher then moved that Village Council permit John and Jennifer Carroll to subdivide their property to create a two-acre parcel for the purpose of building a new home on the parcel. 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.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. 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.

**Monthly Financial Report – February 2020:** Councilman Matt Young moved to approve the February Monthly Financial Report. 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.

**Monthly Mayor's Court Report – February 2020:** Councilman Welsh moved to accept the February Mayor's Court Report. 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.

**Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Neer Confirmation:** Councilman Welsh moved to confirm the appointment of full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Neer. 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.

**GUESTS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** None.

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**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION 6-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE HUGO H. AND MABEL B. YOUNG FOUNDATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE PURCHASE OF A GRANITE ENTRANCE SIGN FOR THE LOUDONVILLE CEMETERY**

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 6-2020. Councilman Welsh seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Gallagher moved that Resolution No. 6-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION 7-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOUDONVILLE FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE HUGO H. AND MABEL B. YOUNG FOUNDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR FOR THE LOUDONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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 Resolution 7-2020. 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 Resolution No. 7-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Gallagher. 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.

**RESOLUTION 8-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE HUGO H. AND MABEL B. YOUNG FOUNDATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE 2020 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

Administrator Young noted that the operation or cancellation of the Mrs. Young's Summer Playground is contingent on status of the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

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 Resolution 8-2020. Councilwoman Lance seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Matt Young moved that Resolution No. 8-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilwoman Cathy Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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**ORDINANCE 9-2020  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUDONVILLE SWIM TEAM FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE  
LOUDONVILLE SWIMMING POOL.**

Solicitor Gilman noted that there was a simple language revision to the indemnification section. He also noted that he added language at the end of the agreement releasing the Village from liability for failure to give possession of the pool should there be a force majeure event. Mrs. Sage stated that the swim team accepts the agreement as written. Mr. Sage stated that they read over it thoroughly and thanked Council and the committee. Mr. Sage asked if there were any questions or concerns with the practice schedule that was presented to the Parks & Buildings Committee, with Committee Chairman Tom Young stating there were no issues.

**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 9-2020. 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 Ordinance No. 9 -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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Social Media Policy:** Councilman Matt Young asked if there was any additional discussion needed regarding the social media policy. Solicitor Gilman noted that the policy was adopted by Council and is in place. Mayor Stricklen stated that he would like to maintain a central location for the maintenance of a Facebook page and noted he would like Tax Clerk Wade in the Village Office to monitor and update the page. Councilman Matt Young stated he could assist with the set-up of the page.

**Draft Food Truck Regulations:** Council discussed possible permit fees for food trucks operating in the Village. Councilwoman Lance suggested starting at a low fee to attract interest. Councilman Gallagher suggested that the Village consider adopting a 3-rate tier where the food truck owner could choose among \$10/day or \$50/month or \$200/year. He further noted that he talked with several restaurant owners in town who were not opposed to allowing food trucks to operate in the Village. Resident Jim Griffith, who operates an ice cream truck, asked questions on several items with the following clarification given by Council or the Village Solicitor:

- Food trucks can only be set-up between 7 AM and 9 PM, and the truck cannot be parked overnight.
- Food trucks cannot operate during events such as Chamber events, unless permitted by event host.
- Food trucks will be required to operate in approved areas established by Council.
- Food trucks must be self-contained and not require electric or water from the Village.
- The NE quadrant of Central Park will included as a most-desirable permitted location.
- The Village Office will maintain the permit paperwork.
- Food trucks are required to follow all state regulations.
- Food trucks will not be permitted at the pool/park complex.
- Ohio's municipal tax law provides for the taxation of net profit from non-resident businesses operating within a municipality over 20 days per year.
- There will be no proration for part-year permits.

Councilman Gallagher moved to authorize the Village Solicitor to prepare the final draft of the food truck regulations to include a fee schedule of \$10/day, \$50/month, and \$200/year and cannot operate more than 10 days per month. 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.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lifeguard Wages:** Councilman Tom Young asked Council if they thought the hourly rate for lifeguards should be increased to attract applicants, noting there has been only one application received. He noted that the Village rate is currently \$10.25/hour while the State Park pays \$11.79/hour. Cherryl Young noted that ideally 8 to 10 lifeguards are needed, along with 6 to 8 concession stand workers. It was noted that the concession stand employees earn the minimum wage of \$8.70/hour, with Administrator Young noting there generally is not a problem filling the concession stand positions. He further stated that the help-wanted ads have been placed in the paper, at the Village website, and on the water bills. There was discussion regarding the general shortage of lifeguards in this area, with Cherryl Young noting that she had spoken with an instructor from the Red Cross who may be willing to conduct a class for the Village. It was noted by Solicitor Gilman that the problem is further complicated by the Covid-19 Coronavirus as indoor pools have been ordered closed by the State of Ohio. Council agreed to move forward as usual with the hope that the Coronavirus pandemic will be over before the pool season begins. Council discussed the possibility of paying for the lifeguard training for those who would like to be employed at the Loudonville Pool, or a combination of increased wages and/or paid lifeguard training. Fiscal Officer Van Horn and Administrator Young agreed to look at the costs associated with different options.

**Park Usage Request – 5K Redbird Resilience:** Council considered a request from Hope for this Step, who is collaborating with Redbird Resilience, to use the Wally Road, the bike path, and the Riverside Park pavilion on May 16, 2020 for a 5K Run/Walk. Councilman Welsh moved to approve their request. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-06:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-06 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-06. 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.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Tom Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor