

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent:

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.

Public Comments

Linda Gibson, a resident in Stoney Bluff, addresses council regarding the road block on Market St. in the Stoney Bluff Subdivision. Mayor Sandine explains the road offset must be improved by Bloom Township to enable the opening of the road to thru traffic. Ms. Gibson asks if it is legal to have the trash dumpster on Columbus Street. Chief Barton explains the dumpster is legally parked in a parking space. Ms. Gibson goes on to ask if there is going to be another levy for road construction. Mayor Sandine informs her that there is currently a .5% Income Tax Increase in the legislation process to place an issue on the November ballot. He explains that there has been a significant decrease in State Funds over the last 3 years which has forced the village to seek other revenue streams to support capital improvements.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine shares with council his correspondence with John Barrett regarding the Stoney Bluff Homeowners Association's involvement with promoting the income tax increase. The Mayor explains that if the levy fails, the village basically has two options for repairing roads in the village. The first option is to do emergency repairs only and the second option is to implement assessments on property owners.

Councilman Taylor states that repairs can't continue to be done and a decision will need to be made to correct the road condition issues.

Councilman Simon asks if assessments can be reversed if revenue becomes available. The Mayor explains that the assessment process is for a specific amount of funding and ends when that amount has been collected.

Councilwoman Daily states that residents have a misconception that the tax increase revenue will be used to repair both ends of Columbus St. Mayor Sandine will attempt to clarify the misunderstanding in the newsletter and via social media.

A Second Reading of a Resolution of Need takes place.

A Second Reading of an Ordinance for a Tax Rate Increase takes place.

A Second Reading of the Ballot Language takes place. An Amendment is done to add "Earned Income".

The Mayor received a letter from NRAC stating their approval of the Alice Smith Preservation Project. OPWC has never denied an NRAC recommendation. Mayor Sandine presents council with a background of the project. There will be no General Fund money used on this project. The Parks & Rec Fund will be used for Admin Fees, the Storm water Fund will be used to improve the property entrance off of S.R. 674. The Mayor advises council

if approached by residents, to explain the project is part of the Clean Ohio Fund in District 3 and is not taking any funds from the Village street repairs.

The Mayor gives council an update on Verizon's terms to build a new cell phone tower in place of the old stand pipe located next to the cemetery on Cedar Hill Rd.

The Mayor has not received a variance appeal from the Legion regarding the sign issue.

Village Administrator

Ed VanVickle presents the Administrator Report.

Police Chief

The Mayor shares the Police Dept. statistics in the Chief's absence. Officer Gatewood has resigned his position as a Police Officer. He and his family are moving to South Carolina. Officer Praither will move to 2nd shift and Officer Roderick will be promoted to a full time officer and cover the 3rd shift. Councilwoman Austin asks to meet the Village Police Officers. The Mayor states he will arrange it with the Chief.

Fiscal Officer

Jacinta Flowers presents the April Finance Packet.

A Third Reading of Ordinance 07-14 the 2015 Tax Budget takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 07-14 by Daily

Seconded by Long

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

Nays: none

A Reading of Amended 2014 Appropriations takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 08-14 Amended 2014 Appropriations Repealing Ordinance 23-13 by Brown

Seconded by Taylor

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

Nays: none

Old Business

The Village received PILOTs for the Lindeman TIF for the last 3 years. Funds will be received bi-annually with the Property Tax Distribution from now on. The TIF money can only be used for projects that benefit the TIF District.

A Second Reading of Resolution 01-14 allowing placement of flower planters along Columbus St. to be maintained by the Lithopolis Garden Club takes place.

Council Round Robin

Austin - nothing

Brown - nothing

Daily – asks how someone can have access to the council meeting minutes. The Mayor suggests that they can call or stop in the office to request a copy, or a copy can be emailed. Mrs. Daily received complaints from residents that came to the April 22nd meeting not knowing it had been cancelled.

Long - nothing

Simon - nothing

Taylor – Mr. Taylor will be on vacation for the June 10th meeting and will not be able to attend. Mr. Taylor asks about the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Whaley. The Mayor explains the issue is a civil matter regarding storm water drainage.

Executive session

No executive session necessary.

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

Seconded by Brown

Ayes: All

No Nays Record.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:55pm