

LOUDONVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Loudonville Village Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 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 Village Administrator Curt Young, Fiscal Officer Elaine Van Horn, Village Solicitor Thom Gilman, Maintenance Superintendent John Burkhart, Police Captain Brian McCauley, Loudonville Times Reporter Irv Oslin; Village residents Brandon Biddinger, Matt Young, Dennis Schaefer, Bob Bucher, and Stacy Stricklen; area residents Jessica Daniels, Luke Sage and Matt Cominsky; Kristy Spreng and Angie Heffelfinger representing Growing Mohican Families.

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

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Minutes – September 3, 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 – August 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to approve the August Financial Report. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mrs. Lance, yes; Mr. Young, yes;

Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Court Report – August 2019: Councilman Welsh moved to accept the August Mayor's Court Report. Second by Councilman Gallagher. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Gallagher, yes; Mr. Young, yes;

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

GUESTS:

Growing Mohican Families – Riverside Park Playground Project Phase II: Kristy Spreng presented Council with an update on Phase II of their Riverside Park Playground sponsored by Growing Mohican Families. She reported that they have been fundraising for about 18 months toward their goal of \$125,000, noting they have approximately \$75,000. She expressed urgency in their hopes to reach their goal as soon as possible, explaining that they have a local contractor who has offered to donate their labor to construct the playground yet this year. She noted that they have applied to the Ashland County Community Foundation for a \$12,500 grant. Administrator Young reminded Council that they had allocated \$60,000 toward the building demolition project on North Water Street but it was completed for much less. He advised Council that there was \$15,000 available from that capital improvement project that could be re-appropriated to the playground project. Councilman Young moved to approve the donation of \$15,000 to Growing Mohican Families toward Phase II of their Riverside Park Playground Project. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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

Mayor Stricklen thanked Mrs. Spreng and Mrs. Heffelfinger for their commitment to the playground project in Riverside Park, which he stated was a great asset to the community.

Property Concerns: Hoyer Street resident Dennis Schaefer told Council he was present to follow-up with his prior concerns of unkempt properties in his neighborhood. He noted there was a property that has been vacant for over two years. Solicitor Gilman assured Mr. Schaefer that he was working on several of the properties. Mayor Stricklen commented that he was a member of the Ashland County Land Bank and would look into the possibility of having the Land Bank get involved. Mr. Schaefer noted he wanted to be positive about the situation and noted he would do whatever he could to assist the Village in identifying the vacant properties that he feels are in poor condition.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OPWC Application – N. Market Street Project: Administrator Young reported that he was preparing to submit an application to OPWC for funding for improvements to North Market Street from Main to Burwell as discussed by the Street Committee. He noted that it is a competitive grant that includes a local match percentage, which he will include with the application. He noted that the preliminary project cost

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estimate by Engineering Associates is \$505,000, which includes approximately 15,000 square yards of pavement as well as some water line replacements at the northern end of the project.

Street Sign Replacement Project: Administrator Young reported he had received the quote from Newman Signs for the budgeted replacement of street signs and posts in the NW quadrant of the Village plus some specialty signs, including the No Public Access signs requested by Council at a cost of \$6,614.46. Councilman Gallagher moved to approve the purchase of the street signs. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Ohio Edison Routine Pruning: Administrator Young reported that Ohio Edison will have pruning crews around the Village beginning September 23, noting they would not be working during the Street Fair.

Perrysville Village Income Tax Collection Contract: Fiscal Officer Van Horn reported the Village of Perrysville would be performing the collection of their income tax in-house beginning January 1, 2020 as they had recently hired a full-time Fiscal Officer with experience in municipal income tax collections. She commented that the Village has been collecting the tax for Perrysville since 1999, and expressed her opinion that the twenty-year relationship was a good example of how small governments can benefit from sharing services.

Swimming Pool Improvements Project: Administrator Young reported that the pool project was progressing. He noted that there was an old section of pipe and fittings that were leaking and needed replaced and felt it was a good opportunity to repair the section of pipe while the project was underway. He noted the cost estimate to be about \$3,300 for the pipe, valves and fittings and he would be expending available funds to make the repairs unless Council objected. There were no objections voiced.

Village Maintenance Worker Employment: Mayor Stricklen noted that he would like to discuss the employment of a maintenance worker in an Executive Session near the end of the meeting.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION 31-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), AND FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

EMERGENCY MEASURE VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Welsh seconded that Resolution No. 31-2019 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. 31-2019. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

ADOPTION VOTE

Councilman Van Sickle moved that Resolution No. 31-2019 be passed as read. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 32-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSPECTION OF BRIDGES IN THE VILLAGE OF LOUDONVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

South Adams/East Main Intersection Parking Concerns: Councilman Van Sickle reported that he had received several concerns regarding on-street parking on South Adams near the intersection near East Main Street. He stated that vehicles are parking close to the stop sign on South Adams at Main, causing congestion at that intersection. He asked Council to look at the intersection and on-street parking in that area.

Liquor Permit Transfer: Council reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit transfer from Mohican Tavern to the American Legion Post 257. Solicitor Gilman reported that action by Council is required only if there are any objections and if Council would like to request a hearing on the matter. No objections were voiced.

Institution Notice for Liquor Permit: Council reviewed a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control received by the Village because the requested transfer from Mohican Tavern to the American Legion was within a certain distance of a park/playground as governed by the Division of Liquor Control. Solicitor Gilman reiterated that formal action is not required by Council unless they wish to object and/or request a hearing. No objections were voiced.

Park Usage Request – Ballfield #2: Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve a request from Schrock Premier Custom Construction to use Field #2 for a company softball game on September 23. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Halloween Parade Street Closure: Mayor Stricklen reported that he had received a request for the street closures for the Halloween Parade from the Chamber, noting that Council had already approved their request. He noted he would forward the information to the Maintenance and Police Departments as is customary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Stricklen, Councilman Welsh moved to enter into an Executive Session to consider the employment of personnel at 6:25 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.

RECONVENE:

At 6:38 PM, Councilman Van Sickle moved to end the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of Benefits for New Maintenance Employee:

Councilman Van Sickle moved to approve the granting of 700 hours of sick leave upon employment and 2 weeks (80 hours) of vacation for calendar year 2020 for the expected hire of a maintenance department applicant who is under consideration for potential employment. Second by Councilman Welsh. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

Mr. Van Sickle, yes; Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Young, yes;
Mr. Robinson, yes; Mr. Gallagher, no; Mrs. Lance, yes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS ORDINANCE 2019-18:

Claims Ordinance 2019-18 was presented for approval. Councilman Welsh moved to approve Claims Ordinance 2019-18. 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.

ADJOURN: With no further business to be brought before Council, Councilman Welsh moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM. Second by Councilwoman Lance. A roll call upon said motion resulted as follows:

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor