

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Village Hall council chambers. Mayor Stricklen called the meeting to order and answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson, Mr. Jason Van Sickle, Mr. Tom Gallagher, and Mrs. Cathy Lance. Also in attendance at the meeting were Councilman-elect Matt Young, Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Police Captain Brian McCauley; Village residents Brandon Biddinger, Dennis Schaefer, Les Morris, Rob, Bethany, Christopher & Liam Paterson, and U.S. 2020 Census representative Ida Szulewski.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting: Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report – October 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the October Financial Report. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Court Report – October 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to accept the October Mayor's Court Report. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:
Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

GUESTS:

United States 2020 Census Presentation: Ms. Ida Szulewski, Partnership Specialist of the United States Census Bureau gave a 20-minute presentation of the upcoming 2020 Census with the official kickoff on April 1. She stated that every person should be counted regardless of citizenship. She explained that the 2020 Census is safe and easy, noting that residents will receive a form with a bar code at the end of February, which can be used to be counted online. She stated there are several ways for all residents to be counted including online, by calling an 800 number, or by paper, noting all answers are confidential. She reiterated that no information collected is shared with any other agency. She emphasized the importance of community leaders in the success of the Census, and encouraged Council to motivate residents to respond. She asked Council to consider forming a Complete Count Committee, which is a volunteer committee of community leaders to help improve the success of the Census Count. She also asked for assistance in notifying residents that the Census is hiring census takers and other positions for this area with flexible hours and pay between \$12.50 and \$23/hour. Councilman Gallagher noted the Village could place information on the monthly utility bills and suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce to include 2020 Census educational information on their digital sign in Central Park. Mayor Stricklen suggested she contact the Chamber of Commerce to obtain information about local upcoming events over the next months.

Hunting in Village: Resident Robert Paterson of 780 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue addressed council to ask them to consider amending Ordinance 618.12 in a way that would allow him to hunt on his 19.78 parcel of mostly wooded acreage on S. Mt. Vernon Avenue. Mr. Paterson noted that he recently purchased the property and wasn't aware that he was not permitted to hunt on the property due to insufficient acreage. Mr. Paterson suggested the Council consider revising the acreage from a minimum of 50 acres to at least 15 acres. Upon question by Councilman Gallagher as to how the Village came to the 50-acre minimum to allow hunting, Solicitor Gilman stated that there was a practical discussion by Council about 3 years ago that established the 50-acre minimum. He further stated that the Village does not grant hunting rights on a property-by-property basis. Resident Les Morris addressed Council and admitted that he had permission to hunt on that property for about twenty years when the Binau family owned it and he was not aware there was an ordinance against it. He suggested that perhaps because it was zoned Rural Residential with wooded acres that the owners thought hunting was permitted. Mayor Stricklen commented that the 19.78-acre parcel adjoins the 50+ acres, where hunting is permitted, on three of the four sides. Councilwoman Lance asked how many 15-acre wooded parcels might be located within the

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Village, with Mrs. Paterson responding that she was aware of three others. Upon further discussion by Council, Council concluded there would might be more than three other parcels with 15 or more acres. Councilman Gallagher commented that he would like to hear from Police Chief Taylor regarding ballistic trajectory and distance. Councilman Welsh expressed concerns with hunting with a rifle anywhere in the Village. Police Captain McCauley questioned whether hunting could be restricted to bow only. Solicitor Gilman stated that the State Legislature has passed legislation that clarifies the State's position of the 2nd amendment. He noted the Village could not adopt home rule regulations regarding firearms. Mayor Stricklen suggested Council take a look at the property. Gilman noted he would have information at the December Council meetings regarding the State Legislature's position as it relates to Village ordinances and firearms.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION:

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 36-2019

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BASE SALARIES FOR THE VARIOUS PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, OHIO DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND THEREAFTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Lance made several remarks regarding the proposed increases. She noted that the increase in wages for the Mrs. Young's Summer Playground employees is not funded by the Village, but rather by grant money. She also reported that she had discussed with Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart the proposed \$1.00 per hour increase that was requested for the new employee in the Maintenance Department. She stated that Mr. Burkhart had explained that the new employee is experienced and is also a certified diesel mechanic and feels that the proposed rate of \$16.45 per hour is fair to justify what the employee will be doing in that position. She further commented that Mr. Burkhart assured her that he would be saving the Village money as he can work on the Police cruisers. Mayor Stricklen noted he could work on some of the Fire Department vehicles also. Councilwoman Lance asked the Fiscal Officer about the Police budget and the proposed \$1.00/hour increases for the full-time police officers and the detective. Fiscal Officer Van Horn responded that the Safety Committee met to review the Police Department budget and she encouraged the committee to report to Council on that meeting. She further commented that the Village did receive notice that the health insurance increase was reduced from about 10% to about 5.5%. Councilman Gallagher commented that he would like to see an equal raise for all full-time employees. He stated that a .50 increase for full-time employees and a .25 for part-time would cost nearly the same annually as the proposed ordinance but would be more equitable. Administrator Young stated that the proposed ordinance included an effort to retain good officers in Loudonville, as pay is better at other area departments. Solicitor Gilman stated that while he normally refrains from commenting on salary discussions, he was pleased to see the Council was having a discussion on trying to increase the police wages as it can be challenging to keep up with area Departments. Regarding the proposed \$3,000/year increase in the Theatre Director salary, Administrator Young noted that the position wage was adjusted after a two-year trial period. Administrator Young also noted that health insurance costs remain a factor in overall wage adjustments in all departments as well.

RESOLUTION 37-2019

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE OHIO THEATRE IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE.

Parks & Buildings Committee Chairman Robinson reported that the committee met with Theatre Director Sally Hollenbach to review the proposed revisions to the schedule of fees for the theatre. Councilman Robinson further commented that he felt the slight increase of \$1.00 per ticket was reasonable and fair.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Robinson seconded that Resolution No. 37-2019 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Resolution No. 37-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Young, yes;

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

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ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Resolution No. 37-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 38-2019

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Gallagher seconded that Resolution No. 38-2019 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Resolution No. 38-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Resolution No. 38-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 39-2019

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

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Ordinance No. 39-2019 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 39-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance No. 39-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 40-2019

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 1431.01 OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACES
TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE.**

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Van Sickle seconded that Ordinance No. 40-2019 be declared an emergency measure and that the rules of the law, which require an ordinance to be read on three different days, be suspended with respect to Ordinance No. 40-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance No. 40-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Flashing Stop Signs at Main and Mt. Vernon: Councilman Gallagher noted that he thought the new flashing stop signs were effective. Police Captain McCauley commented that the Police Department was still receiving complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loudonville Planning Commission Appointment: Mayor Stricklen reported that he has appointed Brandon Biddinger to the Loudonville Planning Commission effective November 18, 2019.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments: Mayor Stricklen reported that he has appointed Jeff Marotta and Allen Heimberger to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-22:

Claims Ordinance 2019-22 was presented for approval. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-22. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 PM. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor