

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Emergency Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 07, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

**Council Members Present:** Zircher, Long, Daily, Tennant, Felbaum

**Council Members Absent:** Ertuncay

**Present:** Joe Taylor - Mayor  
Jamie Argyle – Fiscal Officer Trainee  
Brandon Roberts, Village Administrator

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Mayor Taylor read from a prepared statement stating when he assumed office of Mayor, the Village had exhausted its 2017 appropriations and in order to meet the final two payrolls of the year and pay December's bills we need to do the following Appropriations Ordinances. Taylor also stated that several major issues combined put us in the position we are at now. The Ordinances tonight will allow the Village to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the year. Taylor also stated that Council is required to pass an operational budget for 2018 before the end of the year and he would present a balanced budget in the upcoming council meetings for consideration; Taylor also stated he would like the Finance Committee to meet between Council meetings to review his proposed budget and make recommendations to Council for the meeting on December 26, 2017.

Councilman Long asked why this was not brought to Councils attention prior to tonight; Argyle responded that it was brought to Mayor Gilliland's attention in October.

Councilman Felbaum stated he thought we were doing "ok" this year and where did we go wrong? Councilwoman Tennant interjected stating it appears as we are about \$200K off this year. Argyle stated she was not aware of what happened prior to her starting in September and budget wise there was not anything considerable that would have impacted in the last couple of months. Felbaum stated that the big spending that he has noticed this year was for the sewer fund as well as salary increases this year.

Taylor stated he had Eric Sandine come in and look at things to get this year in order however he was not clear to what all happened this past year but they will be looking at things to see more specifically "where all the money went" and make changes that need to be made. Felbaum asked why we are increasing Mayor Personal by \$42K; Taylor responded that is Mayor and Personnel for salaries to payout. Felbaum also asked about each fund that we are increasing; Utilities – is for Gas, Electric, Phone, Cell, Internet bills etc.; Supplies & Materials – is any supplies that the Village has ordered including office, sewer, water supplies as well as parts & equipment supplies; Contractual services – is for any outside work that the Village needs done by a Vendor or someone other than a Village employee. Pumping – is for Canal Winchester; Capital Outlay – is for the Canal Winchester tap fees; Contractual Services Waste Management – is for Rumpke (trash) bill for December.

Councilman Zircher asked about the Finance Committee that Taylor wants to have before the next Council meeting however 7 days' notice has to be given per council rule; Taylor clarified he wanted to have it between the Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>.

A member of the audience asked Mayor Taylor why he involved the previous Mayor (Eric Sandine) with the budget when he should be taking ownership of the budget; Taylor responded that he didn't have to say the name of who it was but it was clear to everyone in the room who it was.

Councilman Felbaum asked where we are taking the \$132K transfer from; Argyle responded that it is coming from unappropriated funds. Felbaum also asked where does this put the unappropriated fund at, after this transfer; Taylor responded that we will not be carrying over money to 2018.

A member of the audience asked how much was spent on hiring a second attorney for the Village; Felbaum responded stating the salary was set at 50% to Browning and Fultz.

Councilman Zircher asked the Mayor what "hard choices" were going to have to be made for the upcoming year as he stated prior in the meeting; Taylor responded that he was not sure if the 3% raise that was approved for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 would be met as well as going through everything and seeing what we can eliminate. Councilwoman Tennant asked "don't we have to many people on payroll now"; Taylor responded by saying that in previous years that Eric & Ed took on more than their job description however everyone currently is staying plenty busy but the need for people vs the budget we have for payroll is difficult.

Councilman Zircher asked if the Mayor thought the 7% wage increase played a significant factor in this; Taylor responded that yes that was a contributing factor however there are other factors as well that still need to be identified. Councilman Long added that it seems multiple things this past year has contributed to this and not just one specific thing. Taylor added the he and the Village Administrator met with Canal Winchester and they are willing to allow the Village to make monthly payments for what we owe, over the next two years, therefore we do not have to pay that approximate \$200K balance by the end of this year.

Councilman Felbaum asked about ORD 32-17 specifically the \$50K transfer for the sewer fund; Argyle was not sure what this one was for and stated she did not write these ordinances. Taylor stated he worked with Eric Sandine on these and it would be easier if he clarified both Ordinances. Sandine stated that ORD 32-17 transfers cash from General Fund to Sewer and to Solid Waste funds and ORD 34-17 decreases/increases appropriations for those specific funds listed.

**New Business:** Taylor read ORD 32-17; To increase the Available Revenue for 2017 in specific funds listed, Sewer and Solid Waste; Taylor asked for a motion to pass ORD 32-17. Councilman Long motioned and was seconded by Councilwoman Tennant. Roll Call: Ayes; Daily, Long, Felbaum, Zircher, Tennant. Nays; None. ORD 32-17 passed.

Taylor read ORD 34-17; adopting & approving the amended 2017 appropriations budget. Taylor asked for a motion to pass ORD 34-17. Councilman Long motioned and was seconded by Councilman Felbaum. Roll Call: Ayes; Felbaum, Long, Zircher, Tennant, Daily. Nays; None. ORD 34-17 passed.

Taylor then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Felbaum motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman Long. Rollcall: Ayes; Tennant, Daily, Long, Zircher, Felbaum; Nays: None. **Meeting adjourned @ 7:38 p.m.**



Grant Felbaum  
President



Jamie L. Argyle  
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis3