

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2014 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent: Long,

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Seagraves- 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.

Public Comments

None

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine shares with council a 2014 Income Tax Proposal Worksheet. He explains that a 0.5% increase would generate enough revenue to repair the roads. He asks council to review the worksheet and we will revisit it at the March 11th Council Meeting.

The Village District 17 Grant Application score was 2 points short of the funding cutoff. However, with the engineering for the project being done for the Columbus St. Project, we should have enough points for the next round.

A visit of the Crabtree property for the District 3 grant is scheduled for March 18th. NRAC will visit the property and determine if the grant will be award to the project.

Mayor Sandine informs council he will be out of town on April 22nd and proposes to cancel the regular scheduled meeting that day. There are no objections therefore the meeting is cancelled on April 22nd. This change will be appropriately published.

The Mayor explains the road repairs that have been done thus far. The new product, UPM, proves to be working very well.

Village Administrator

Ed VanVickle shares the Administrator Report. There is 20 tons of salt available if needed. Repairs to the water plant are near completion. We are looking to replace the computer that runs the water plant. There have been a large number of sewer issues. We need to revisit the issue of sewer failure due to resident negligence.

Police Chief

Chief Barton shares the January Police Blotter. He presents to council an estimated cost of replacing the 2003 Crown Vic which is out of service with a Ford Explorer. The last payment on the two chargers will be made in April. The new vehicle will have a lower payment and the first payment wouldn't be due until 2015.

Fiscal Officer

Jacinta Flowers presents purchase orders to be signed.

Old Business

A 3rd Reading of an ordinance modifying the position of Administrator takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 04-14 repealing Ord. 21-08 Modifying the Position of Administrator by Taylor

Seconded by Brown

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

Nays: none

A 3rd Reading of Ordinance 05-14, Table of Organization repealing Ord. 01-09 takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 05-14 by Daily

Seconded by Taylor

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

Nays: none

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

A Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings and declaring an emergency by Taylor

Seconded by Brown

Ayes: Austin, Simon, Taylor, Long, Daily

Nays: none

A Motion to accept Ohio Basic Code Ordinance 06-14 by Daily

Seconded by Brown

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

Nays: none

New Business

The Village has had issues recently with peddlers and door-to-door solicitors and the Mayor will have a draft of an ordinance at the next council meeting.

Council Round Robin

Austin – asks if the WAC charge can be revisited considering the number of new builds in the village. The Mayor explains that he and the fiscal officer are looking into the possibility of being able to suspend the charge at some point.

Brown – nothing

Daily – nothing

Long – nothing

Simon – asked about the status of the American Legion sign issue. The Mayor says there was a letter dropped off by a representative of the Legion, however, the mayor has not had a chance to look at it. He

explains that the ordinance would have to be changed. A discussion takes place regarding the specific wording of the existing sign ordinance and other possibilities for the Legion sign.

Mr. Simon also has a concern with the timing of the traffic light at Lithopolis Rd. and SR 674. The Mayor explains that it is loop controlled and is triggered by the flow of traffic.

Taylor – has had complaints regarding bushes at the post office blocking the view of traffic and a few other areas in the village. The Mayor explains the Right of Way in the village is right at the road therefore, the village has no authority to remove the bushes. A letter will be drafted to inform the property owners of the issue.

Executive session

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

Seconded by Simon

Ayes: All

No Nays Record.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:22pm