

Council Minutes

July 17, 2017

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Al Pingle, Rick Recker, Dave Heitmeyer, and Sue Christman. Mayor Kevin Benton, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Village Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Kyle Stechschulte and Troy Herring. Brian Reynolds was absent.

Mayor Kevin Benton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. he then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 3, 2017 meeting and accept them as written was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Streets Buildings and Sidewalks Committee met prior to the council meeting Al Pingle said the committee wants to have a new standard set by the next meeting. They would like to start a grant program. They also would like to make it so any industry or agricultural property within the Village limits wouldn't need to put sidewalks in. Al Pingle said this could take a few months to come up with but we do want it done correctly. He said it would be nice if we could get some volunteers to help us out. Kevin Benton said we are also going to go back to the zones and each zone will be given a year that they have to have their sidewalks done by. Mayor Benton said to Al Pingle correct me if I'm wrong but the Village has two or three small sections that we are going to do first. Al Pingle said yes, the Village wants to get there's done first. Mayor Benton said it was also talked about, maybe put sidewalks on one side of the street instead of both.

RESOLUTION 2977: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 2977 for the third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 2977 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Schroeder to accept Resolution 2977 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 2978: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 2978 for the third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 2978 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 2978 and this was seconded by Al Pingle. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 2979: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE BID OF WARD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS, WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 2979 for the third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 2979 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Al Pingle to accept Resolution 2979 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

ORDINANCE 2980: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2943 AS THE SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2017 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2980 for the second and third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea. Ordinance 2980 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 2980 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

Justin Barnhart informed council that the CDBG application for the boat launch at the reservoir has been supported by the county commissioners, now the next step is for it to go to the State for the final review. Mr. Barnhart said it is highly likely that we will get \$65,000.00 for that grant. Rick Recker asked if that's for the launch and the boat. Justin said since the commissioners gave us more then we asked for it would have the funding in there for the boat. Mr. Barnhart said the nature works grant is still outstanding so if we get that we can use that, but the money for the boat is not what we need.

RESOLUTION 2981: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart presented council with a document of pictures of the down town area. This is the last meeting before the community center's grand opening and hopefully our parking lot is completed by then. Mr. Barnhart said he spoke with police chief Dennis Cupp and Thomas Plassman and they determined there would be a lot of concerns, so to increase safety they want to eliminate two parking spots on the street that will create blind spots. He also said they want to change the alley way behind /at Smokin B's so when they come out of that parking lot they have to turn right and exit onto Belmore St. He said also he marked the existing handicap parking spot in front of Smokin B's and a potential new spot in front of the old roses and ribbons which actually already has a handicap accessible ramp. Sue Christman asked if we're going to put a curb cut in at Smokin B's, Mr. Barnhart said currently no but maybe in the future. He did say the alley way near Smokin B's could easily be used as a ramp for that parking spot. Mr. Barnhart said if everyone agrees with this document I would like a motion to accept this document. Sue Christman thought when Cher was up here a few months ago she was saying there was a pole next to the handicap spot making it hard to be used. Mayor Benton said it's not a pole it's a street light pole. Mr. Barnhart said I thought she said it was a tree box and that's why they put the flowers instead of having a tree planted there. Mayor Benton asked about the trees near the new parking lot where they would be going. Mr. Barnhart said they will be going into the green space or staying along the street since the sidewalk is wider then he thought it was going to be. Al Pingle made a motion to accept the document presented and add a second handicap spot near the community center and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mr. Barnhart said that Kevin Evers reached out, they are putting tents up for the Community Centers grand opening and rather than driving stakes in the road they are going to fill 55 gallon drums up with water, he is asking that we make a fire hydrant accessible to fill the drums and also donate that water. Mr. Barnhart wanted to see if they could use a fire truck to fill them quicker. Al Pingle said to ask the fire department Kyle Stechschulte and Troy Herring were present and said they already were going to do that. Rick Recker said he thinks Mr. Barnhart is making sure council doesn't have a problem with them using our water. Mr. Barnhart said before a motion is made lets also cover the Fall fest for their water usage. Rick Recker made a motion to allow the use of Village water for the Community Center grand opening and the Leipsic Fall Fest and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mr. Barnhart said that when he had reached out to the home owners about putting sidewalks in, he also reached out to AEP about putting sidewalks in front of their substation. They asked to see the Ordinance and they called Mr. Barnhart back and said they will be putting in Sidewalks in front of the substation. Mayor asked about getting sidewalks to the City Park and hopefully we can get them put in this year yet. He said he does know that both schools take kids down to play at the park.

Kyle Stechschulte was present to give an update on the Fall Fest activities. He said the fireworks will for sure be here. The Fireworks vendor is wondering if we can use Bennett Park for the place to shoot the fireworks off. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the use of Bennett Park for the location of the fireworks for the fall fest and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea.

Kyle said they are in agreement with Fort Jennings State bank to use their parking lot for the big tent, so they won't have any tents on Main St. so it can stay open until Saturday morning and reopen it Saturday night.

Barry Schroeder said Maag's lot will go to sheriff's sale next week on Thursday and then they will try to sell it at the sheriff's sale and then we will have to address what our options are at that point.

Kyle said they will have Water Ball and a wing cook off.

Kyle said they have had a great support from the local businesses so far. He said last year the Village donated trophies but since it rained they didn't end up having some of the events that the trophies were for. Mayor Benton asked if they were going to have a parade this year, Mr. Stechschulte replied No, with the few volunteers they have it really makes it hard to cover. Mayor Benton said he received an anonymous letter wanting to know if they could do a golf cart rally. Mr. Stechschulte thought that was a great idea. Mayor Benton said he would even volunteer to head it up. So Mr. Stechschulte is requesting police officers and that they get paid there regular wages. Rick Recker made a motion to wave the fee for use of the police officers and pay the officers their regular wages and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mr. Stechschulte asked about using the Villages new logo on the back of the 5K Fall Fest Shirts the Mayor thought that was a great idea.

Rick Recker wanted to remind everyone the Community Centers Grand opening is August 5th and he hopes everyone can make it.

Al Pingle asked about South St. Barry said plats were approved and deeds are pending in the records office.

Dave Heitmeyer asked about getting out of Fiscal Emergency, Renee Spangler replied she hasn't heard anything from the Auditors office. He also asked about the Nature works grant, Justin said yes that's for the boat launch.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M. The next council meeting will be August 7, 2017 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____