

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2020

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Peter Wilson

**PRESENT:** Temple, Darcy, Cox, Berg, Donnalley, Thomas and Beech

**ABSENT:**

The regular meeting on June 9, 2020 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding on zoom.

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting with an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 26, 2020

Cox made the motion to approve the minutes from the 5/26/20 meeting.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Temple made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$14,323.86 and payroll for PPE 5/30/20 in the amount of \$40,403.62.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

### GUEST (S)

Donna Ward, W Washington St ask Council to consider placing more Children at Play signs in the W Washington St area west of Lincoln Ave. Council man Cox said the street department would take an inventory of the signs we have to determine where and how many signs we need to be placed.

Council man Darcy questioned if the east end of town on Lincoln Way there is a no jake brake sign, there is a new resident on that end of the street who has mentioned to him the noise from the trucks. Chief Abraham stated there a no jake brakes permitted signage on all entrances of the Village.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### RE: PURCHASE 6 SETS TURN OUT GEAR BLUE LINE LTD

Center Township approved the purchase according to Mayor Wilson, the gear has been ordered.

#### RE: MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Wilson reported that Howells and Baird have contacted the bridge company in Columbus and should have a quote for the Village at the next meeting.

#### RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2070-20 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY A \$5.00 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE

There was discussion on how Council feels this is good thing, but this is not the time to be putting another tax on residents. Several on Council stated they talked to people in the Village understand the need but feel it is not a good thing at the time. Council man Cox questioned Mayor Wilson concerning his statement on the "veto" in the newspaper article. Mr. Cox felt this was not an appropriate statement since the Mayor position does not have veto power, which was confirmed by Solicitor Beech. The Mayor of a municipality of our form of government only has voting power in the event of a tie.

Berg made a motion to remove Ordinance 2070-20 from the agenda and any future readings this year.

Temple

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

#### RE: VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE

Solicitor Beech stated he has reviewed the new proposed ordinance and the ordinance that is currently in affect. He has also spoke with Zoning Inspector Zach Barkley on why the ordinance should be streamlined. Mr. Beech would like to take some items from both ordinances than prepare a new ordinance.

This was tabled.

**RE: PETITION TO COUNCIL FOR CHICKENS IN NON-COMMERCIAL AREAS OF THE VILLAGE**

Philip Campbell presented to Council a petition to allow chickens in non-commercial areas of town. The petition outlined certain rules and regulations that Mr. Campbell felt would help in enforcing the new ordinance which had 16 signatures in support of chickens. There was discussion on the space needed for chickens with a possible mathematical error in Mr. Campbells proposal of only 12 per square mile, with this the Village limits would only allow for 12 in the entire Village. The petition also suggested only hens no roosters. The question was brought up if we have an ordinance on the books that prohibit chickens why do we have some in town, it was just brought to the attention of the Police Department right before Mr. Campbell wanted to petition to Council to allow, so the department held off on in enforcing until Council made a decision on how they wanted to proceed. Council men Cox and Darcy are not in favor of allowing chickens. Mayor Wilson said he has no trouble with allowing hens if certain items are met.

Cox made the motion to not change the current ordinance that does not permit chickens in the Village.  
Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes with a roll call vote  
Motion Passed

**RE: WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE CHAIR POOL PARK**

There was no new information at this meeting.

**RE: DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

Debbie Richards, member of the Lisbon Beautification Committee, the planting is completed from this point forward in will be upkeep and watering. The committee would like the trash to be picked up more often if possible. The Street Department will check it and pick up as needed. The gazebo is going to need to be painted soon, prices will be obtained. There was discussion on individuals who bring their pets to the downtown squares and do not clean up after them. The Village does have an ordinance that states dogs must be leashed and cleaned up after. It was pointed out that a Police Officer must see the offense for it to be enforced.

**RE: PRITCHARD AVE CHIP AND SEAL**

The County is aware of the concerns with the chip and seal. Council man Cox stated that the County will look at it with any suggestions and help on repairing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF**

Mayor Wilson reported has been made aware that Chief Gresh will be retiring August 28<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor is accepting letters of interest until June 30<sup>th</sup>. He plans on include council and one trustee from each township in the process.

**RE: APPLICATION FOR LISBON TO BE A TRAIL TOWN FOR THE NORHT COUNTY TRAIL ASSOCATION**

Mayor Wilson stated there are 6 trail towns in Ohio currently, the association would like to add Lisbon connecting to the trail in the Pennsylvania area. The Village would have to do very little in the process according to Mayor. Council would like more time to review the packet they were given.

**RE: MOWING OF PARKS CEMETERY AND POOL**

Chair of the Cemetery Board Barry James read from a prepared statement on the condition of the mowing at the Cemetery this year. The Board is aware stating they know it is not up to their standards. The weather, health of an employee, and part time person retiring May 30th has had a snowball effect on how the cemetery looks. Mr. James thanked everyone who has helped but they need more help. He and the board would like to see Council lift the hiring freeze that was put in place with COVID19 so they can move forward with the hiring approved in early March. There is a volunteer clean up day schedule at the Cemetery on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Council would like to go into executive session at the end of this meeting.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

There was no report this meeting.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Unit C27 is scheduled to go to Corner Auto on June 19<sup>th</sup> for repair. The turn out gear has been ordered, Firefighters M Smith, D Rohm and B Joy are on the list to receive new gear. The cost should come in under what was approved since not everyone is getting a helmet. Mayor Wilson reported he has 3 letters of interest for the Chief position, when asked who he said he will announce those on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

The inspection the pool has been completed; the report will be sent when completed by American Leak Detectors. The deadline for the grant is June 30<sup>th</sup> with Ryan thanking everyone who helped prepare the pool for the inspection. There was a lot of long hours put in by both Dana and Chris to be ready.

Berg made the motion to purchase paint, brushes, and polyurethane at a cost of \$541.00. There was a donation last year of \$300.00 for these items. Chief Abraham and Ms. Wonner donated the difference.

Willow Grove Park the grass seed has not began to grow as of now. The intent is to open this park by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Playtown Inspection Brian Brownfield has been in and plans on coming back for a more in depth and plan of action. He feels that Playtown is structurally sound but will need maintenance work done. The Governor's order expires June 10<sup>th</sup> these parks will open tomorrow. The plastic playground toys donated last year will be moved, they are not being used where they are located.

The old basketball pole is going to be cut to a smaller size and moved so smaller children have a place to play. Heim Sheet metal would like to donate some old guard rail to place on the drive going down into Willow Grove Park, they are requesting that with this donation the drive be renamed Lock Lane. Council did not have a problem with the naming of the drive to Lock Lane.

#### **APPROVED ZONING PERMITS**

The most recent approved zoning permits were included in the council packets.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Wilson spoke with Mark from Town Center about the termination of the service agreement. Ms. Wonner has a letter prepared and ready to send with the payment with notice on ending the service agreement July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Arrow Trash will be contacted to on a date for the bi-annual clean-up, Council would like to do June 27<sup>th</sup> if possible.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Thomas made the motion to go into executive session to hire a public employee.

Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes with a roll call vote  
Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:19 pm with the zoom meeting being ended for all except Council and the Solicitor.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes with a roll call vote  
Motion Passed

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

Thomas made the motion to give the Cemetery Board the approval to move forward with the replacement of a part time employee in the Cemetery.

Cox 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes with a roll call vote  
Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on June 9, 2020 adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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Mayor Peter Wilson

**ATTEST:**

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Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer