

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2014 @ 7:30pm

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

Council Members Absent: Simon

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

Mr. John Rogers shares with council the issues with the roads in Hawks Nest. When Spires Paving was contacted regarding cracks that appeared in the asphalt the company refused to fix the roads. Mr. Rogers wants to make council aware that Spires Paving did not stand behind their work for him.

Mrs. Greenwood voices concerns about the WAC and does not feel they should have to pay the charge. Mayor Sandine explains the history and reasoning for the charge. A discussion takes place between the Greenwoods and Mayor Sandine. Mayor Sandine invited the Greenwoods to stay after the Council meeting and he would talk to them in more detail.

Reports from officers

Mayor

A Meeting regarding the Income Tax increase is scheduled for Wednesday 8-13-2014.

A Meeting to vote on a lot split on the Crabtree/Smith property is scheduled for 8-26-2014 at 7:00pm prior to the regular council meeting.

Mayor Sandine shares correspondence from Stanley Smith of Smith Farms regarding the purchase of the Griffith property.

The Mayor spoke to Jennifer of the Lithopolis Cemetery as to whether a decision has been made on how the board would like to handle the standpipe ownership issues. A decision has not yet been made.

The Mayor shares information regarding the Memorial Day Fish Fry from a meeting that was held recently. There doesn't seem to be a lot of interest from the fire house to continue the fish fry.

Information from RITA regarding pension tax issues is presented to council to review.

Ohio Municipal League sent information regarding loopholes in the new Municipal Income Tax Bill that will cost the Village revenue.

The State Auditor's Office has requested the Village contract with an IPA or utilize another state program as opposed to their office continuing to audit the village every two years.

Village Administrator

Ed is on vacation.

Police Chief

Chief Barton shares the July Police Blotter and states that the round-a-bout is opened and seems to be working pretty well.

Fiscal Officer

There will be an Amended Appropriations Ordinance at the next regular council meeting.

Old Business

Mayor Sandine shares the names of the businesses that have shown an interest in participating in the Directional Sign that will be placed at SR674 and Lithopolis Road.

New Business

A Reading of a Resolution authorizing the Solicitor to begin legal action to resolve the issues of the reimbursement agreement with the Griffiths takes place.

A Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of the Resolution by Long

Seconded by Taylor

Ayes: Daily, Brown, Austin, Taylor, Long

Nays: none

A Motion to approve Resolution 04-14 authorizing the Solicitor to take legal action against the Griffiths by Long, Seconded by Daily

Ayes: Brown, Austin, Taylor, Long, Daily

Nays: none

A Reading of a Resolution authorizing the village Solicitor to initiate Quiet Title action against the Lithopolis Cemetery Association, to clear the title of the village standpipe takes place.

A Motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings of the Resolution by Long Seconded by Taylor

Ayes: Taylor, Long, Daily, Brown, Austin

Nays: none

A Motion to approve Resolution 05-14 and declaring an emergency by Long Seconded by Austin

Ayes: Brown, Daily, Long, Taylor, Austin

Nays: none

A Reading of a Resolution authorizing the mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC state capital improvement and/or local transportation grant program takes place.

A Reading of an Ordinance to create UAN Budgetary line items in the expenses and revenue for the OPWC Clean Ohio Grant takes place.

Mayor Sandine suggests modifications to the ordinance setting the compensation for elected officials due to the changes in the OPERS minimum dollar amount. Council had previously used this amount to fix a salary for Council members. A discussion takes place regarding current ordinance. Council will take time to review the current ordinance and continue discussions.

Council Round Robin

Austin - nothing

Brown - nothing

Daily – Did the O’Conner survey get done? Mayor stated it has not been done as of today

Long - nothing

Taylor - nothing

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

Seconded by Long

Ayes: All

No Nays Record.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:34pm