

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2020

Council Members Present: Belek, Brown, Daniels (Zoom), Kidwell(Zoom), Long, Tennant.

Council Members Absent:

Present: Mayor- Eric Sandine, W.J. Barton- Chief of Police (Zoom), Amanda Wolin- Village Administrator, Dustin Camden- Interim Fiscal Officer, John Browning- Village Solicitor.

Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

The Meeting Minutes for July 28th were Approved as amended.

Motion to Approve Tennant

2nd- Long

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Mayor Sandine stated we have 6 members of the public in attendance on zoom and asked if they would like to address council?

Mr. Stertz- Apologized to council for getting heated at the last council meeting. Asked why it seem like no one was going to do anything about this. Mayor Sandine stated that Mr. Browning provided the details of the process as we move forwarded. Mayor Sandine addresses Mr. Stertz and stated Mr. Stertz could not accuse him of a crime and the was cutting him off for his own safety.

The paperwork is into the Board of Elections for the November Election. Even if this passes in November we are still looking at spring 2022 for major capital projects. We are projecting that the November Election will cost around \$1000 dollars, we are still looking at having the Hawk nest stormwater project done end of this year.

Progress on the cellphone tower, all the legal documents were corrected last week. Some residents voiced their concerns about health risks over the tower being 5G. The tower being built is a conventional tower.

Mayor Sandine and Amanda Wolin met with D.R. Horton on August 5th to discuss additional phases of development. They were not clear if they had purchased the land yet or if they were moving forward with the design. They completed a traffic study to Village specifications. Traffic Study shows that a secondary entrance is needed for the subdivision on Lithopolis Rd and an offsite left hand turn lane eastbound would be required. We should see an updated site plan and preliminary plan in the near future.

Question from Public- How many years will it take to finish the construction of new homes in the sub division? Mayor Sandine stated that it would be 5-7 years. Would 468 homes complete the subdivision? Mayor Sandine stated 459 homes would complete the Subdivision. Will there be any sidewalks from the sub division to the

Village? There are no plans for this. If this was to be done it would be the Village responsibility and would require a revenue stream for.

Potential Change in the Policy Manual

4.08(K) Would allow overtime for part time employees that work over 8 hours in a given day for an emergency regardless of total hours worked.

5.04(I) Would allow part time employees to be paid holiday time if a holiday falls on a regular workday for the part time employee.

Smart Bill

We are on track for the September bills to go out using Smart Bill.

AMI/ Meter Replacement update.

Contractor think he can do the village in 3 months. The AMI will allow us to read from the office and save time. The cost will be around \$500,000 dollars but there are some registers and meters that don't need to be replaced. There is financing we can look into. The new system will give customers alerts of high usage. Mayor Sandine is hoping to have a more accurate price for Council by October 2020.

Mayor Sandine and Amanda Wolin will be attending training on August 12th for the ALERT-Fairfield County notification system. This will allow us to send text alerts and automated phone calls to residents in the event of a community emergency, boil advisory, snow emergency etc... Residents will have to go the Alert page to sign up and link is on our Village website.

Resolution 06-20

A Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis in Lithopolis and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion to Suspend 2 nd and 3 rd Readings	Motion to Pass Resolution 06-20 and Declaring an Emergency.
Motion Brown	Motion Tennant
2 nd Belek	2 nd Daniels
6 Ayes	6 Ayes
0 Nays	0 Nays

Council Member Tennant- Stated that we want to make a public stand in Lithopolis that racism is not going to be supported or tolerated and that we would be going through are Ordinances and Resolutions with a lens of equity.

Council Member Daniels- Stated that Governor DeWine stated in his press conference that there are disparities in health based on race and we have a moral obligation to change that. Council Member Daniels reached out to the County health department and the last Health Equity and Access to Care report that was available was done in 2018 and did not list race as a factor. Council Members Daniels reached out for some statistics regarding race and the worker did not understand what she was asking for and that right there shows why this is an emergency.

Council Member Brown stated that section 4 stood out and that it was great seeing the community come together for the younger generation as we support these causes for equity.

Public Question Regarding Overtime- Is it a state law that you have to work 40 hours in a week before getting overtime? If you work more than 40 hours than you are required to be paid overtime. The Village can make it less.

Does Lithopolis keep records of traffic stops and is it auditable? Chief Barton stated a sheet is filled out for every stop with detail. There is no database but the sheets go back 15 years. Mayor Sandine wants a database made with that information.

We went to the County Budget Commission Hearing and the County Auditor stated we would be getting estimated \$97,000 in property taxes which is higher than what we budgeted. We also have to keep in mind that it will probably be less due to non-payments and delinquencies

Chief – Nothing

Village Administrator- Nothing

Fiscal Officer- Nothing

Jon Browning- A Copy of a letter from the Disciplinary Counsel was submitted for the record finding the complaints brought to them by Mr. Stertzler was not a prosecutable claim of ethical misconduct.

Round Robin:

Belek- The finance committee saw a need for projects to improve the Village and quality of life, so we will try again in November.

Brown- With the no parking signs going up it is important to not park on the side of the road with the fire hydrants.

Daniels- Had some residents asked about if we have a set date for Trick or Treat or an alternate plan? It usually is the Thursday before Halloween but waiting further guidance. Same questions about Christmas? We don't do anything with Christmas. Asked if we could post the Village newsletter on the Facebook page? Yes, it can be added to Facebook page. Also I will be doing the Webinar from the Ohio Municipal League tomorrow called Foundations of Systemic Racism in Ohio Communities and Action Plans for Change, and she hopes to have more info to share at next meeting.

Kidwell- Nothing

Long- Most likely will miss 1st meeting in September

Tennant- Big Kudos to Amanda being able to find or answer questions in a quick manner.

Public Question- Will the no parking be enforced? Chief Barton will get information out to officers and it will be enforced.

Mayor Sandine stated having no further public business to address motion to adjourn.

Motion Tennant

2nd Brown

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Meeting Adjourned.