

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2017 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; followed by roll call; 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 4/11/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections- Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Tennant to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes, seconded by Felbaum. Roll call: Ayes: Felbaum, Ertuncay, Zircher, Daily, Lowery, Tennant. Nays: None

Public Comments:

Joe Taylor addressed Council with a follow-up of what the Honeyfest can expect from the village in terms of support for the festival this year. The Honeyfest is asking for the Village to pay for the port potty's since they are paying for them for the Memorial Day Fish Fry. Mayor Gilliland stated that no decision had been made at this point. Councilman Felbaum remarked that the Village supports the Honeyfest, but feels legislation needs to be in place; councilwoman Tennant stated her support for the Honeyfest; councilwoman Daily asked Taylor for a copy of the Honeyfest balance sheet/financial report. Taylor stated he would have a copy to Council at the next meeting.

Taylor then asked Council if the Kiwanis could use the old fire station for a yard sale the Saturday after the Honeyfest; Councilman Zircher commented that a list of items that the Village will supported/included for the Memorial Day event and the Honeyfest need to be provided in January each year.

Laura Hempleman from the Lithopolis Garden Club spoke to Council about the park clean-up day on May 9th. She stated in the past, they have used the trash cans at the police station. Police Chief Barton mentioned that adding another trash container may be useful. Hempleman went on to say that May 20th will be the day they will be planting the park and mulch will be delivered- asking to use the Village dump truck to pick up mulch from Keller Farms and deliver to the park. They will need water hooked up and a hose to use.

Old Business:

Ord 09-17. 3rd reading. Ordinance Permitting Fiscal Officer to live outside village. Councilman Zircher asked what would happen if this Ordinance does not pass. Gilliland explained the law is open to interpretation and there are cases that have been overthrown- this Ordinance is insurance for us; we did this for Ed and we will have to do this for Brandon when he becomes Village Administrator. Gilliland asked for a motion. Motion by Daily to approve Ordinance 09-17, 2nd by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Daily, Ertuncay, Felbaum. Lowery, Tennant, Zircher. Nays: None.

New Business:

Ord 11-17. Adopting and Approving Amended Appropriations for 2017. Gilliland read the Ordinance and explained the movement of the funds to reposition money into the sewer fund. Motion by Felbaum to waive the rules, 2nd by Zircher. Roll call: Ayes: Daily, Ertuncay, Felbaum, Lowery, Tennant, Zircher. Nays: None. Gilliland then asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-17; motion by Felbaum, 2nd by Tennant. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Daily, Tennant, Ertuncay, Lowery, Felbaum. Nays: None.

Reports from Officers:

Ed VanVickle:

VanVickle commented to bring everyone up to date – he and Brandon have read the meters daily. We have also established billing priorities along with sending out letters to village residents telling them to call the office to make an appointment for us to get in and change out their water meters. We have ordered 40 new meters. We need to get rid of the old meters-most of these are on South Street and North Streets.

Chief Barton:

We received a notice on FB from a Village resident praising the helpfulness of Officer Praither. We will have a cruiser going in for service as another car comes out of service. This year 20 hours are required to take training- only 11 hours will be paid for training. Each year they will require more hours of training and will continue to pay us less hours for the training.

Fiscal Officer:

No report.

Mayor:

Gilliland commented on the changes to the solicitor's application. We are now also on American Legal Publishing's website. RCAPP- Rural Community Assistance Planning Program- they are an independent company that comes into small villages and assess data about the village and would draft a 5-year plan of what you need to do to get your utility back on target. This service is not free. Sewer and water audit is \$10,000.00; sewer only is \$6,000.00. We need to seriously consider their service.

Verizon Tower- verbal agreement has been met at this point. Some conditions remain. More information will follow.

R.I.T.A. contacted Leslie about an audit they perform. This audit is done for a small fee to the amount of money that we have collected in the past. We recovered a little over \$20,000.00 two years ago when this audit was done.

Council Round Robin:

Felbaum- nothing

Zircher- nothing

Lowery- nothing

Daily- nothing

Tennant- when can we have an Ordinance for the sidewalks? Gilliland stated he will have an Ordinance ready for the next council meeting.

Ertuncay- nothing

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

Meeting adjourned @ 9:03 p.m.



Grant Felbaum
President



Leslie K. DeVico
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis