

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Zircher, Long, Kidwell, Belek, Wynkoop

Council Members Absent: Felbaum

Present: Joe Taylor – Mayor
Brandon Roberts – Village Administrator
Jamie Argyle – Fiscal Officer
Wesley Barton- Police Chief

Mayor Taylor 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 Taylor asked for Council to take a minute to review the minutes from 01/09/18. Taylor asked if there were any changes or corrections. Taylor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from 01/09/18; Councilman Long moved to approve the January 09, 2018 minutes, seconded by Councilman Zircher. Roll call: Ayes; Belek, Kidwell, Long, Wynkoop, Zircher. Nays: None

Public Comments:

Michael Darling & Josh Bauer, Rumpke representatives, addressed Council. Mr. Darling asked if there were any questions about the Solid Waste bid; two different proposals submitted, first being regular trash service at a rate of \$14.55 with the senior rate of \$13.10 maintaining the same schedule currently in place with Christmas and New Year's shift one day later and all other holidays would not be affected. Second proposal is for the six-day holiday schedule, which would include all holidays shifting a day; this would have a small price break. This would be a 3-year term with a 1-year extension. Councilman Belek asked how many senior totes are currently in place; response was approximately 115. The Mayor asked to define "senior"; response was age 60 or older. Seniors can call the Village Office to report their age and ask for the senior discount to be placed on their account. Councilman Long suggested putting something in the monthly Newsletter advising of the senior discount.

Mayor asked Council Members if they were able to access their new email accounts; most have not tried to access the new account at this point. Mayor stated he had a meeting today with Elite, who is the company who services our computers, and discovered we are spending approximately \$7K more with them on services. The past year the service was paid for upfront then billing for any services outside the contract agreement. The rate is competitive however the \$7K was not budgeted for 2018. Mayor also stated when the switch over happened with the emails that we have lost the last 13 years of emails. Also, working with Elite to have the system backed up to the cloud and not the dvr/hard drive. Mayor also stated that National Safe came in and was able to access the safe without drilling out the lock. Also, discovered that end of year 2017 \$50K transfer from General Fund to Sewer Fund was not done and may not get the Certificate of Availability from the County. Discovery of Super Blanket Certificates being used in 2017/2018, without Council knowing what was being spent under these Super Blanket Certificates; we are going to stop the use of these right away.

Old Business:

2nd Reading of ORD 02-18 Employing Jon M. Browning, Attorney at Law, as Village Solicitor. – Mayor stated in packet to Council an email was provided from Jon Browning to Councilman Felbaum. Wes Perry, audience member, asked if the email could be shared; Mayor provided a copy of the email to Mr. Perry.

2nd Reading ORD 03-18 Establishing a job description and pay increase for the Village Water Operator of Record repealing ORD 13-17. Councilman Zircher asked if we were able to certify that funds would be available to give the wage increase; Argyle stated she sent an email last week to the Mayor stating where we could pull funds from two specific lines that were over budgeted; Mayor stated that because Jamie is new she didn't know this was not how you certify funds. Councilman Zircher asked about the Mayor's Court Clerk position that was to be combined with the Fiscal Officer position however a posting was put out for hiring a part-time Mayor's Court Clerk; Mayor responded yes we are looking for someone to work 15-20 hours per week with no benefits. Mayor went on to say he felt it was best not to have the Fiscal Officer who is new to have to learn another new position as well and to hire a part-time clerk. Councilman Belek asked if the plan still was to take three maintenance workers down to two; Mayor stated yes and that he doesn't see any other way around that. Councilwoman Wynkoop stated we should schedule a Finance Committee soon.

2nd Reading ORD 04-18 Setting the compensation for elected officials and repealing ORD 23-16. Councilman Zircher moved to suspend the rules to 3 readings; Seconded by Councilman Long. Roll Call: Ayes; Belek, Kidwell, Long, Wynkoop, Zircher. Nays: None. Councilman Zircher motioned to adopt ORD 04-18; Seconded by Councilman Long. Roll Call: Ayes; Zircher, Wynkoop, Long, Kidwell, Belek. Nays: None. ORD 04-18 passed.

2nd Reading RES 01-18 Adopting Council Rules & repealing RES 08-17 & 03-12. Councilman Zircher moved to suspend the rules to 3 readings; Seconded by Councilman Long. Roll Call: Ayes; Belek, Kidwell, Long, Wynkoop, Zircher. Nays: None. Councilman Zircher moved to adopt RES 01-18; Seconded by Councilman Belek. Roll Call: Ayes; Zircher, Wynkoop, Long, Kidwell, Belek. Nays: None. RES 01-18 passed.

New Business:

1st Reading ORD 05-18 Authorizing Mayor to contract for the service of Mayor's Court Magistrate. Councilman Long motioned to suspend the rules to 3 readings; Seconded by Councilwoman Wynkoop. Roll Call: Ayes; Belek, Kidwell, Long, Wynkoop, Zircher. Nays: None. Councilman Long motioned to adopt ORD 05-18; Seconded by Councilwoman Wynkoop. Roll Call: Ayes; Zircher, Wynkoop, Long, Kidwell, Belek. Nays: None. ORD 05-18 passed.

1st Reading ORD 06-18 Providing standard benefits & pay-grades for employees in the Village of Lithopolis & repealing ORD 22-17. Eric Sandine, audience member, stated Water Operator is not listed on this Ordinance; Mayor stated he will have it added. Jon Browning asked about Auxiliary Police Officer rate listed on ORD as per hour and should be per year; Mayor stated he would have that changed.

Reports:

Village Administrator: Roberts advised that the first of the two pumps were installed at Wilson Farms, therefore we are not paying for the rental pump any longer; It has been brought to his attention that several lights are out downtown and he has been working with the power company and engineers to get this resolved and why they are going out so quickly.

Chief Barton: Barton stated they swore in a new officer today; He has experience and should not take him long to get up to speed on procedures. Barton also provided the stats for 2017. Councilman Zircher asked if the stats were consistent to the previous year; Barton stated they are down on traffic stops and citations but up on special

calls and arrests. Councilman Belek asked to clarify what Custodial Arrest means; Barton stated that is when someone goes to jail.

Fiscal Officer: Nothing

Mayor: See previous comments in Public Comments section

Round Robin:

Wynkoop – Nothing

Long – Nothing

Belek – Nothing

Kidwell – Nothing

Zircher - Asked to put on radar about Resolutions to come this year for Honeyfest, Fish Fry and those of that nature, if a list of items could be put together of what they will need done, to avoid being done as Emergency Resolutions later; Mayor advised should not be an issue this year or in future as these were addressed in previous years however the last couple of years it was done this way to be make things difficult for no reason. Zircher also stated they have received 7 applicants so far to be a part of the Parks Board; He and the Mayor met just before the Council Meeting tonight to discuss the applicants and following up with them shortly and hopefully to get a meeting schedule soon. Mayor thanked Councilman Zircher for all that he has done so far with this.

Long- Nothing

Taylor then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Long motioned; Seconded by Councilman Belek. Roll Call: Ayes; Zircher, Wynkoop, Long, Kidwell, Belek. Nays: None. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:44 p.m.**



Michael Long
President



Jamie L. Argyle
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis