

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 18, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 89714230294) 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, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Fire Chief Mike Carey, and Village Solicitor Thom Gilman. The following guests joined the meeting: Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, Cheryl Young, Lara Kiefer, Jenny Wade, Dennis Schaefer, Gary Hannan, Lisa Sage, Jessica Matz, Joe Kiefer, and four unidentified listeners.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Councilwoman Lance moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** None.

**LEGISLATION:**

*Third reading of Ordinance 13-2020.*

**ORDINANCE 13-2020  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 860 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE. (*Food Truck Regulations*)**

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilman Gallagher moved that Ordinance No. 13-2020 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:**

**Swimming Pool:** Council reviewed and discussed the State guidelines required for the opening of swimming pools. Councilman Matt Young stated that he reviewed the mandatory guidelines and felt the Village would have to hire additional employees at the pool in order to comply with the regulations. He further stated that he was concerned that, should there be the need to reduce expenses in the future due to possible loss of revenue due to Covid-19, he would rather see the money needed to operate the pool used to maintain current personnel. He noted it was his opinion that it would be best to keep the pool closed in light of the regulations and unknowns. Councilman Welsh stated he agreed. Administrator Curt Young added that he did some calculations at the pool using the CDC guidelines and stated that the maximum number of swimmers in the pool at one time would be about 44, utilizing lane lines. He further concurred with Councilman Matt Young, noting that additional personnel would be needed to maintain the cleaning that is required every 2 hours. Councilman Tom Young stated that the requirement that mandates that pool users cannot “swim or gather in groups of more than 10” solidified his position. Mayor Stricklen expressed concerns with the number of people that would have to be hired to make sure patrons were following the guidelines. Councilwoman Lance commented that she agreed that it would be difficult to open the pool under the mandatory guidelines and said it was unfortunate for both parents and children. Councilman Matt Young stated that he would again speak with Fire Chief Carey about setting up a few opportunities for a fire truck to spray children during the summer. Councilman Van Sickle cautioned that social distancing guidelines would have to be followed for that as well. Councilman Welsh moved to cancel pool operations for the 2020 season. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Mrs. Young’s Summer Playground:** Mayor Stricklen stated that the State guidelines for day camps would make it difficult to operate the playground program this year, with Council concurring. Councilman Van Sickle voted to cancel the Mrs. Young’s Summer Playground program for the 2020 season. 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.

**Helping Hands Donation:** Councilman Welsh reported that Mr. Gene Heller of Helping Hands expressed appreciation to Council for the Village's donation of \$200.

**Farm Equipment Speed:** Councilman Welsh reported he spoke with Police Chief Taylor regarding Councilman Tom Young's concerns he had expressed at the prior meeting that he had witnessed farming equipment being driven through town at a high rate of speed. Councilman Welsh noted that Chief Taylor agreed to watch for occurrences.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council Meeting Location:** Councilman Matt Young encouraged Council to consider moving Council meetings back to the theatre, suggesting Council could maintain distance on the stage and attendees could maintain distance in the theatre house seating. Solicitor Gilman noted that he was not aware if the Governor had lifted the restriction on gatherings of ten or more persons, and public access to the meetings must be maintained. Councilman Van Sickle stated he thought that restriction would be lifted on May 26. Council agreed to continue with the Zoom platform for the June 1 meeting.

**Food Truck Requests:** Councilman Tom Young questioned whether the food trucks requests would now fall under the required permitting process. Solicitor Gilman responded that the newly adopted food truck regulations would not take effect until 30 days as it was not passed as an emergency measure. He also reminded Council that they to develop a map of permitted locations.

Councilman Welsh moved to approve a request from Dr. Dakota Zickefoose for a Lerch's Donuts food truck to be parked on South Water Street in two metered on-street parking spots adjacent to the Blackfork Bistro on May 21, 22 and 23. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Councilman Gallagher moved to approve a request for a Linn's Gyros food truck to park in a parking spot on the north side of the NE quadrant of Central Park on May 22, 23 and 24. 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.

**Loudonville Youth Association Softball Tournaments:** Council considered a request from the Loudonville Youth Association to use the ballfields for three tournaments, with the first one tentatively scheduled for June 26. Tournament Director Jessica Matz explained that they would follow the State of Ohio guidelines throughout the tournaments. She noted that the Youth Association was only requesting that the Village provide the electric for the lighting of the fields. She noted that they would be providing all the cleaning supplies and porta pots and that the Village public restrooms could remain closed. She noted they were taking many steps to follow the guidelines set forth by the State and the USA Softball Association, such as: limiting the number of spectators; closing off the bleachers; no concession stands; sanitation of dugouts between games; only the 2 teams playing can be at the facility at one time; a requirement that teams self-enforce the state guidelines; maintaining lists of participants and spectators; implementation of signed waivers; and creation of a Covid-19 zone if someone becomes ill at the tournament. Solicitor Gilman stated he appreciated hearing Ms. Matz explain that they would be self-enforcing the guidelines. He advised Council to be cautious that the enforcement of Ohio's Responsible Restart Ohio mandatory regulations are not placed on Village police officers for private events. Councilman Gallagher asked Solicitor Gilman if events like this would require a check by either the Police or Fire Chief, similar to the fireworks event. Solicitor Gilman stated that the LYA has indicated they would have rules for protection and rules for enforcement. He went on to say that while there are laws that have to be enforced by the Police, he would like to have minimum opportunities at the tournaments where the Village Police would have to be involved with enforcement of the state's regulations. Ms. Matz assured the Village Council that she is experienced in diffusing difficult situations during games, noting they generally stop the game and ask the coach to resolve the issue or the team forfeits the game. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve the Loudonville Youth Association's request to use the ballfields for three tournaments, with the Village

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maintaining the right to cancel the tournament at any time should additional, more restrictive orders be put forth by the State of Ohio. 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.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-10:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-10 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-10. 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, Councilwoman Lance moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:51 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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**Fiscal Officer**

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**Mayor**