

Council Minutes

May 2, 2016

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Sue Christman and Brian Reynolds. Mayor Kevin Benton, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Village Administrator Kevin Lammon, Nancy Kline from the Putnam County Sentinel, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Kyle Stechschulte, and Keith Mickens from the Leipsic Messenger. Village Solicitor Keith Schierloh and Councilman Dave Heitmeyer were absent.

Mayor Kevin Benton called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The Personnel & Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting at 7:15P.M. for income tax information. Chairman Rick Recker said that Tax Administrator Renee Spangler updated the committee with income tax information and to get an opinion on a few things.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 18, 2016 and April 25, 2016 meetings and to accept the minutes as presented was made by Brian Reynolds and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

Nancy Cain from the Leipsic United Methodist Church came to council because their pastor would like to have a Community Service project that would beautify Buckeye Park. They want to continue the adopt a tree program at the park, set the bench up they donated to the Village for the park a few years ago, mulch or use decorative stones around the pool, repaint the benches, fix the log cabin, repaint the bouncy toys, and they want the whole community involved in this activity they are planning for May 21 from 9am-Noon. If it rains the rain date would be on June 4th. They would like to have a BBQ at the park that day for lunch and everyone that helps will get a t-shirt. Brian Reynolds made a motion to allow the United Methodist Church to beautify the Buckeye Park either on May 21 or June 4, 2016 and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

Nancy Cain also said the ground breaking for the Community Center will be May 7, 2016 at 9:00A.M. Mrs. Cain said the Center will have a free clinic and open once a month for the first few months. The goal is to have the center open by the spring of 2017.

RESOLUTION 2905: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A WAGE INCREASE FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Brian Reynolds to accept Resolution 2905 and this was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

RESOLUTION 2907: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Was read for the third time. A

motion was made by Brian Reynolds to accept Resolution 2907 and this was seconded by Al Pingle. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

ORDINANCE 2909: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2894 AS THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2909 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, all voted yea. Ordinance 2909 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Ordinance 2909 and this was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

Arbor Day was celebrated Friday April 29th with third grade classes from St. Mary's & Leipsic Public Schools and planting of a tree in Bennett Park.

Kevin Lammon told council to start thinking about what we want to replace the trees we removed downtown last year with. Tom Plassman said the trees we just removed were the second ones he removed since he has been here, and Tom has been with the village for approximately 15 years Mr. Lammon thought. With that time frame in mind the trees that were planted the last time were supposed to be dwarf trees and not grow as fast as they did.

There was a fire council meeting last week and there is consideration to put a tax levy on possibly as early as this fall for a new fire truck. The fire truck in question is in the range of \$450,000.00 to \$500,000.00. It sounded like the townships just needed to go back and talk to their trustees and there was no representation from the village of Leipsic. Mr. Lammon said the expenditures are actually paid on percentages. The Village of Leipsic pays 55%, Van Buren Township 23%, Liberty Township 16%, and the Village of West Leipsic 6%. The newest truck the Village has is a tanker, but they are wanting to get a pumper type truck as the newest of those is a 1999 model..

Mr. Lammon also told council that the honey wagon we have to clean tanks out at the water & sewer plants is in sad shape. He said should we look for a used honey wagon or there is a septage hauler for sale in Glandorf for \$25,000.00, which Mr. Lammon said would cost less than buying a honey wagon and a tractor. Mr. Lammon saw a used honey wagon for \$70,000.00. Mr. Lammon said that when the current honey wagon wasn't operable we have had outside contractors come in and do the septage cleaning for us. Brian Reynolds asked if we have anything budgeted for this, Mr. Lammon said we have budgeted for a tractor and that tractor was needed to mow the reservoir. But we also know if our honey isn't working our only other option is to hire it out to get the tanks cleaned. Al Pingle asked how often do they clean the tanks monthly, weekly? Mr. Lammon said that normally the water plant is cleaned twice a year and the wastewater plant twice a year. Mr. Lammon said so they actually use this equipment for a total of three weeks out of the year. Mayor Benton doesn't think that leaving this piece of machinery sit for that long in a year is very cost effective, but he said it's council's

decision. Brian Reynolds asked Kevin to get a quote to see how much it would cost for somebody else to do it. Mr. Lammon said yes he could.

Kyle Stechschulte reminded everyone of the Fire Departments open house May 7th from 11-4 and then chicken BBQ at 5:00P.M.

Sue Christman suggested instead of trees for downtown maybe slim line evergreens. Mr. Lammon said that's some thought. Brian Reynolds said or dwarf trees. Mr. Lammon said that the Village of Ottawa went with gingko trees so birds don't stay in them. That has been one of our biggest problems and we need something very hardy to salt.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call, all voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M. The next council meeting will be May 16, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____