

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 19, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 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. Tom Gallagher, Mrs. Cathy Lance, and Mr. Matt Young. Mr. Jason Van Sickle was absent from the meeting. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Fire Chief Mike Carey, Police Captain Brian McCauley, and Village Solicitor Thom Gilman. Also in attendance were Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, residents Brandon Biddinger and Jennifer Hawk, and Legion representatives Jim Danner and Don Riffel. Mayor Stricklen led the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting: Councilman Welsh moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

GUESTS:

American Legion Post 257 Donation to Police K9: Legion officer Don Riffel presented a donation of \$5,000 to Police Captain McCauley for the Police Department K9 Unit.

American Legion Post 257 Donation to the Maintenance Building Bond Retirement Fund: Officer Riffel presented a donation of \$15,283.10 to be applied to the maintenance building bond retirement. Mayor Stricklen expressed sincere appreciation to the American Legion Post 257 for their continued support of the community.

Hawk Street Closure Request for Private Party: Ms. Jennifer Hawk asked Council for permission to close the alley adjacent to her home at 533 E. Main on October 31 for a small Halloween party for family and friends, noting they wanted extra room for social distancing. She noted she spoke with the neighbor (Vermilya) who was not opposed to the closure request. It was noted the alley runs between E. Main and North Park Place and Council has granted her permission in the past. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Homeowner lateral sewer lines: Administrator Young responded to comments made by a resident at the October 5 Council meeting regarding aging utility lines. Administrator Young stated that residents could consider obtaining insurance on their aging lateral utility lines and reminded residents that lateral lines are owned by the resident and are not maintained by the Village.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 39-2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS 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 39-2020. Councilwoman Lance seconded the motion. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Welsh moved that Ordinance 39-2020 be passed as read. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 19, 2020

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Improvement Levy: Councilman Tom Young reminded Council that he had previously suggested Council consider a paving levy, but had refrained from further discussion due to the pandemic. He suggested Council revisit the discussion of a possible levy for street improvements.

Coronavirus CARES Act Fund: Councilwoman Lance reported that the Finance Committee had met to review the list of items presented by councilmembers and department heads for purchase with the CARES Act funds. From the proposed list of items, she stated that the Finance Committee was recommending the following purchases at this time: 2 computers for the Police Department; iPads for Council meetings; meeting agenda management software/portal; CPR hands-off device; 3 new doors for the Youth Building and 1 for the Village Office with crash bar open/auto close; AED's for the Police and Theatre; hands-free flush toilets and faucets for the Youth Building and Theatre, and \$5,000 worth of PPE/sanitizers to be distributed to several local non-profit service groups including Helping Hands and Loudonville Church Women. She noted funds would be expended for sanitizer stations and hands-free towel and soap dispensers for the theatre. She also noted that funds would be disbursed for unemployment benefits paid to the Pool Manager and payroll for shifts covered due to Covid-related matters. She also noted funds will be reserved for potential future employee absences due to Covid. She noted that the balance of about \$30,000 would be held and be reevaluated in November. Councilman Gallagher noted that all the suggested purchases were reviewed by Solicitor Gilman. Councilman Matt Young moved to approve the items as recommended by the Finance Committee. 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; Cathy Lance, yes.
Motion carried.

Electric Aggregation: Councilwoman Lance reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss the current electric aggregation agreement that will expire in February 2021. She noted that Administrator Young will invite the current provider to attend a Council meeting to present an overview of the aggregate renewal process. She stated that quotes will be obtained from several providers.

Street improvement projects: Councilman Matt Young expressed his appreciation of the successful grant funding Administrator Young has received over the recent years. He noted that he reviewed a list of completed projects totaling over four million dollars, which were funded in part by successful grants that Administrator Young had written and were awarded to the Village. He commented that the Village has received nearly 2.5 million dollars in grants due to Administrator Young's excellent grant-writing skills. Mayor Stricklen concurred, noting that Administrator Young should be commended for his outstanding work on project funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Levy Renewal: Councilman Tom Young asked residents to support the upcoming 1.7 mill levy renewal.

Chamber of Commerce Report: Councilman Matt Young reported that he had attended the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting. He reported that while the July 4 fireworks have historically been on the Saturday around July 4, beginning in 2021 the fireworks will now be held on the 4th of July each year. He also reminded residents that Trick or Treat is schedule for October 31 with a rain date of November 1. He reported that the WinterFest is schedule for January 9, 2021. He noted the next Chamber meeting is November 10.

Park Usage Request – Ashland County Republican Party: Councilman Tom Young questioned if the Village Council approved this request, would they then have to approve any other similar requests. Solicitor Gilman responded that the Village Council does not consider the approval of park usage requests based on political or other positions, noting the park is a free speech area available to any persons or groups. Councilman Tom Gallagher moved to approve the park usage request from the Ashland County Republican Party for an informational booth on October 29 from 4-7 PM in the NE quadrant of Central Park. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Tom Young, yes; Bill Welsh, yes; Cathy Lance, yes; Tom Gallagher, yes; Matt Young, abstain.
Motion carried.

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 19, 2020

Park Usage Request – American Legion Auxiliary Veteran Signs: Councilman Tom moved to approve the park usage request from the American Legion Auxiliary from November 8 through November 15 to place signs in honor of local veterans. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

RECOGNITION:

Tom & Jeannie Stake – Stakes IGA: Mayor Stricklen read a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to Stake’s IGA for their donation of \$2,500 to the Loudonville Police Department. Mayor Stricklen also reported that the Stake’s had donated \$2,500 to the Loudonville Fire Department, Inc. and well as donations to other charitable organizations in the community.

St. Peter’s Parish: Mayor Stricklen read a Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to St. Peter’s Parish for their donation of \$100 to the Loudonville Police Department in support of their K-9 unit.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-20:

Claims Ordinance 2020-20 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-20. 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; Matt Young, yes.
Motion carried.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Matt Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 PM. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor