

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2023**

**Council Members Present:** Belek, Daniels, Greene, Long, Smith, 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 December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greene Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**Public Comments:**

John Stertzler asks about the No Parking Ordinance. Mayor Sandine informs him that there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to repeal the existing Ordinance which will allow council to approve the petition submitted.

Tim Price addresses council regarding sewer issues he has been having at his residence, 4436 Winchester-Southern Rd. and submits to the Mayor a Hold Harmless Agreement to allow the Village to try to help him resolve his issues without liability. Mr. Price asks to be reimbursed \$350 for Professional and Technical services he has incurred. Due to Mr. Price's threat of litigation, the Mayor will not comment on the situation.

**Mayors Report:**

A 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Setting The Rents For Water, Sewer And Stormwater Use from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and Repealing Ordinance 03-20 and 05-20 and declare an emergency takes place.

A Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Ordinance by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greene Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 01-23 Setting The Rents For Water, Sewer And Stormwater Use from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and Repealing Ordinances 03-20 and 05-20 and declare an emergency by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Reducing The Water Availability Charge For The Village Of Lithopolis takes place

A Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Ordinance by Long 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greene Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 02-23 Reducing The Water Availability Charge and declare an emergency by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniels Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mayor Sandine informs council that he would like to create a premium pay category for sewer calls. The details will be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

A Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023 at 6:00p

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Establishing No Parking Zones And Guidelines Within The Municipal Corporation takes place

A Motion to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance by Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniels Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 03-23 Establishing No Parking Zones And Guidelines Within The Municipal Corporation and Repealing Ordinance 16-20 by Belek 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greene Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Updating The Fees Charged By The Village Of Lithopolis Due to Increases By Our Contract Building Department takes place.

A Motion to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Long Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 04-23 Updating The Fees Charged By The Village Of Lithopolis Due to Increases By Our Contract Building Department and Repealing Ordinance 08-20 by Long 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tennant Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jake Heffron of Rumpke addresses council regarding rate increases in the new bid for services. He explains that increased charges to Rumpke has forced an increase of charges for service to the village.

A 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Awarding A Solid Waste Franchise Agreement To Rumpke Waste and Recycling takes place

A Motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings of Ordinance by Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tennant Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Ordinance 05-23 Awarding A Solid Waste Franchise Agreement To Rumpke Waste and Recycling and declare an emergency by Greene 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tennant Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

A discussion takes place regarding changing the village pick up day from Wednesday to Monday. Jake ensures that if the village agrees to change the pick-up day, Rumpke will help notify residents to make the transition as smooth as possible. Mayor Sandine agrees to consider the recommendation and a decision will be made at the next council meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Officers Report:**

**Chief** – Chief Barton urges residents to stop using the Blue Postal Box outside the Post Office and their personal mailbox to send out mail. He shares that surrounding areas are experiencing Mail Carriers being robbed and the key to the blue boxes stolen as well as mail being taken right out of people’s mailboxes. He suggests that it is best to take your mail into the post office to be mailed.

**Village Administrator** – Amanda shares with council MS4 requirements. She has asked Mr. Stertzer to volunteer to be on the Regional Planning group and helping in his sub division to keep stormwater drains clear. Mr. Stertzer has agreed. Amanda shares that she would like to have one or two more volunteers from the village. Several council members expressed an interest. Amanda asks for residents who aren’t elected officials.

**Fiscal Officer** – Jacinta shares with council that the year 2022 has been closed and all reports have been submitted to the State Auditor. The village is now operating in 2023. We expect to have the next audit for 2021/2022 in March or April of this year.

**Round Robin:**

**Belek-** suggests the village purchase new Christmas decorations. A discussion takes place regarding where the responsibility falls. Amanda suggests contacting Wagnalls Library and Simply Christmas. Belek suggests incorporating it in to the Parks and Rec Committee. Tennant suggests having the Parks and Rec Committee do the research on costs and forward to the Finance Committee. Mayor Sandine agrees that the Finance Committee will need to determine funding before the village can agree to take on the responsibility.

**Daniels-** asks about the AED replacement. Barton informs her that he will be ordering 2 new AED pads and Amanda states that training has been scheduled for Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Greene** – asks for an update on the Village Website. Mayor Sandine admits that he has not had time to do what he needs to do to move forward. He agrees to get it done soon. Greene asks what is the due date of the utility bill. Mayor states that it is either the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month or 15 days after process date. Greene asks about Mr. Price’s issue. Mayor Sandine explains that with the threat of legal action he cannot comment on the situation publicly, however, if someone wants to see the video they are free to come in to view it.

**Long** – nothing

**Tennant-** encourages council members to point out the good things that are happening when residents are complaining.

Mr. Stertzler mentions that his neighbor’s pump runs continuously every time it rains. A discussion takes place for possible causes. Mr. Stertzler also mentions his concern of speeders through his neighborhood. Chief Barton shares that a device to capture speed data is being donated to the village. He will place this device in areas of concern.

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

Motion to adjourn by Tennant 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greene Ayes: All No Nays Recorded