

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 12, 2020**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on May 20, 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 APRIL 28, 2020

Temple made the motion to approve the minutes from the 4/28/20 meeting.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$9,730.02 and payroll for PPE 5/2/20 in the amount of \$45,516.56.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

There were no guest (s) at this meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: THIRD READING ORDINANCE NO. 2059-20 THE 2020 PAYROLL ORDINANCE

Thomas made the motion to table the third reading of Ordinance No. 2059-20, again due to the COVID19 situation.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: PURCHASE 6 SETS TURN OUT GEAR BLUE LINE LTD

This was tabled until the next meeting, it was reported that each township will be voting on this at their meetings this week.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: LISBON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Debbie Richards reported that the committee members have been selected. The yard of the month will run June through September, an anonymous donor purchased the sign and four \$25.00 gift cards will be collected from local businesses. The committee met with Keith Keiser, the current Executive Director of the Pittsburg Botanical Gardens. Mr. Keiser gave the committee on suggestions for color, shrub and tree maintenance for the downtown parks. The committee is planning to do the work in the parks in a three-phase plan, the first phase will consist of clean up and adding color by planting. The committee would like to paint the picnic tables in the square, a color picture of the design was provided to council. The tables will be a light green with a design of a sunflower and bees. The committee is working on plans to raise funds from a basket give away, grants and maybe a plant sale. Individuals who donate 2 or more bags of black mulch will receive a ticket to enter the giveaway. Council man Cox questioned where the mulch will be stored when donated, Mayor Wilson is going to ask the County Commissioners if the mulch could be stored on the empty lot where the Board of Elections used to be. Jim Oliver and Dana Blackburn were each asked if they had any concerns or issues with what the committee is planning the Street and Parks Department have been responsible in the past for the downtown area. Neither Jim nor Dana had any issues both thanking the committee.

Berg made the motion to allow the Lisbon Beautification Committee to move forward with phase one of the plan as presented.
Darcy 2nd

All ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: SOUND SYSTEM USE IN SQUARE

There was some discussion on the use of the sound system in the gazebo when requested. The gazebo is part of the park therefore the use of this is open to anyone who would like to use the public park. Mayor Wilson has some concerns with the use of the sound system, he wondered if a resolution or ordinance should be written with regulations. Solicitor Beech stated he would research how Council would like to proceed. Currently if someone wants to use the sound system through the day that is not of a political nature, the microphone is signed out in Village Hall without Council approval. If the use is something of a political nature the request is taken before Council for approval, then the microphone signed out. If the use is in the evening or over the weekend all request is taken to council. Council has no issue with how things are approved now and if someone wants to bring their own equipment, they are welcome to use the electric.

RE: MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE SOUTH MARKET GRANT ST BRIDGE

Mayor Wilson spoke on the condition of the bridge on South Market, this bridge has needed repairs for several years, the Municipal Bridge Program through ODOT has identified the bridge as being eligible for the program. The deadline for grant is August 15, 2020. The maximum eligibility is 95% of the cost, the remaining can be matched by local fund or grants. Mayor Wilson has spoken with Jon Vollnogle of Howells and Baird Engineering, they can do the preliminary engineering at a cost of \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00, Mayor Wilson is aware we are trying to conserve our spending but feels this is a project that needs to move forward. Council man Cox questioned if this bridge was rated worse than the bridge on Pritchard Ave, both bridges are eligible, but the South Market Grant St bridge seems to be worse. Council would like a written proposal before moving forward with the pre engineering, Mayor Wilson will call Mr. Vollnogle.

RE: MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

The Memorial Day parade sponsored by the American Legion has been cancelled for this year. There will be no events at the cemetery open to the public, a wreath will be placed as usual. The usual speakers and events will not take place this year as in the past.

RE: AARP GRANT

Mayor Wilson would like to apply for a grant sponsored by AARP for \$5,000.00. This grant will be to place signage directing those who use the bike trail to the downtown area and restaurants. If possible, to purchase more benches for the park area. Council questioned the signage purchase thinking that the Realtors Grant for the park inlet was being used to purchase signs for this purpose. The display is at the park will have a map detailing what is available in town but not directional signs. Council sees no issue in applying for the grant.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to Council in their packets Fund Summary, bank reconciliation and a payment listing. There was discussion on the increase in unemployment claims being filed by employees who have other jobs which they have been furloughed or laid off from. The expense is not estimated to be a big amount.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. Council man Cox explained how the Street Department has been working on Logtown and Pritchard prepping those for the Chip and Seal program. In working on Logtown the department found a catch basin and active pipe that had been covered up, these were cleaned out and now are operating. This could save up to \$800.00 on the prep work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Association has purchased a new Co2 detector and sensor for the old one in addition to some push brooms for the station, totaling about \$1,500.00. Council man Cox talked about the condition of the Suburban, he saw where there was antifreeze laying under the vehicle than some fireman told him of the severe play in the steering. Neither of the Townships or the Village have been informed of any issues by the department, Council man Cox feels this needs to be looked at and if in that bad of shape is not used. There is an online auction the department would like to have purchased some equipment, Mr. Cox stated some of the equipment is in nice shape but with the spending constraints with the pandemic feels it is best to hold off on any purchases. Mr. Cox would also like an updated inventory with expiration dates listed for equipment that needs to be replaced.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Council Man Berg highlighted the areas in the parks report that was submitted to council in their packets. The includes pictures of the kindness rock garden, an area of the snack bar where Mrs. Blackburn would like to add some whitewashed cinder blocks between the dirt and bottom of the snack bar. This would cover the wires showing and block the area from animals getting underneath. The entrance to Playtown now is just a dirt area, a large piece of stone is going to be placed there with a small rock border. There is an area across from the entrance, which is currently grass, this area will be changed to a gravel area with a decorative stone garden and bench that was donated. A maintenance gate will be installed at Playtown where sections of picket have been removed. Creekside benches are going to be installed at Willow Grove, some rustic planters around the pavilion at the pool, a smaller flower bed at the Corner of Cedar and West Chestnut St with a welcome and thank you for visiting sign. The tennis courts which are not used as much as in the past will have a hopscotch area and toss board game. Mr. Berg informed council that the pool inspection has been pushed back by a week with the bad weather. He also mentioned that during the BPA meeting the board made it clear that they would appreciate the repair at the pool being completed. The cost of providing water with the leak has cost them a lot of money over the years.

APPROVED ZONING PERMITS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President Thomas ask if there was a plan to open Village Hall, Mayor Wilson stated there has been some discussion as to maybe early June. The hand sanitizer is still on back order.

Council President Thomas ask that Council have a Committce of the Whole meeting to discuss the upcoming payroll ordinance. This meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 19th at 4:00 pm at Village Hall in executive session.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on May 12, 2020 adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer