

RECORD OF ORDINANCE

Date Presented 07/27/2021

Sponsor Mayor Sandine Ordinance No. 23-21 Date Passed AUG 10, 2021

AN ORDINANCE ~~SETTING~~ ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS AND DISBURSMENTS FOR THE LITHOPOLIS AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, (the ARPA) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the “American Rescue Plan Act” in H.B. 168 of the 133rd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor applied for, and the Office of Budget Management, award the Village approximately One hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$188,000) made in two separate disbursements one year apart; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to set rules and regulation for the disbursement of the American Rescue Act funding under our local Lithopolis American Rescue Act program (L-ARAP); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO;

Section 1. Funding from the first disbursement in the amount of approximately ninety-four thousand dollars (\$94,000) shall be distributed locally as follows:

- 1. Municipal Utility Assistance Program. (\$25,000)**
 - a. Residential utility accounts with a delinquency between March 1, 2020, to June 1, 2021.
 - b. Bankruptcy write-offs between March 1, 2020, to June 1, 2021.
 - c. All accounts are eligible automatically.
 - d. Initial grant not to exceed \$500 per account.
 - e. Secondary grant amounts based on need.
- 2. A Sub-grant Canal Winchester Human Services for distribution to village residents in need of rent/mortgage assistance, food assistance and non-municipal utility assistance. (\$20,000)**
 - a. The Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with CWHS to administer the sub-granted funding in accordance with standing program rules and regulations.
 - b. Applications and process shall be inline with program rules and regulations and CWHS policy and procedures.
- 3. Direct assistance to the following non-profit organizations that can demonstrate losses due to COVID-19 restrictions. (\$45,000)**
 - a. Wagnalls Memorial, Wagnalls Library, Eastside Athletics and the Lithopolis Honeyfest.
 - b. The Mayor shall contact these organizations to determine the need for assistance.
 - c. The Mayor is authorized to execute award agreements with those non-profits as necessary.
 - d. Any funding not allocated to these organizations may be reallocated to other non-profits with the approval of Council.
- 4. Virtual meeting and other Covid related municipal improvements (Remainder of funding)**
 - a. The Mayor, Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer shall determine the amount necessary for these expenses.

Section 2. Any funding not used for the purposes identified in Section 1 shall be brought back to Council for redistribution.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare in that the community needs local economic support and there are State mandated deadlines that must be followed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and signing by the Mayor.

Attest/Date: Jacinta Flowers
Clerk

Signed/Date [Signature]
Mayor

Approved as to form: J.M. Browning
Jon M. Browning

First Reading 7/27 Second Reading 8/10/21

Revised Second Reading _____ Third Reading waived

VOTE FOR 6 AGAINST 0