

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 2, 2017

The Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Loudonville Fire Station. Answering roll call were Mr. Bill Welsh, Mrs. Traci Cooper, Mr. Roy Wilson, Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Michael Robinson and Mr. Jason Van Sickle. Mayor Steve Stricklen presided. Also in attendance were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, resident Tom Gallagher, Fire Chief Mike Carey, and Times Reporter Jim Brewer.

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – September 18, 2017:** The minutes of this regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilwoman Cooper moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Councilman Wilson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**GUESTS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Leaf Pickup:** Administrator Young reported that the Maintenance Department will begin scheduled leaf pick-up on Tuesday, October 10. Maintenance Superintendent Burkhart noted that they were going to try to pick-up early morning during the fair until the traffic prohibits.

**Fall Cleanup:** Administrator Young reminded Council that the fall cleanup is October 18 & 19 in the Village.

**Trick or Treat:** Administrator Young reminded Council that trick-or-treating in the Village on October 28 is from 5 to 6 downtown and from 6 to 7 in the neighborhoods.

**Rebuttal of Council Candidate Ted Fraser comments in newspaper:** Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart expressed disapproval of remarks made by Council candidate Ted Fraser that were printed in the newspaper. Mr. Burkhart stated that Mr. Fraser falsely accused the Maintenance Department of working on a Sunday to remove the dog park fence. Mr. Burkhart stated that he removed the dog park fence on a Monday approximately 2-3 weeks after Council directed him to do so. Mr. Burkhart further noted that the fence was damaged as it was only a 12 gauge wire instead of 9 gauge used as on the ballfields. Council concurred that the fence was not removed on a weekend and that Mr. Burkhart removed the fence per Council direction. Mr. Burkhart expressed regret that Mr. Fraser was not at the meeting so that he could address him in person. Mayor Stricklen noted that he felt there were several incorrect remarks made by Mr. Fraser in the article.

**LEGISLATION:**

**RESOLUTION 37-2017  
A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN A FUND**

**EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 37-2017 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. 37-2017. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION VOTE**

Councilwoman Cooper moved that Resolution No. 37-2017 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Utterback/Cronebach Driveway:** Administrator Young reported that the contractor, Derek Smith of D.L. Smith Concrete, has agreed to reconstruct the Utterback/Cronebach driveway to Mr. Utterback's specifications at the agreed-upon cost to the Village of \$2,000 in an effort to resolve the issue and complete the project.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN):** Councilman Robinson reported that the Utilities Committee reviewed a proposed agreement among water or wastewater utility providers within the State of Ohio that would provide mutual aid services to the members in emergencies. Administrator Young suggested Loudonville participate in the program. Solicitor Gilman agreed to review the proposed agreement with Administrator Young for possible legislation at the next Council meeting.

**Loudonville Youth Association Fence Permit:** Councilman Van Sickle reported that the Parks and Buildings Committee met with Scott Smart, President of the LYA, to review their plans to replace the fences on fields #1 and #3. He noted that the field #1 fence will be moved closer to the infield. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the fence permit request. Second by Councilman Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes;  
Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**Chamber Heat in the Street Chili Cook-Off:** Valerie Spreng, Executive Director of the Loudonville Chamber of Commerce, was present to review their Chili Cook-Off event scheduled for October 21 from 4 to 7 PM. She noted that businesses would be charged \$10 each to enter the event and would serve their chili from their store fronts. Upon question by Councilman Robinson, she encouraged businesses in the area that are not downtown to join the event and she would provide a spot for them. Mayor Stricklen reminded Ms. Spreng of the 48" required passage distance from the curb. Councilman Welsh moved to approve the Chamber's request to host the chili cook-off on October 21. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mrs. Cooper, yes;  
Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**Maintenance Facility Update:** Mayor Stricklen advised the Council that the Street Committee met to review the draft plans for the proposed Maintenance facility, noting they made a few changes. He asked Council for approval to move forward with the drafting of the final plans and bid specs as well as the financing options for Council consideration. He expressed appreciation to the Loudonville American Legion Post 257 for their continued support of the project, noting that they would be presenting another donation at the next council meeting. Councilwoman Cooper moved to proceed with the preparation of plans and bid specifications and with the acquisition of financing options for Council approval. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2017-19:**

Claims Ordinance 2017-19 was presented for review. Councilwoman Cooper moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2017-19. Second by Councilman Robinson. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes;  
Mr. Wilson, yes; Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilwoman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:18 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mrs. Cooper, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Wilson, yes;  
Mr. Young, yes; Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes. Motion carried.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor