

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Daily, Zircher, Lowery, Tennant, Ertuncay

Council Members Absent: Felbaum

Present: Scott Gilliland- Mayor
Leslie DeVico- Fiscal Officer
Ed VanVickle - Village Administrator
Chief Barton- Police.

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked for a moment of silence for the US Armed Forces.

Minutes: Mayor Gilliland asked for Council to take a minute to review the minutes from 2/28/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections- Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Tennant to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Lowery, Tennant, Ertuncay, Daily, Zircher. Nays: None

Public Comments:

Mayor Gilliland called Noah Auman of Elite Networks to speak. Mr. Auman indicated his company found many basic discoveries starting out systems are significantly out of date; missing critical security patches, not properly protected by antivirus software, desktops not being backed up, looking further server shareholders were being shared with administrator credentials- very unsecure – we have corrected. Unknown admin passwords that we could not get access to; upon further research found unknown administrative passwords; along with questionable software uploaded on the Mayor’s computer and another computer. We have simplified machines to a MS platform; 2 servers that were here are now shut down we’ve created an admin account on the new server- we’re replaced the router when we did this internet speeds doubled- uninstalled questionable software; we have saved the Village a considerable amount of money going through the use of 8x8 new phone service. Gilliland commented it’s about half of the cost. One server now – more cost effective. Few items remain to be completed.

Mayor Gilliland called Wes Perry to speak. Mr. Perry indicates he lives in Wilson Farms. He has a concern of aggressive dogs in his neighborhood- namely Rottweilers and Pitbull breeds. Mr. Perry requested council put an ordinance together for a vicious dog or aggressive dog; pets must be leashed and or muzzled- this may deter people from purchasing these animals. HOA in Wilson Farms states animals are ok – but you can’t have a puppy mill. Gilliland commented that he spoke with Mr. Perry’s wife on the phone; Ohio law says you cannot discriminate against any dog in the state of Ohio, unfortunately a dog would have to attack someone to be classified as vicious- Mr. Perry concurred and said his concern as a parent we need to do something. Chief Barton stated the police hands are tied- the Village follows Ohio code. We can come out if a dog is barking 15 minutes or more- give us a call- we can come out and sit and then do something. VanVickle commented that the HOA has more power than the Village. Perry asked if it was better to be reactive instead of proactive. Chief Barton commented that all residents need to be careful. Take precautions.

Mayor Gilliland called Bob Strait to speak. Mr. Strait indicated he has been a long-time resident. Wondering about the storm sewers on Columbus Street and South Street and why they haven’t been cleaned on a regular basis. Mr. Strait asked if there was a way to get these drains cleaned on a regular basis? VanVickle commented his complaint has been noted.

Old Business:

2nd reading Ordinance 07-17 False Alarms.

2nd reading Ordinance 08-17 Prohibiting on street parking.

2nd reading Resolution 03-17 Temporary Street Closures- Honeyfest 2017.

2nd reading Resolution 04-17 Temporary Street Closures- Memorial Day Fish Fry. Modification: add the movie night to make one resolution. Section 2- remove (during the 2017 Memorial Day fish fry- remove). 8:00am Monday change to 3:00pm on Sunday, May 28th through 8:00pm on Monday, May 29th. Streets would close at 3:00pm on Sunday and not reopen until 8:00pm on Monday. Changing Police Chief to Village Administrator and delegates.

Gilliland commented he spoke with Jack Mantino of Westport Homes, and Westport Homes is willing to install the no parking signs at no charge. The village will have to provide the signs and posts to Westport.

New Business:

No new business.

Reports from Officers:

Chief Barton:

Passed out copies to council of the Police Blotter; Officer Praither is off duty recovering from his surgery; Chief Barton also warned council and those in attendance this evening to lock your car doors and not to leave purses or valuables in clear sight inside your car. There have been smash and grabs happening and you need to protect your valuables or not leave them in the car.

Fiscal Officer:

Distributed February reports along with the March 1- 14th payment register to Council members. Tennant asked why a check was written to Canal Winchester for \$339,000.00. Gilliland commented this is only part of what we owe Canal Winchester and the payment was for sewer "tap" fees that had not been paid in 2016. Tennant asked why we all of sudden stopped paying; and what happened to the money that was collected? Gilliland commented we do have a sewer fund- the additional monies owed to CW have to do with a former billing clerk that somehow lost a decimal point for over a year- VanVickle commented it was not on the dollars but on the gallons. Gilliland we owe CW another \$288,000.00 for which we were under billed. Tennant asked who caught this. VanVickle commented Canal on the discrepancy of the sewage readings. Gilliland stated in 2016- what we paid CW and what we paid them in processing fees and tap fees, we owe CW another \$130,000.00 than what we brought in; I have spoken with Mayor Ebert in CW and I'm working with Ed and Leslie.

Public Comments: Steve Keach- asked if any other discrepancies have been discovered. Gilliland commented that we will have to settle up with OPERS- employees contribute 10% and the Village contributes 14%. In UAN there are reports showing OPERS was paid 10% across the board. Public comments from Eric Sandine and Terra Wynkoop stated that the reports online to OPERS automatically fill in the amount due to OPERS.

VanVickle made additional comments that the sewage reading errors occurred when Jacinta left and Terra took over. Terra not having seen a sewer bill from CW did not know that the bills should be for a higher amount.

Public comments from Eric Sandine asked if we were still paying OPERS via ACH- Devico commented we are still paying by ACH. Gilliland said he will look into it more.

Keach asked what we are doing- to make sure we are not finding any other discrepancies- VanVickle commented we are being audited by the state and the state is pretty thorough.

VanVickle said Canal made a mistake and we should have the money somewhere to pay this. Council woman asked for the names of those in the audience. Steve Keach and Lori Ryan.

Ed VanVickle:

Shared with council and those in attendance photos that he has taken around the village from the latest rain we've had sitting in culverts and what is wrong with silt fences around the developments.

EPA led mapping- great frustration that you have to prove that you do not have lead pipes. VanVickle has submitted all the documents and plans. Sewer flows back in December we had rain on top of ice; a normal weekend flow is about 120,000 gallons per day- that weekend it was 600- we have a problem and we have to correct the problem. We need to pump those 340 sewer tanks individually each one, pump it down and put a fan on top and introduce liquid smoke and if smoke comes out of the downspouts per the ordinance you can't do that- we don't want rain off the roof, we don't want to pay for treating that over in Canal Winchester.

Streets- the hole over by the firehouse and on Columbus Street was filled again today; hoping by April 15th we will be able to get asphalt- as soon as asphalt becomes available the holes will be taken care of.

\$2M worth of new builds for 2017. 27 lots left in Bluebird Estates- 32 lots left in Wagnalls Run- has

The fire over on Faulkner- the company that was hired by the insurance company to do an investigation was in and sorting through the debris and within 2 weeks the insurance company should release and begin to tear down the home. Gilliland asked if there was a cause- VanVickle stated that he did not hear of a cause and thought they would remain tight lipped.

VanVickle also thanked Mr. Lowery for the video equipment.

Zircher asked if the items in red are high priority from the recent list VanVickle provided to Council. VanVickle expressed his ideas for the Village and keeping it a quaint village and not letting Lithopolis become a Hilliard. Zircher asked about the resurfacing of Madolin- VanVickle said it's on the list so we can plan for things that need to be done. Zircher asked if resources and or time is a barrier to complete the items on the list and VanVickle responded that both are a concern. It would be nice to save the things we have. We need a vision for the Village.

Come June there should be 2 village employees doing what I'm doing now and a third village employee doing what John is doing now. Those people should be able to get done what I haven't been able to get done.

Daily asked where we stand on replacement? VanVickle stated he interviewed 2 very good candidates and by the end of week we will have an offer out to one of those 2 candidates.

Mayor:

Spoke with Big Dog and we will need to get more volunteers to help with the car show and bring in the cars from 2 areas to park along the streets. We will have bounce houses, laser tag, 2 obstacle courses and a face painter for the fish fry.

We got our new VOIP phone system set-up today. Auto attendant set up.

Council Round Robin:

Zircher- will not be at the next 2 council meetings.

Lowery- nothing

Daily- nothing

Tennant- nothing

Ertuncay- nothing

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Tennant, seconded by Ertuncay.
Ayes: All
Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 9:25 p.m.

Grant Felbaum
President



Leslie K. DeVico
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis