

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

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

**Council Members Absent:** None

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

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 3/28/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections- Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

**Public Comments:**

John Rogers spoke of history with the Village. Rogers is asking Council to approve his desire to build a house on 2 acres of property owned by Mr. Rogers. The area of land considered in the TIF – meaning the Village gets a higher percentage of taxes. VanVickle spoke that his plans meet all the requirements; Lowery asked if it also met zoning requirements and VanVickle stated it does meet zoning requirements. Gilliland asked for a motion to approve the sub division of the property: Motion by Tennant, seconded by Ertuncay. Roll call: Ayes: Zircher, Felbaum, Daily, Lowery, Ertuncay, Tennant. Nays: None.

Richard Whaley spoke- he and his wife have lived in the Village and the dangers of Market street- the signs are not slowing people down- we need a solution to the traffic. Gates were to be installed and my understanding is gates were too expensive. VanVickle commented gates cost around \$30,000.00. Gilliland proposed installing a chain and a Knox box- VanVickle commented Chief Gill will not approve this. Daily said we need to revisit this with the township. The idea with the gates was to have them siren activated. Felbaum said we need to look at a cheaper version of a set of gates. Whaley commented the road is a drag strip. We need severe speed bumps in the road to slow them down. Gilliland commented he would look into some options.

Gregg Mann with Corben Consultants: Fiscal Officer commented again about the health care provisions - she had asked questions at the last council meeting. Devico read the last Ordinance 22-13 that was written pertaining to the HSA offered through the Village; going on to explain that \$2,000.00 was deposited into the 3-current employee's HSA in January 2017 which does not state in the Ordinance this money is to be deposited first but not until after the employee deposits their share. The Ordinance has not been followed. Devico introduced Gregg Mann with Corben Consultants who is our insurance broker. Devico shared with Council the village for health care as it stands today will cost the Village approximately \$44,771.00. She then introduced a new health plan to Council of an 80/20 plan; Village picks up 80% of the cost and the employee would pick up

20% of their cost. Coverages are based off the employee's age. An 80/20 plan would save the Village approximately \$13,000.00 per year. Gregg Mann spoke at this time of Affordable Care Act and the impact it is having. Discussions followed. Felbaum asked Chief Barton if he was aware of any other communities and their coverages- Chief stated that our plan is not one of the better plans due to our size and we cannot compete with larger communities. Gilliland explained that this discussion for Council at this time- we would have to bring an emergency Ordinance to the next Council meeting if this is the plan we are going to change to.

Gilliland commented that we had looked at several other plans- the only other option we have is to not carry coverage for the employees. Zircher asked for an analysis of these employees over the last several years; Mann commented to go backwards would be hard to capture the information from 2 or 3 years ago. Today health care is a different game.

Mann will put together additional plan coverages for Council to review.

Joe Taylor spoke- he is the President of the Lithopolis Honey Fest Association. Taylor is asking permission to paint the stage and install fans and make improvement? Gilliland asked if the Honey Fest is interested in purchasing the stage from the Village? Taylor said at this time, they do not have a truck to move the stage and that stage is old. Honey Fest maybe interested in leasing the old fire station on a long-term basis- possibly put in a Bee Museum? Looking at improving the building over the long term.

Taylor continued to make note that Kelly Thacker raises over \$10,000.00 a year for the festival and everything is free to the public. We need around 100 volunteers; we provide a golf cart for the police to use during the festival; we have a had Rumpke to provide dumpsters and trash boxes on the streets; the Village has provided help to tear down after the event also. Will we be able to count on the Village again for this year? VanVickle commented the Village will be available to help. VanVickle stated the Village has offered "in-kind" contribution in the past but now the Honey Fest is a 501(c)3 – nonprofit organization.

Taylor asked if the Village is willing to provide the port a john's knowing that the Village provides these for the Fish Fry. Mr. Roger's made a nice donation towards the port a john's from last year. Tennant asked what the cost of the port a john's? Gilliland commented around \$3,000.00.

Taylor commented the Honey Fest is the nicest festivals around in support of the honey bee. This year we are giving out 2 scholarships a Queen and Princess program. We have a bake-off contest; we publish a cookbook, we have speakers also.

Taylor- I would like to know what the plan is with the Village being involved this year- Gilliland said this Council will have to look in to this further. Gilliland agrees that the Village needs to be involved; Council will have to decide how much they want to be involved and with what.

Gilliland said the Village can look in to an Ordinance stating their interest in the Honey Fest. VanVickle said Council needs to tell him what they want to do with the trailer- nothing formal. Send VanVickle an email with what Council wants to do. Taylor to send Gilliland the link to the Honey Fest website, Gilliland will send link to Villages IT to get on the Villages website. Taylor thanked Council for their time.

#### **Old Business:**

Ord 09-17. 2nd reading. Ordinance Permitting Fiscal Officer to live outside village.

#### **New Business:**

None

**Reports from Officers:**

**Ed VanVickle:**

We have had 2 known breaks- stainless steel clamps- what has happened is the coupling the brass has deteriorated. System was installed in 1986- we can expect to have more breaks in the near future.

We've had a couple of calls today on brown water- there is no explanation. If you are having problems, give me a call.

**Chief Barton:**

Chief Barton apologized for being late to tonight's meeting. We had an arrest that needed my attention. March blotter report passed out. Officer Praither is back to work.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Month end reports in Council folder along needing signatures on the bank reconciliation report.

**Mayor:**

We've had comments made regarding solicitors in the Village. We need to prepare a solicitor's badge and application. Gilliland passed out a draft of an application along with costs.

**Council Round Robin:**

**Felbaum-** Where are we on the Canal Winchester water situation? VanVickle commented we are running lots of reports- we are working on it.

**Zircher-** nothing

**Lowery-** nothing

**Daily-** nothing

**Tennant-** nothing

**Ertuncay-** nothing

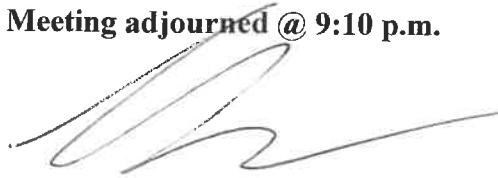
There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Tennant, seconded by Felbaum.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

John Rogers made a last-minute comment on thanking Council for hiring Brandon Roberts. Brandon worked with Rogers out at Hawks Nest and Rogers felt that Brandon was fair with Rogers during the process.

**Meeting adjourned @ 9:10 p.m.**



**Grant Felbaum**  
President



**Leslie K. DeVico**  
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis