

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023

Council Members Present: Belek, Daniels, Greene, Smith, Tennant

Council Members Absent: Long

Present: Mayor- Eric Sandine, W.J. Barton- Chief of Police, Jacinta Flowers, Fiscal Officer

Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Meeting Minutes:

A Motion to Approve June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes by Greene 2nd by Tennant
Abstain: Belek Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Public Comments: No Public Comments

Mayors Report:

Still waiting on information from ODNR before moving forward with the Flood Insurance Program Ordinance

There is no Representative from Safebuilt present on Zoom as expected to discuss the proposed Amendment to the existing contract between the Village and Safebuilt

The Mayor states that the DORA Application is a longer process than originally thought therefore, he will present it at the July 11th Regular Meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Sandine explains that the Village received an Application for Annexation from Mr. Gredicak in 2018 however, the Village did not complete the process causing the Annexation to never go through. Mr. Gredicak has submitted a second Annexation Packet to be approved.

A 1st Reading of a Resolution Concerning Services To Property Proposed For Annexation takes place.

A Motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd Readings by Daniels 2nd by Greene Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve Resolution 02-23 A Resolution Concerning Services To Property Proposed For Annexation Consisting Of 1.412 +/- Acres in Bloom Township To The Village Of Lithopolis And Declaring An Emergency by Daniels 2nd by Greene Ayes 5 Nays: 0

Mayor Sandine presents to council an Ordinance Allowing and Regulating The Housing of Animals Usually Restricted To The Rural Residential District, In Other Zoning Districts Within The Village of Lithopolis. A discussion takes place regarding the contents of the ordinance and what constitutes an area as rural.

A 1st Reading of an Ordinance Permitting Low and Under-Speed Vehicles To Be Operated On The Streets Within The Corporation Limits Of Lithopolis takes place. A discussion takes place regarding the types of vehicles included under the ordinance.

A 1st Reading of an Ordinance Reducing The Posted Speed Limit On Washington Street From 50 Miles Per Hour to 35 Miles Per Hour takes place

A 1st Reading of a Resolution indicating a need for increased revenue to support 24/7 policing in the Village of Lithopolis takes place

A 1st Reading of an Ordinance adopting and authorizing an increase in the Village Income Tax Rate from one percent to one and one-half percent (1% to 1.5%) takes place

The Mayor explains that once the Resolution of Need and the Tax Increase Ordinance are passed the Government Body cannot advocate For or Against the levy. They can only present the facts.

Old Business:

Officers Report:

Village Administrator – Mayor Sandine shares with council a quick run-down of things going on in Amanda's absence including pressurizing the lines in Wagnalls Run and Zawyer Woods subdivisions.

Fiscal Officer – A 1st Reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the 2024 Tax Budget for the Village of Lithopolis takes place

Chief – Shares with council the need to upgrade the body cameras and in car cameras for the Police Department. The cameras will be linked to each other as well as connected to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department. Warns residents to be careful using Facebook Marketplace. A resident was shot while picking up a purchase from the site.

Round Robin:

Belek- voices concern of the speed on Elder and Smith Rd. He is aware it is not a village road and asks what can be done to get the Speed Limit lowered on those roads as well as St Rt 674. The Mayor suggests presenting a Resolution to the Township as well as the County to let them know what the village would like to see happen. A Resolution will be drafted for the next meeting.

Smith – asks what to do about a damaged trash tote. The Mayor explains to call Diana and order a new one.

Greene – asks for clarification on the chain of command for the speed limit issue.

Daniels – inquires about the Project Lifesaver program she read about on the Franklin County Sheriff's website. Chief Barton responded that he has not heard of it. A discussion takes place regarding the program.

Tennant- asks if the village has gotten any word from the people wanting to sell the property in front of Makairos or from the developers of the property between Wagnalls Run and Ashbrook. Mayor states no there has been no communication since the last meeting they attended

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

A Motion to adjourn by Tennant 2nd by Belek Ayes: All No Nays Recorded