

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 2, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Village Hall council chambers. 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 Solicitor Thom Gilman, Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Police Captain Brian McCauley, L-P School Superintendent Catherine Puster, residents John Carroll, Brandon Biddinger, and Dennis Schaefer, and area resident Dan Piskur.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – February 16, 2020 Regular Meeting: Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. 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.

GUESTS:

Hanover Township Fire Contract: Hanover Township Trustee John Burkhart stated that Hanover Township would be placing a levy on the ballot to generate additional funds for their fire/EMS protection. He questioned whether the Village was planning to increase the current contract amount. It was noted that the current contract with Hanover Township expires on June 30, 2021. Solicitor Gilman suggested the Village Council come to a decision in May to provide ample time for the townships to determine if an additional tax levy is necessary, as levy projects require several meetings and pieces of legislation before the end of July. Councilman Welsh stated that the Safety Committee was planning to meet in the near future to review the contracts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Swimming Pool Project Electrical Quote: Administrator Young reviewed a quote from Dessenberg Contracting LLC to complete the electrical work at the swimming pool. Councilman Tom Young moved to approve the quote in the amount of \$2,465. 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.

Planned Development – John Carroll: Administrator Young reported that the Village has received a request from John and Jennifer Carroll to consider the development of a 2-acre parcel on Twp. Rd. 455 to be used as a single-family dwelling. Administrator Young noted that the request will be included on the Council agenda for discussion on March 16 and will include the Planning Commission in accordance with Village ordinance. Solicitor Gilman further commented that the Village ordinance requires a time period for notification of discussion.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 4-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO PAY THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE MOHICAN AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC., FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO, AND TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS CITIZENS.

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 4-2020. Councilman Gallagher seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Ordinance No. 4-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

During the adoption vote, Councilman Tom Young noted he would like to be sure that a MAGF representative reports to the Village Council every quarter. Solicitor Gilman explained that once the vote roll call has commenced, it must be completed before revisions are considered. After the vote concluded, Mayor Stricklen stated he would review Section 3 of the Ordinance with MAGF, which requires an accounting to the Council on a quarterly basis. He further commented that there are times when potential development is of a confidential status.

RESOLUTION 5-2020

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR 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 Resolution 5-2020. 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. 5-2020 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mohican Area Community Fund Letter of Thanks: Mayor Stricklen reported that the Village had received a letter of thanks from MACF for the donation of \$500.

Draft Food Truck Regulations: Council discussed a permit fee for food trucks to operate within the Village on public land. Councilman Matt Young distributed a list of fees charged by various other cities and villages in the state. Councilman Gallagher noted that the committee had met several times previously and discussed examples from Solicitor Gilman's findings that included fees ranging up to \$500. He noted that the committee considered a fee of \$100 annually. Councilwoman Lance questioned whether a food truck owner might hesitate to pay \$100 for a whole year until they determine it will be profitable for them. The Council discussed having a range of fees with the Mayor citing an example of \$10/day, \$50/week or \$100/year as an option for Council consideration. Several other comments, questions and concerns were expressed including:

- Chamber event food trucks would be exempt from the permit requirements.
- Food trucks on private property would be exempt from the permit requirements.
- Food trucks would not be permitted at the pool/park as they would compete with pool concessions.
- The most suitable location for food trucks is the NE quadrant of Central Park.
- Food trucks would not be permitted when another food event is scheduled in the park (ie, Lion's Chicken Barbeque)
- Food trucks would be required to register each time they wish to setup, even after the permit is obtained.

Mayor Stricklen suggested the Council continue to think about it and come prepared to discuss it again at the March 16 Council meeting.

Concert in the Park Series: Councilman Matt Young reported that he spoke with Ashley Thurber of the Majestic Mohican Gardens Club about his proposal for a Concert in the Park series. He reiterated that the Chamber was not interested in taking on the project as they have a full schedule of events. Upon question by Mayor Stricklen, Councilman Matt Young stated that the project would not be sponsored by the Village.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Park Usage Request – Lions Club: Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve the following park usage requests from the Loudonville Lions Club:

Easter Egg Hunt – April 11 (SW, NW, NE Quadrants)
Chicken Barbeques – May 23, July 4, September 5 (NE Quadrant)
Nativity Scene – December 6 through Jan 7 (NW Quadrant)

Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Park Usage Request – Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Safe Haven: Councilman Tom Young moved to approve the park usage request from RCDV Safe Haven for their Sexual Assault Awareness Month clothesline display on April 16 and April 17 in the SE Quadrant of Central Park. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call on said motion resulted as follows:

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

Park Usage Request – Tai Chi Demonstration: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the park usage request from Jim & Linda O'Brien for their Tai Chi demonstration on April 25 in the NE Quadrant of Central Park. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call on 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.

Donation Request– Library: Councilwoman Lance moved to approve the donation of a youth pool pass to the Library for their Summer Reading Program. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Division of Liquor Control Permit Transfer: Council reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the transfer of a permit from Danop LTD (dba Loudonville Mickey Mart) to Coles Energy, Inc. Mayor Stricklen also noted he received a notice asking if Council objected to the permit transfer relative to establishment's distance from the park. There were no objections from the Council and the Village will not request a hearing.

Ashland County Community Foundation Donation: Mayor Stricklen thanked Councilwoman Lance and Councilman Gallagher for submitting their list of potential projects for use of the \$25,000 grant. He noted he had also received a list of suggestions from Detective Hannan.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-05:

Claims Ordinance 2020-05 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-05. 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 Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 PM. 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, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Matt Young, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor