

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 5, 2020

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. via teleconference. (Zoom Meeting ID: 84614219944) Mayor Stricklen called the meeting to order. Answering roll call were Mr. Tom Young, Mr. Jason Van Sickle, Mr. Tom Gallagher, Mrs. Cathy Lance, and Mr. Matt Young. Mr. Bill Welsh joined the meeting shortly thereafter. Also in attendance at the meeting were Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Fire Chief Mike Carey, and Village Solicitor Thom Gilman. The following guests joined the meeting: Loudonville Times Reporter Jim Brewer, and residents Dennis & Lisa Newcomer and Janice Eitelgeorge.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Minutes – September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Councilman Gallagher moved the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Councilman Tom Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Monthly Financial Report – September 2020:** Councilman Gallagher moved to approve the September monthly financial report. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Monthly Mayor's Court Report – September 2020:** Councilman Gallagher moved to accept the September Mayor's Court Report. Second by Councilman Matt Young. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**GUESTS:**

**Market Street at Bustle pavement and other concerns:** Resident Janice Eitelgeorge of 201 S. Market Street stated that she was concerned with the repaving project by ODOT in front of her home, noting that the resurfacing does not include the removal of the old brick pavers. She stated that she has been in contact with ODOT for the past three years to discuss her concerns, but feels it has not been properly addressed. She noted she had spoken with Administrator Young and the Maintenance Department regarding what she described as a dip in the road in front of her home caused by what she incorrectly identified as a water line beneath it. She stated that her home shakes when trucks go past and drive over the dip in the road, which she stated has caused cracks in her ceilings. She said she spoke with ODOT employee Kevin Rader prior to the Council meeting, stating that he told her he had expressed concerns to the ODOT engineers for the project regarding the paving bricks that are not scheduled to be removed during the project. Mayor Stricklen stated that while he understood her concerns regarding the old subsurface paving bricks, it is an ODOT project and she should address her concerns to ODOT. Mrs. Eitelgeorge noted she had contacted the Director of ODOT prior to the Council meeting, but he had not yet returned the call.

Mrs. Eitelgeorge also expressed several other concerns to Council, including trucks traveling at high rates of speed past her home on South Market Street, and ODOT's refusal to decrease the speed limit further south on Market. Mrs. Eitelgeorge also suggested Council put more emphasis on writing grants for infrastructure, and further suggested Council increase taxes for infrastructure. She explained she had to repair her sewer lateral line, suggesting it was damaged by concrete debris from the village sewer main. She suggested Council consider annexing the recreational areas at the south end of town along Wally Road to generate additional revenue for the Village. Mayor Stricklen assured Mrs. Eitelgeorge that the Mayor and Council of the Village of Loudonville are dedicated to improving Village infrastructure. He reminded Mrs. Eitelgeorge that the Village government has worked diligently over the years to update the many water and sewer lines that run throughout the Village. He further stated that significant dollars are spent on the streets and alleys throughout the Village each year, commending Administrator Young for his success in grant writing. Mrs. Eitelgeorge thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts as elected officials.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Electric Aggregation Agreement:** Administrator Young stated that the current aggregation agreement, which was approved by vote of the Village residents in 2011 for a ten-year period, was ending.

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He noted that multiple businesses have contacted the Village with interest in entering into an aggregation agreement with the Village. He explained Council could hear proposals from all of the interested providers, or suggested a committee of council could review proposals and make a recommendation to Council. Administrator Young stated he did not think the issue has to go back to the voters, as the vote was to enter an aggregation, with Solicitor Gilman acknowledged that he was correct. Administrator Young advised Council to review the PUCO website where PUCO maintains a comparison of providers. He also noted that Council could join with a neighboring community. Mayor Stricklen assigned the review to the Finance Committee.

**Leaf Pickup:** Administrator Young reported that leaf pickup would begin in the near future and would be announced at the next Council meeting and be posted online.

**Council Meetings in Theatre:** Administrator Young reported that there is some missing equipment that was to be shipped this week and anticipated that the October 19 Council meeting could be held in the theatre. Solicitor Gilman noted that if anyone was hesitant to participate in the meeting at the theatre, the legislation allows for a hybrid meeting with some connecting remotely.

**State Biennial Capital Budget Funding:** Administrator Young reported that the State has yet to announce projects to be funded in the next biennial capital budget, noting that the Village may yet be awarded the grant for the replacement of the fire escapes on the south side of the Municipal Building/Theatre from the State.

### **Coronavirus Relief Fund:**

Fiscal Officer Van Horn noted she had included in Council packets the most recent Guidance and FAQs, which were updated October 1, 2020 by the Ohio Office of Budget & Management. She reminded Council that these grants are federal grant dollars passed down through the State of Ohio and then to the County and local governments. She noted the United States Treasury Office of the Inspector General is responsible for the oversight of the uses of the grant funding. She explained that the State of Ohio Office of Budget & Management, as the prime recipient, is providing the guidance for the reporting requirements, and all reporting is via a time-sensitive portal at the OBM website. She reported that the Village is expected to receive approximately \$94,000 in the third round of funding, which was based on population.

Mayor Stricklen reviewed an on-going list of suggestions submitted by various council members, employees, and department heads for use of grant funds. The list included AED's for Police Department and theatre, hands-free flush toilets and hand-free sink faucets for the Youth building, theatre, pool and parks restrooms, 2 computers for Police Department, iPads for Village Council members, council meeting management software with online portal for Council and citizens, exterior side door in Village Office with hands-free crash/panic hardware, Lucas CPR hands-off device for EMS, lighting in Central Park, police cruiser, website upgrades, and subgrants. Mayor Stricklen invited Council to continue to present ideas for consideration once the third round of grant funding is received. Solicitor Gilman reminded Council that there are pages and pages of regulations, and noted that the basic principles that exist are that they are expenses that the Village did not expect but resulted from the coronavirus situation; the creation of systems to reduce human contact and reduce need for people to come into Village Office; and items related to creating safer and cleaner environments. Resident Dennis Newcomer joined the meeting and stated that he has considerable experience in federal spending and appropriations as well as federal regulations. He noted he read through the guidance manual and suggested Council could consider small business support as well as providing financial assistance to families, including payment of property taxes. He also questioned whether a cost benefit analysis had been performed before submitting a request for digital media equipment.

**LEGISLATION:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Rumpke Fall Clean-Up:** Mayor Stricklen announced a reminder of the fall clean-up with Rumpke for October 14 and 15, 2020.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Loudonville Chamber Mohican 5K Sponsorship:** Councilman Tom Young moved to approve a \$250 sponsorship for the Mohican 5K. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Mohican Area Community Fund Donation:** Councilman Tom Young moved to approve a \$500 donation to the Mohican Area Community Fund campaign. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll all upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**Treehouse Unveiling:** Mayor Stricklen reminded Council that Growing Mohican Families has announced the unveiling of the Riverside Park Treehouse on October 6, 2020 at 5:30 PM and encouraged them to attend.

**CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2020-19:**

Claims Ordinance 2020-19 was presented for approval. Councilman Tom Young moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2020-19. Second by Councilman Van Sickle. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Tom Young moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 PM. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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