

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent: Lowery

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 and for a moment of silence for the Police Officer in Kirkersville who lost his life.

Minutes: Mayor Gilliland asked for Council to take a minute to review the minutes from 5/9/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections. Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Tennant to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes, seconded by Felbaum. Roll call: Ayes: Felbaum, Zircher, Ertuncay, Daily, Tennant. Nays: None

Public Comments:

Mary Crall with State Treasurers Office- Josh Mandel presented to Council the Ohio Checkbook, asking the Village to partner with the state treasurer's office on an important initiative to allow the treasurer's office to put public expenditures online. This service is free of charge and the information is taken directly out of UAN (accounting software) on an annual basis. The treasurer's office has partnered with the state auditor's office. The online checkbook allows the Village to be transparent in its expenditures, the Village of Lithopolis currently is showing 4 years of spending data. VanVickle asked if this would show revenue, Crall indicated currently the program shows only expenditures. Gilliland asked if all this information is printable- Crall affirmed it is. Councilman Felbaum asked if we need to sign up for this? Zircher asked if there were "clicks" analysis of how much the public was viewing the website- Crall indicated that the fiscal officer would have a link and can print the reports of viewing analysis. VanVickle asked what other obligations is the Village agreeing to; Crall indicated the Village can update the website as often as they would like- treasurer's office recommends updating every year. VanVickle asked what type of support would the Village receive- Crall indicated she would be the fiscal officer's contact. Is this linkable to our Village website? Crall affirmed. VanVickle asked who is paying for all of this, Crall indicated the treasurer's office covers the cost. Motion by Felbaum to sign up for the Ohio Checkbook, seconded by Zircher. Roll call: Ayes: Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay, Zircher, Felbaum. Nays: None.

Joe Taylor addressed council asking for support for the Honeyfest. Councilman Felbaum asked if council received a copy of the Ordinance- DeVico commented she emailed a copy of the ordinance to all council. Councilman Zircher asked what the word "sponsor" means that is in the ordinance. Gilliland stated the main purpose was for the village insurance to cover the event(s); this Ordinance was adopted to protect the Village by insurance; the Honeyfest is no longer a Village sponsored event since it broke away from the Village. Councilman Felbaum stated this Ordinance is too broad; Councilman Zircher doesn't want to make a misstep with the Fish Fry being on Monday. VanVickle commented that ordinances are law until it is repealed. Gilliland stated there is a special events policy if needed to the Village and we are speaking with Wichert. Because the

fish fry is still considered a village sponsored event we are covered under our normal protective coverage from our current policy; the vendors setting up have their entertainment have their own insurance, but if we opt we can get a single event policy.

Councilman Zircher commented that we need to keep the Ordinance as is but we need entertain the providing the funds to the Honeyfest. Taylor commented said we're not providing funds, the biggest thing was the port o john's- Councilwoman Daily commented she shared her thoughts with Taylor after the last council meeting; she has supported the HF and has done so for years- and has worked at the HF for many years; Daily continued stating, the Village needs to set a dollar amount, and if the HF can't raise the money for their expenses then the village steps in to help them. Councilman Felbaum commented he thought this is a good idea; council can step in and offer \$2,000.00... Daily continued to say that we should set an amount that we are willing to go up to.

Councilwoman Tennant stated that if Council goes that route- the HF would have to completely deplete its funds or show on paper that the funds would be 100% depleted before the Village steps in to offer assistance; continuing to state that you can't do that if the HF is offering scholarships and doing things that they are only able to do after the HF actually happens. Councilwoman Daily said they will know how much money they raise – they certainly would have an idea of how much money they have raised before the event; Councilwoman Tennant again stated that it shouldn't be up to HF to completely deplete its funds before the Village steps in to offer any type of assistance. Councilwoman Daily again stated since the HF went out on their own, the perception is it is a separate entity. Councilwoman Tennant stated the public at large perception is the HF is something that benefits the village and that the village needs to support. That is what we have heard from the people who have showed up at these Council meetings; if we're going to do what is in the best interest of the Village... we need to provide some type of support. Councilman Felbaum asked what the dollar amount of the port o johns were- VanVickle stated \$2300 or \$2800.00... Taylor stated to council again that the HF may be interested in a long term lease of the old fire station; and do some improvements- how well we do and how much we can spend on that; and the people who started the HF would like to bring in a Bee Museum and all that takes money. We do know that there will be a lot of people in town.

Councilman Felbaum shared his thoughts that he feels it is a good idea to set an amount of money, we just have to come to an agreement on the amount of money. Councilman Zircher asked if that would set precedence- Felbaum responded yes it would but you can do something different next year. Motion by Zircher that the Village provide funding to the Honeyfest up to \$3,000.00 to cover the costs of the port o johns for 2017. Seconded by Felbaum. (Before Roll call, Gilliland cautioned Tennant as a public official and voting for a non-profit and being involved with the Honeyfest; Tennant confirmed with the Ohio Ethics Commission there is no violations). Roll call: Ayes: Tennant, Ertuncay, Felbaum, Zircher. Nays: Daily

Taylor asked about street closures and the traffic light pattern. Gilliland said the current plan it to take the cars up to the traffic light and the traffic light will be on flash. Port of john's will be located in the alley and both ends of the street will be open to car show traffic. Car registration ends at 2:00pm. Taylor asked if the village residents have been or will be notified of the closures? Gilliland said he will make sure the information is posted and will accommodate those folks who need to get in and out.

John Rogers- commented that the city use to provide him with a city inspector. The contractor has to pay for the city inspector. When Bluebird was built, I had Brandon Roberts as my inspector- Brandon did an excellent job. Brandon was at Bluebird today, and was showing the guys how to install a fire hydrant- now after I have it all built, sewer in water in- now the utility comes in and they don't have to have a city inspector- they have cut my sewer lines, my water lines, the cable company wouldn't finish their job- I made several phone calls to the cable company and ended up finally calling the Mayor and within 4 days- I had the cable installed. Sub-contractors could care less. We're now out there testing and doing a lot of extra work- I am asking that the Village consider having a city inspector on job sights to make sure the sub-contractors are doing their job right. Gilliland stated

he shared John's frustration- VanVickle commented that the difficulty is the streets and the utilities do not belong to the village until everything is done. We don't have jurisdiction until it becomes our ROW. We may be able to amend our subdivision regulations and there may be a way to put this in our sub division regulations.

Comment from Lori Ryan- there is a pothole on Strawberry Alley- a couple of spots. VanVickle said he had some bags he could put in. Gilliland said in the next couple of weeks the Village should be out cold patching now that the roller is repaired. Additional comments from Ms. Ryan asking where the funds go for the fish fry? Gilliland responded that the fish fry is a fire department function; the card show guy will be donating to the Legion and the company coming in with the bounce houses charge a fee for the event- and it is their money. Zero cost to the Village.

Comment from Amy Brown- inviting council members, employees and any others to volunteer at the welcome center at the Honeyfest.

New Business:

Gilliland: the appropriations ordinance we did was deemed a little bit complicated. We have now prepared a new ordinance simplifying. Gilliland read Ord 15-17. Gilliland asked for a motion to suspend the rules. Motion by Felbaum to suspend the rules, seconded by Zircher. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Tennant, Felbaum, Ertuncay, Daily. Nays: None. Councilman Zircher asked where we were with the sewer payment any updates with Canal Winchester. Gilliland responded that they are still working on gathering information. VanVickle said this amount is less than 40% of what we owe. We're still running reports and working on a solution. Motion to pass Ordinance 15-17 by Tennant, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Daily, Tennant, Ertuncay, Felbaum, Zircher. Nays: None.

Ord 16-17. Gilliland read ordinance transferring funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Motion to suspend the rules by Felbaum, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Tennant, Felbaum, Ertuncay, Daily. Nays: None. Motion to pass Ordinance 16-17 by Daily, seconded by Felbaum. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Ertuncay, Daily, Felbaum, Tennant.

Reports from Officers:

Ed VanVickle:

Good news- John Abram took the Water Operator test and passed the test. I anticipate happening at this point is we have advertised on OTCO website and Ohio Means Jobs and Indeed. We've been disappointed in the resumes that have come to us. We will meet with those who we feel are qualified- my intention is to resign June 13th. At that point, Brandon will have the opportunity to make the decision to hire a water operator after that time. We are trying to be transparent.

In your folders, you will find a long list of goals and projects. Some several months old some several years old. This is for Brandon to keep track of. Sidewalks- my solution to the sidewalk dilemma in Rolling Acres- sending out this letter to those residents. Recites the ORC and the processes we will take. VanVickle suggested passing a motion to move forward on letter. Motion by Tennant to authorize the letter being sent out, seconded by Felbaum. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Tennant, Daily, Ertuncay, Felbaum. Nays: None.

VanVickle wanted to publicly thank the garden club ladies working their little tails off, only 7 working tonight, mulching the park area. The park looks very nice and we appreciate it. Gilliland commented he stopped and Brandon stopped also so they knew how much they were appreciated.

Fiscal Officer:

Devico passed out the April financials. Passed around the bank reconciliations for council signature.

Chief Barton:

No report.

Mayor:

Wanted to thank Marianne Daily and her group of volunteers with their help in hanging the flags. Gilliland also has access to a hay wagon if council members are interested in riding in the parade. No interest from council. The Animal Haven- after the last council members, staff felt this was a good idea. Gilliland feels the Village can donate \$500.00 to her cause. Councilwoman Tennant said Ms. Kunkler had one area in mind to place the trap- Ms. Kunkler in the audience spoke and said she is now aware of another area that will need to be trapped out by the cemetery. VanVickle commented that the Village will check the traps and notify Ms. Kunkler to come and get the cat out of the trap if needed. Motion to approve \$500.00 one-time donation to Animal Haven for the services of trapping feral cats in the Village of Lithopolis by Felbaum, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Tennant, Zircher, Felbaum, Daily, Ertuncay. Nays: None.

Council Round Robin:

Zircher-

Last time I mentioned the parks meeting and failed to mention Amanda Wolin was in the same meeting and was helping greatly.

Felbaum- nothing

Ertuncay- nothing

Daily- nothing

Tennant- nothing

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Felbaum, seconded by Zircher.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:46 p.m.



Grant Felbaum
President



Leslie K. DeVico
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis