

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

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

Council Members Absent: Smith

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 November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes by Tennant 2nd by Daniels Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

A Motion to approve November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes by Tennant 2nd by Greene Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Abstain: Belek

Public Comments:

Noah Daniels addresses council and asks the mayor for his signature and a quote about Lithopolis to include in a book he is writing. He also asks how many mayors Lithopolis has had. The Mayor offers to check with the Board of Elections regarding the number of mayors and promises to get back with him with a quote and his signature.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Sandine shares with council the Ordinances that will have a first reading at the January meeting.

Amanda shares that she has not received a quote for the property insurance and expects to receive it in the next couple of days.

A First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 03-89 Regarding Municipal Income Tax takes place.

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

A Motion to approve Ordinance 39-23 Regarding Municipal Income Tax by Greene
2nd by Long Ayes 5 Nays: 0

The Mayor explains to council the condition of the current dump/plow truck is much worse than realized and the village will need to replace it for this winter season. It will take 8 weeks from the time the new truck is ordered for it to be ready to use. The Mayor will use the existing truck if necessary until the new one is ready. Long expresses his concern about the safety of the existing truck and strongly advises the mayor that no one should be driving it. The Mayor asks council for alternatives to using the 4500 if it is needed, no alternatives were presented.

A First Reading of an ordinance providing for the purchase of a dump truck with snow plow and salt spreader without competitive bidding and declaring an emergency takes place.

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

A Motion to approve Ordinance 40-23 Providing For The Purchase Of A Dump Truck With Snow Plow And Salt Spreader Without Competitive Bidding And Declaring An Emergency by Tennant 2nd by Belek Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

A discussion continues regarding the safety of the existing truck, no viable options were suggested.

A Motion to cancel the December 26th Regular Council Meeting by Tennant 2nd by Greene Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Organizational Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024 immediately preceding the Regular Council Meeting

The Mayor shares a letter he received from Wagnalls Memorial stating their acceptance to the National Historic Registry. He states that he looks forward to partnering with Wagnalls on a few projects in the coming year and enhancing their working relationship.

The Mayor shares an email from Jake Heffron of Rumpke requesting to delay trash service until Thursday the week of Christmas. A discussion takes place and the mayor asks for a motion to delay service. Belek makes a motion to delay service to Thursday the week of Christmas. Tennant seconds the motion. Ayes: 2 Nays: 3 Motion Failed. Trash service will stay on Wednesday the week of Christmas & New Years.

Officers Report:

Chief – shares with council that his department just went through an audit for compliance to FBI standards for cyber security and was notified that they passed the audit.

His department received notice that there was a registered sex offender visiting someone in the village. The officer went to the home and found the suspect there and took him to jail and was sent back to where he lives.

A discussion takes place regarding the recent accident at Smith and St Rt 674

The chief is currently doing a background check on an applicant.

Village Administrator

A Motion to Accept the Final Plat of Wagnalls Run Phase 8.1 & 8.2 by Long 2nd by Greene Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

The Third Reading of an Ordinance Giving Consent Of The Village To The Plowing Of Snow Under The Supervision Of The Fairfield County Engineer takes place.

A Motion to approve Ordinance 41-23 Giving Consent to Plow by Long 2nd by Belek Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Fiscal Officer

A Reading of the 2024 Appropriation Budget Ordinance takes place

A Motion to Accept Ordinance 42-23 2024 Appropriation Budget by Long 2nd by Greene Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Round Robin:

Belek- encourages anyone that can to donate to Wagnalls Memorial. He thanks Amber Daniels for her service as councilmember for the last 4 years

Greene – asks about land being sold. Mayor clarifies that the land owner wants to develop the land. He inquires about the likelihood of the county assisting the village with implementing multi use paths in the village and township. A discussion takes place regarding the possibilities.

Long – nothing

Daniels- thanks the community for allowing her to serve these past 4 years on council and shares the accomplishments she has seen come to fruition during her tenure.

Tennant- thanks Daniels for her service. Asks if there is a plan to complete the sidewalks in front of the homes that do not have one in Rolling Acres. Amanda states yes. Daniels asks if the issues in Wilson Farms are on the list. Amanda states yes.

Mayor Sandine thanks Daniels for her service on council.

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

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