

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 2, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Loudonville 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, and Mr. Matt Young. Mrs. Cathy Lance was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, and Village Solicitor Thom Gilman. Guests were Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, residents Brandon Biddinger and Stacy Stricklen, L-P School Superintendent Catherine Puster, FirstEnergy Corp. Regional External Affairs representative Joe Jakubick, and FirstEnergy Advisors agents Lance Bolender and Lori Rader. Mayor Stricklen led the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – October 19, 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, abstain.
Motion carried.

Confirmation of Police Officer Rutherford to Permanent Full-Time Status: Mayor Stricklen reported that Officer Rutherford had successfully completed his six-month probationary period, and recommended his final appointment to the full-time position. Councilman Gallagher moved to confirm the appointment of Police Officer Rutherford to the full-time position. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

GUESTS:

Electric Aggregation: FirstEnergy Corp. Regional External Affairs Consultant Joe Jakubick introduced representatives from FirstEnergy Advisors, Lance Bolender and Lori Rader. Mr. Bolender and Ms. Rader presented Council with a proposal to act as the agent for the Village's community electric aggregation program. Ms. Rader explained that the Village's current aggregation expires in February 2021 and noted that there are required formal processes for the renewal timing. She presented a proposed timeline should Council elect to accept their services this evening. She explained that there is no charge to the Village for their services but rather their fee of 1% would be embedded in the contract renewal with the supplier. She noted that FirstEnergy Advisors would send Request for Proposals on behalf of the Village to about five or six suppliers, which would include price and term recommendations. She noted that there are about 895 households or businesses on the current aggregation program, and all residents could again choose to join the aggregation or opt out. She explained that there is no obligation for the Village to sign with a supplier. Upon question by Councilman Matt Young, Ms. Rader mentioned that there may be a grant opportunity included in the Request for Proposal for the Village. Solicitor Gilman stated that either Council could vote to enter into an agreement with FirstEnergy Advisors this evening, pending his review of the agreement or, should Council wish to review the agreement as well, they could schedule a special meeting. Councilman Van Sickle moved to enter into an agreement with FirstEnergy Advisors to act as the agent for the Village for its community electric aggregation program, contingent upon Solicitor Gilman's review of the agreement. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Coronavirus Relief Fund: Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that most of the items purchased for distribution to those in need in the community were received. She noted that the \$5,000 approved by Council was spent on hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, hand soap, and masks at the request of Helping Hand and the Loudonville Church Women community outreach organizations. She noted that those organizations would be begin distributing the items over the next few months, including as part of their annual Day of Sharing project.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Grant: Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that HHS was offering another grant opportunity for health care providers based on revenue losses. She noted that HHS had previously distributed a grant to the EMS Department of \$7,100 back in April, which was based on 2019 EMS runs that were reimbursed by Medicare. She stated that EMS revenue is down about 10%, and

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noted that an application was submitted to HHS to determine if the Village EMS would be eligible for any additional grant funds.

Meeting Management Portal: Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that the development and training for the new online meeting portal is underway, noting she hoped it would be up and running by the November 16 Council meeting. She noted that iPads may not arrive before the next meeting.

2021 Budget: Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported that the Finance Committee would be meeting within the next few weeks to work on the 2021 budget. She noted that, while Village income tax collections continue to be as estimated this year, the next couple of months remain questionable, further noting it is difficult to estimate what challenges the pandemic may bring. She noted that 2021 income tax revenue estimates may not change during budget preparation, but noted there will be adjustments to carryovers and interest income. She noted Department Heads have been conscientious in working within their 2020 budgets.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 40-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 Ordinance 40-2020. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance 40-2020 be passed as read. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 41-2020

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 41-2020. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Resolution 41-2020 be passed as read. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 42-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF PAVING MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE NORTH JEFFERSON/EAST CAMPBELL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE

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 Ordinance 42-2020. Councilman Gallagher seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Matt Young moved that Ordinance 42-2020 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scout Project – Youth Building: Councilman Tom Young stated that he met with the Boy Scouts recently, and noted they are interested in a project at the Youth Building. He stated there would be more details to come.

Transportation to Election Polls: Councilman Matt Young reported that he was involved in organizing a taxi service for anyone who may need transportation to the polling locations for the upcoming election on November 3. He stated that residents could contact him for information.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-21:

Claims Ordinance 2020-21 was presented for approval. Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-21. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Matt Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:29 PM. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor