

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

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

Council Members Absent:

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

Mr. Waishnora asks what the procedure is for obtaining a temporary sign permit. Mayor Sandine advises him to call or stop by the office during regular business hours and he will help him through the process. Mr. Waishnora also asks when the stop sign at the entrance to Wagnall's Run will be installed. The mayor informs him the installation of all signs is on the agenda for this spring.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine asks council their thoughts after reviewing the information they received on the proposed income tax increase to be placed on the November ballot. Councilman Simon asks if there is any other tax that can be imposed, for example, a license tax or a tax on the pension income senior citizens receive. The Mayor explains that the village currently receives a license tax distribution each month from both the county and the state. However, taxing pensions is not allowable as far as he knows. The general consensus of council is to move forward with a .5% (one half percent) earned income tax increase for a fixed term to be placed on the November ballot. The Mayor will prepare the necessary documents to move forward.

The Site visit with NRAC and MORPC went very well. The village should receive a decision for funding by the middle of April.

Council reviews the amended, revised plan for the Rolling Acres Phase II lots submitted by Westport Homes. Councilmember Daily asks who should be contacted with concerns regarding the new homes being compliant with the Deed Restrictions and or the Convenance for the Rolling Acres subdivision. The Mayor advises all concerns should be directed to the Homeowners Association.

Mayor Sandine has been in conversation with a cell phone company interested in using the stand pipe site for a cell tower. There will be no cost to the village.

A motion to authorize the Mayor and Mr. Browning to enter into negotiations concerning placement of a cell tower on Village property by Brown Seconded by Taylor

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

Nays: none

The Baptist church plans to sponsor a movie night again this year. It will be set up on Columbus St. the same weekend as the Memorial Day Fish Fry. Therefore the road will already be closed.

With the arrears payments for the WAC of the additional 40 lots in Rolling Acres being made, the village may be able to reduce the WAC by 45-50% for one year and still meet the debt service payment. Council decides to wait until the village can reduce the WAC permanently instead of having it reduced only for one year.

Village Administrator

Ed VanVickle shares the administrator report. He updates council on the status of the pot hole repairs. He is currently in the process of completing the salt contract for 2015.

Police Chief

Chief Barton informs council he is currently interviewing Auxiliary Officers. He shares with council the case of the robbery at the township building in which \$1,000 worth of equipment and a credit card was taken. After being transferred to the county prosecutor's office, the county prosecutor refused to prosecute on both counts.

Fiscal Officer

The Finance Committee approved the 2015 Tax Budget to be presented to council.

A First Reading of an ordinance approving the 2015 Tax Budget to submit to the County Auditor takes place.

Old Business

Council reviews an example of an ordinance prohibiting soliciting in the village. Mayor Sandine suggests having an Opt-In List instead of an Opt-Out List. A discussion takes place regarding the options available. The Mayor will make changes and re-present the Ordinance at a future meeting.

Council is reminded the April 22nd Regular Council Meeting is cancelled.

New Business

No new business

Council Round Robin

Austin – asks when parking will be limited to one side of the street in the Stoney Bluff subdivision. She is told that when the signs are installed it will go into effect.

Brown – asks about the sewer smell in Wagnall's Run. He is told it is coming from the air release valves on Washington Street.

Daily - nothing

Long - nothing

Simon – asks about signs being installed. He is told OUPS has been notified and as soon as the requirements are met the installations will begin.

Taylor - nothing

Executive session

No executive session necessary

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

Seconded by Simon

Ayes: All

No Nays Record.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:08pm