

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Barrett, Daily, Ertuncay, Felbaum, Brown

Council Members Absent:

Present: Scott Gilliland-Mayor, Terra Wynkoop-Fiscal Officer, Ed VanVickle-Village Administrator, Chief Barton-Police

Mayor Gilliland 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 November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting emailed to Council members. Felbaum moves to accept Minutes from November 22, 2016 as corrected, Seconded by Daily.

Ayes- Ertuncay, Brown, Daily, Felbaum. Abstain- Barrett.

Public Comments – Dale Dixson with Wichert Insurance passed out proposals for insurance coverages. See attachment.

Gilliland questioned about money back for Comment was we need to find the title transfer to show when sold and forward to insurance company. Wichert has been made aware that Jon Browning may submit a claim in reference to OPERS. The village has rejected terrorism clause in the past and is not included in pricing threshold to be met with federal guidelines. Gilliland asked for further clarification as to what is covered under the terrorism clause.

Public Comments- Bob Bateman resident in the village in the 70's returned to the village in 90's and commented the village has come a long way. He is concerned where the money goes- wants to know how money is being spent including the recent buyout of Jon Browning's contract at around \$30K; feels the residents need to be informed. Should be more exposure to the public not making allegations- be more open. Gilliland commented all is public- come in and get copies- Scott will be adding minutes to website once the website is completed by Mr. Holycross.

Minutes and the Budget should be updated and put on the newsletter. Gilliland possible to streamline video of meetings to the village Facebook page. Felbaum commented the best action is to attend finance meetings as well as having the public involved.

William Nicholason asked about a nuisance ordinance Madolin Drive- same problem has occurred for 10 years issues revolve around the Corbett house. Chief addresses issues- knows it's a problem, issues have been addressed and classified information cannot be discussed but we are working on it. Nicholason commented that mattresses have been thrown out on the lawn, along with 3 minor children in the residence, CPS has been called several times; Nicholason has witnessed what he calls drug deals in the driveway. Ed VanVickle commented there are 27 charges in Franklin- and 14 charges in Fairfield County open or pending. Nicholason asks is there a nuisance law? Chief states the law. Gilliland asks Chief to keep them advised.

Next on Agenda- Ordinance 24-16 2nd reading. Resolution 11-16 2nd reading, Gilliland requests Ordinance to be suspended- council approved suspension. Felbaum discussed that Gilliland has done a 180 and criticism is not

warranted. Negativity needs to go away. Motion made to take a NO vote on Resolution 12-16; motion by Felbaum, seconded by Barrett. Appointment of President Protempore, Daily motion for Stan Brown as President Protempore, 2nd by Barrett. Felbaum, Barrett, Daily, Ertuncay- all Ayes.

Gilliland explains Verizon contacted him regarding putting in a cell tower. Felbaum asks where? Gilliland states the old water tower in the cemetery. Gilliland requests approval of council to negotiate with Verizon. Sandine comments that there is ordinance that states the Mayor can negotiate a contract. Daily states Mayor can negotiate only- not approve, Council must approve. Mike comments that the ordinance is still active. Gilliland commented opinions may change and asked if this council agrees for him to move forward with negotiations. Positive letters in regards to Ed VanVickle in his assistance with a recent fire. Gilliland commented we are trying to build a relationship with the township.

Mayor read Ordinance 23-16 to amend 02-15 and declare an emergency. Felbaum discusses concerns as this is an unusual position and can the Mayor run his fulltime business and be Mayor at the same time. Gilliland explains the work schedule ordinance affects all future Mayor's not just the current Mayor; objections came up of fulltime pay for part-time work. Gilliland commented that the pay cannot be changed. Gilliland commented that he could not close his business. Ordinance 02-15 states Mayor cannot have another full time job or part-time job. Motion to amend. Fultz original to Marianne can't change pay. Fultz states this is an immediate fix now, make major amendments later.

Felbaum discusses questions and concerns feels further changes need to be made to this ordinance. He is afraid that if it's not corrected, future Mayor's may abuse this amendment. Sandine commented that Gilliland should publish his hours. Gilliland stated he instructed Amanda Wolin to publish 8-1:00pm as a minimum of the Mayor's hours, after 1:00pm by appointment. Sandine made the comment that Gilliland is being paid to be in Groveport. Gilliland commented he feels obligated to giving the Village 40 hours a week. Sandine commented that knowing the Mayor's hours may put the public at ease.

Tamasha asks if citizens will be made aware of ordinances prior to meetings. She was told all ordinances are public. Barrett commented that the Mayor has been put in an awkward position and he should be appreciated. Felbaum commented that we are lucky Scott is willing. Where are special meetings posted- residents never know it's in Gazette and newsletter. All special meeting postings are placed in the Gazette and in the newsletter if possible.

December 27th meeting is canceled. Special meeting December 19th. Meeting notice is distributed via personal notification. Comment- put on Facebook available vacancies to fill council seats. Ed comments that attitudes on the employees has changed, he then tells a story about Dukes of Hazard. Ed commented the staff was not the problem with Ted- staff was cooperative and helpful. Negative comments from council affected the staff. Ed comments that you cannot legislate from social media- Facebook comments need to stop but the damage has been done. Felbaum thanks Amanda and Terra for their services.

Additional comments 3 breaks at Bluebird 6" water main. 2003- 4500 truck needs replaced.

Reports from officers

Mayor –

Village Administrator –

Police Chief – November blotter- 3 officers to training.

Fiscal Officer –

Building-

Council Round Robin

Brown –

Barrett – Barrett comments that his thoughts had been misled by the office and he concurs that things have changed. He was blinded by the office comments but will not apologize for his feelings.

Apologizes for not investigating. Ed VanVickle commented he has no ill will for Ted.

Grant- when ordinances are being drafted is it public record of it?

Ed- clarifies public records training. Uses example from meeting. Mike Fultz- no.

Stan- glad to see employees getting along

Scott- a lot of miss information

Marianne- no

Sherry- no

There being no further public business, Barrett moves to adjourn, seconded by Sherry

Ayes: All No Nays Recorded.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:25 p.m.