

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2022

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Sandine reviews the changes made to the Zoning Code and Map for the Village of Lithopolis.

No-one testified against the changes.

No-one testified in support of the changes.

Therefore, the changes stated will be forwarded to council for incorporation in the ordinance being presented to council for a 3rd reading.

A Motion to close the public hearing by Tennant 2nd by Daniels Ayes: All No Nays recorded.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER

Council Members Present: Belek, Brown, Daniels, Greene, Long, Tennant

Council Members Absent:

Present: Mayor- Eric Sandine, W.J. Barton- Chief of Police, Jon Browning- Village Solicitor, Amanda Wolin, Village Administrator, Jacinta Flowers, Fiscal Officer

Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Meeting Minutes:

A Motion to approve Minutes from November 23, 2021 meeting by Brown 2nd by Long

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: Greene

A Motion to approve Minutes from December 14, 2021 meeting by Brown 2nd by Tennant

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: Long, Daniels, Greene

Public Comments: Seeing none we will move on with Agenda items.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sandine presents 2020 Recap and 2021 Recap of projects in the village and explains projects slated for 2022.

Mayor informs council he would like for Brown and Tennant to participate in a work group to implement reforms to Mayor's Court that he originally proposed in 2014. Both council members agree to participate.

Sandine asks if any council members are able to go to the Ohio Municipal League training. Council Members Greene and Tennant would like to go. Mayor will take care of getting them registered.

Mayor brings up the changes suggested by Belek regarding the start time of council meetings to 7:00p. A discussion takes place.

For the February 8, 2022 meeting council rules would be suspended and then the Resolution will be updated to reflect the change in times moving forward.

A Motion to suspend the rules and change the Council Meeting start time to 7:00p and end time 10:00p by Belek 2nd by Tennant Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mayor Sandine suggests changing Rule 11 regarding the Agenda. Greene asks if someone else could prepare the Agenda. The Mayor states that being the President of Council it is his responsibility to provide the information to council. A discussion continues regarding contents of agenda.

Old Business:

A 3rd Reading of Ordinance 01-22 Adopting a new Zoning Code and Map for the Village of Lithopolis takes place.

A Motion to approve Ord. 01-22 by Tennant 2nd by Belek
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to accept the Wagnall's Run Final Plat Phase 6 by Tennant 2nd by Belek
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: Brown & Greene

A Motion to accept the Wagnall's Run Final Plat Phase 7 by Tennant 2nd by Belek
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: Brown & Greene

New Business:

A 1st Reading of an ordinance to reduce the WAC to \$8.50 takes place. Mayor Sandine explains the history of this charge.

The issue of Speed Bumps in the Subdivisions is addressed. The Mayor states that if enough residents are in favor of them the issue can be considered. Tennant states that while she is not in support of the idea, residents in Rolling Acres have expressed an interest in removable speed bumps to prevent speeding and running stop signs.

A 1st Reading of a Resolution declaring Untreated Mental Illness, Addiction, Domestic Violence, and Child Abuse As Public Health Crises In The Village of Lithopolis takes place. Council member Brown shares her thoughts on this issue and encourages council to support this Resolution.

Tennant shares details of a project she is working on regarding informational flyers to include resources available to get help when needed with names of organizations and contact information.

Mayor Sandine brings up the issue of staffing of the Police Department regarding needs of the department and how it can be funded. A Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for 6:00p on February 8th before the Regular Council Meeting. A discussion takes place regarding the necessity of Law Enforcement and funding for it.

Officers Report:

Chief – Chief Barton informs council that the person charged in the death of Ruthie Jones is scheduled for trial next week. The Chief also shares that he hired one full time officer and is looking to hire one more.

Village Administrator – Amanda informs council she has hired 2 employees. One Administrative Assistant and a General Maintenance Worker.

Fiscal Officer

A Reading of Ordinance 02-22 Supplemental Appropriations Budget for the Village of Lithopolis takes place.

A Motion to approve Ord. 02-22 by Long 2nd Daniels Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Round Robin:

Belek- asks Chief Barton to bring new officer to a council meeting for council to meet. Chief agrees to bring Officer Payne to the next meeting.

Brown- kudos to the Chief for being candid and transparent about Mental Illness issues. Kudos to the Mayor for plowing the streets. Would like to see website updated with Council Rules, Council Member Greene and Jacinta Flowers as Fiscal Officer. Offers help if needed in any of the parks and rec areas.

Daniels- Explains the impact on the entire subdivision when the family in Wilson Farms was killed. A discussion takes place regarding resources available for community support.

Greene – asks if zoom can be put on the existing TVs in Council Chambers. Asks for Ordinances to be added to the village website and states that if it is a matter of someone able to do it he is willing to do it. Amanda suggests that anyone interested in Ordinances that have been passed they can contact the clerk. Mr. Greene asks for a tour of the Water Plant. Mayor said to give him a call during the week to set one up.

Long – nothing

Tennant- Welcomes Council Member Greene to Council.

Mayor Sandine stated having no further public business to address motion to adjourn.

A Motion to adjourn by Tennant 2nd Long Ayes: All No Nays recorded.