

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Brown, Daily, Austin, Simon, Long, Taylor

Council Members Absent: none

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Flowers- Fiscal Officer Ed VanVickle - Village Administrator, Chief Barton- Police.

Mayor Sandine called the meeting to order; 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

Minutes from January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting reviewed.

Motion to accept Minutes from January 14th as presented by Long

Seconded by Taylor

Ayes: Simon, Austin, Brown, Daily, Long, Taylor

Nays: None

Public Comments

John Waishnora addresses council on behalf of the American Legion requesting a variance to the sign ordinance allowing the Legion to place a sign at the corner of Elder Ln. and Columbus St. depicting events taking place at the Legion.

Mayor Sandine explains the Sign Ordinance as it stands and informs council the ordinance would need to be changed. A discussion takes place regarding the issue and possibilities of a resolution.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine gives council an update on the OPWC District 3 Grant. He states the village application passed the preliminary screening, the application and is now in the Site Visit phase.

The OPWC District 17 Grant has not been scored yet.

The Mayor shares with council the response received from Todd McCullough the Fairfield County Dog Warden after sending him a letter regarding the dog bite incident in the village. The Mayor suggests inviting Mr. McCullough to a future council meeting.

The proposal plan Trent Howard has made for the property at 30-42 West Columbus Street complies with Zoning Code. Therefore, a variance will not be necessary.

The Mayor is checking into the loading zone request on Columbus St. He states that currently the alley is intended to be used for loading and unloading.

Mayor Sandine gives council an update on the road repairs on the agenda as weather permits. He explains the type of material that will be used to fill pot holes. Estimated cost of final course in Stoney Bluff is between \$60,000 and \$150,000. The actual cost is determined by fuel costs and whether the village will have to finance it. The project is not eligible for any grant money because the road was never completed. Councilman Taylor

asks about putting a tax increase on the ballot. The Mayor says the earliest that could be done is on the November ballot.

Village Administrator

Ed VanVickle shares the Administrators Report. He explains the vehicle repairs that have been done and gives an update on the replacement of the backwash blower at the water plant. There is currently a shortage of street salt due to the harsh weather we have been experiencing.

Police Chief

Chief Barton shares the January statistics of the Police Department.

Fiscal Officer

Jacinta Flowers shares the January finance packet and presents purchase orders for signatures.

Old Business

A 2nd Reading of an ordinance modifying the position of Village Administrator takes place.

A 2nd Reading of the Table of Organization ordinance repealing Ordinance 01-09 takes place.

A Motion to waive the 3rd Reading by Long and Seconded by Taylor.

Ayes: Brown, Austin, Simon, Taylor, Long, Daily

Nays: none

A Motion to approve Ordinance 03-14 and declare an Emergency by Long and Seconded by Daily

Ayes: Daily, Brown, Austin, Simon, Taylor, Long

Nays: none

New Business

A 1st Reading of the Ohio Basic Code ordinance takes place.

Council Round Robin

Austin - nothing

Brown – has received complaints regarding the snow plowing in Wagnall’s Run. The Mayor explains that as long as the cars are parked on the road the plowing is not able to be done properly. He is aware there is an issue with the bus stops and will try to resolve that issue. However, the snow has to go somewhere, and there has been an unusually large amount to clear lately.

Daily – kudos to Joe Taylor for clearing the sidewalks in front of the businesses in town.

Long - nothing

Simon - nothing

Taylor – kudos to Eric and Ed for a job well done.

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Long

Seconded by Simon

Ayes: All

No Nays Record.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:55pm