

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2017 @ 7:30pm**

**Council Members Present:** Ertuncay, Daily, Zircher, Tennant, Lowery, Felbaum

**Council Members Absent:** N/A

**Present:** Scott Gilliland- Mayor  
Brandon Roberts- Village Administrator  
Leslie DeVico- Fiscal Officer  
Chief Barton- Police Chief

**Absent:** Brandon Roberts- Village Administrator

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; followed by roll call; 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: Mayor Gilliland asked for Council to take a minute to review the minutes from 6/30/2017. Gilliland asked if there were any changes or corrections. Councilman Zircher asked for additional notes to be added to the minutes: *Comments from current employees regarding the health care proposal, Chief Barton and Village Administrator- Brandon Roberts. Chief is not excited about the new health care- but supportive. Village Administrator Roberts commented that he took this job because it did have healthcare and he needs the health care for his family. Regarding the noise ordinance- Councilman Zircher asked to what the procedures are when the police receive a noise complaint- Chief Barton responded if the resident or business complies, the police do nothing- if they don't a disorderly conduct citation is issued.* Councilman Zircher moved to accept the minutes as amended, second by Councilwoman Tennant. Roll call: Ayes: Ertuncay, Daily, Tennant, Lowery, Zircher. Abstain: Felbaum. Nays: None

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Richard McDowell. Trustee with the Lithopolis Cemetery accompanied by Susan Malone, Director of the Lithopolis Cemetery. Mr. McDowell explained his business here today- we discovered around June 7<sup>th</sup> we had a water leak- we thought it was the city's leak and it turned out it wasn't. When the bill arrived it was for \$2165.66. We are requesting that council reduce our bill by at least half and then set up a payment plan of \$50.00 a month to pay off the remaining balance. We are asking council to consider this request. Gilliland provided additional information to council that he, Brandon and John went out to the cemetery- water was pooling at the bottom of the hill- found the issue in the building to correct. John has been out to do frequent readings to watch the flow. McDowell commented the cemetery is planning to cap off the lines. Gilliland stated council can do a Resolution to reduce the amount owed. McDowell would like to pay the regular water bill plus and additional \$50.00 per month. Councilman Felbaum asked what our cost is to Canal Winchester? Gilliland responded this water didn't go into the storm sewer. Councilman Zircher commented that council provided relief to Mr. Karr's water bill and feels Council can do the same for the cemetery. Gilliland stated the average water bill for the cemetery is \$30.00 per month. Councilman Felbaum stated he is in agreement to provide relief; we need to come up with a number; Councilman Zircher asked that we need assurance that everything is buttoned up and the leaks are all taken care of. Gilliland stated that John thinks there is another valve that needs to be turned off. Gilliland stated he will work on a Resolution within the next 60 days to present to council. McDowell commented any consideration would be appreciated.

Gilliland called Joe Taylor and Arnold Crabtree. Mr. Crabtree provided a brief history of the Honeyfest-Crabtree commented it was his idea for the Honeyfest and was started to educate the people on the honey bee. A museum and learning center compliments the Honeyfest. We would like to see the museum happen. Taylor commented that the lease needs to be extended longer than 1 year. Gilliland commented that Amanda Wolin and Bill Toole walked through the building (today) to evaluate the building and the costs associated with bringing the building up to code. Taylor commented he has someone who will donate a boiler. Gilliland commented again that we will need to wait for the report from Toole & Associates before we can move forward. Councilman Zircher moved to table Ordinance 20-17 until further information and reports can be provided to the Mayor and council to make the appropriate decision; second by Councilwoman Tennant. Roll call: Ayes: Daily, Ertuncay, Tennant, Zircher, Felbaum, Lowery. Nays: None.

Taylor asked Gilliland about moving the trailer behind the old firehouse. Gilliland commented that they will get it moved. Councilman Lowery made note of the upcoming 5k run with Eastside Athletics that will be held on the Saturday morning during the Honeyfest. The race will be a memorial fundraiser benefiting Lexie Long. Lowery is working with the Chief to design the route the runners will run.

### **Old Business:**

Ord 19-17 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Noise Ordinance. Councilwoman Tennant asked if there were any exclusions to the ordinance; there are movie nights in town that start after dark; Crossroads Church has an evening event; is there a way to have exceptions to the ordinance? Village Solicitor Mike Fultz added that you cannot state “any religious organizations from exemption”. Gilliland stated possibly give organizations a permit? Councilman Zircher commented that permits create unnecessary bureaucracy. Discussion followed. Councilman Lowery asked what the spirit of the ordinance is? Councilwoman Ertuncay stated this ordinance would be put in place for special events. Gilliland commented residential complaints. Solicitor Fultz suggested to tie noise into zoning districts. Conversation continued. Gilliland suggested he would meet with Solicitor Fultz to make modifications and bring back to council.

### **New Business:**

Ord 18-17 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Ordinance eliminating Village Administrator Trainee.

Ord 22-17 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Ordinance Pay Grades and Benefits for Village employees. Councilman Felbaum asked what the reasons are for the increases. Gilliland explained all employees received a 7% increase with the exception of the Village Administrator which reflects an increase of 5%; in January 2018 a 3% increase and a 3% increase in 2019. Councilwoman Tennant asked why the Police Chief is making less than the Fiscal Officer. Gilliland explained that both positions hold a lot of responsibility; along with doing research and local municipalities this is typically what you see that the fiscal officer makes a little more than the police chief. Councilman Felbaum asked if the Chief directly if his pay was similar to other communities- Chief responded his pay is lower. Councilman Felbaum stated his support of Councilwoman Tennant on increasing the Chief's pay. Councilwoman Ertuncay, and Councilman Zircher concurred with Felbaum. Councilwoman Tennant asked that the Police Chief wages be re-evaluated. Gilliland stated he would review and advise at the next council meeting.

### **Reports from Officers:**

#### **Village Administrator, Brandon Roberts:**

N/A

#### **Chief Barton:**

Barton commented on Officer Roderick still out from his broken collar bone – hoping for his return around the first part of August. Passed out the Police Blotter.

#### **Fiscal Officer:**

Passed around the bank reconciliations to be signed by each council member. Copy of the check register

provided to council for their review.

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**Mayor:**

Gilliland spoke on behalf of Brandon Roberts- Brandon is at the water plant running it manually due to transponders stopped working. We are down to 2 remaining issues from the EPA list of non-compliance items. Working on getting the plant in compliance very shortly.

Gilliland spoke and said a copy of the 2018 Tax Budget was provided to each council member. A public meeting will be held at 7:00pm on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Round Robin:**

**Zircher-** Asked if we could put something in the newsletter about the Parks Committee. To have residents who may be interested in volunteering their time to be involved in this committee.

**Lowery-** Want to make mention when we talked about the increase in pay – I feel that the Fiscal Officer was described as less important role as the Police Chief. The Fiscal Officer position is an important role for the village to have someone of quality in place.

**Felbaum-** nothing

**Ertuncay-** nothing

**Daily-** nothing

**Tennant-** nothing

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Tennant, seconded by Councilman Lowery.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:58 p.m.**

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**Grant Felbaum**  
**President**

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**Leslie K. DeVico**  
**Clerk, Village of Lithopolis**