

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 26, 2020**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on May 26, 2020 was called to order at 6:35 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 12, 2020

Berg made the motion to approve the minutes from the 5/12/20 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 \$37,772.85 and payroll for PPE 5/16/20 in the amount of \$37,620.65.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 5/16/20 in the amount of \$37,620.65

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Debbie Richards reported that Phase II of the beautification of the downtown parks will begin this week, with the park near Subway. The same concept will take place with the taking out of some day lilies and a couple of bushes in front of the fountain. One of the bushes will be replaced with a rhododendron bush. All council agreed the park with the gazebo looks fantastic.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Cox made the motion to table the third reading of Ordinance No. 2059-20, until further notice.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

Council President Thomas reported that she has spoke with Bill Hoover Chair of the BPA on the proposed changes and will be contacting the Barry James Chair of the Cemetery Board.

RE: PURCHASE 6 SETS TURN OUT GEAR BLUE LINE LTD

Center Township will be voting on this at their upcoming meeting.

Cox made the motion to approve the 6 sets of turn out gear at a cost of \$14,988.00

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with Thomas abstaining on a roll call vote

Motion Passed

RE: 518 E CHESTNUT ST

This property after 2 years will finally be sold through the land bank in the next few days. Mayor Wilson reiterated that the Village needs to enforce the ordinances we have so that properties do not get in this bad of shape and take 2 years to clean up.

RE: GARAGE SALES

Mayor Wilson told Council that he had a resident ask if since the restrictions are being lifted with the COVID 19 when the Village will allow garage sales. Council after some discussion on opening Village hall said that garage sales permits will start being issued again when Village Hall reopens to on June 1st for normal business hours prior to the closing for COVID19. Those who enter will be suggested to wear a face covering as suggested by the Governor’s health recommendations, hand sanitizer will be available, and the desk guards have been installed in the water department office. Employees will wear face mask when waiting on customers.

RE: CHICKENS IN TOWN

Mayor Wilson informed Council that Philip Campbell is circulating a petition in town for the current Village ordinance prohibiting chickens to be repealed and chickens be allowed in town. Mr. Campbell had attended a meeting in the past, it has been brought to Chief Abraham’s attention that a resident currently does have chickens. Chief wanted Council opinion on how to proceed, if Council is interested in repealing the ordinance should he cite the resident under the current ordinance? Council man Cox sees no place in town for chickens, Council President Thomas fees if they are permitted there should be guidelines on how you keep them from being free range. Council decided to hold off on the citing of the current resident who has the chickens to see if a petition is presented to council and how they decide to proceed with the petition.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mayor Wilson reported he spoke with Jon Vollnogle of Howells and Baird engineering, the cost to complete the inspection on the Grant St bridge should be approximately \$2,000.00-\$3,000.00. Mr. Vollnogle will submit a quote in writing after he speaks with the firm in Columbus who will be assisting in the inspection.

RE: RESOLUTION 2068-20 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A NEW ALTERNATIVE METHOD 2021 LGF

Thomas made the motion to approve Resolution 2068-20 a resolution to approve a new alternative method of apportionment for the 2021 Local Government Fund distribution.

Donnalley 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: RESOLUTION 2069-20 A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE CITY OF SALEM

Berg made the motion to approve Resolution 2069-20 a resolution to exclude the City of Salem which approval would otherwise be required, for an alternative method of apportionment of Local Government Fund monies to be distributed in 2021.

Temple 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: GENERATOR SPECIALIST PREFERRED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Temple made the motion to approve the Generator Specialist preferred maintenance agreement in the amount of \$2,822.00 for service year 7/1/20-6/30/21.

Berg 2nd All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

\$960.00 of the contract is Village Hall and the Fire Department, the remaining is the water and sewer generators.

RE: TOWN CENTER CONSULTANT AGREEMENT REVIEW

The continuation of the Town Center agreement was discussed, the agreement was passed February 2020, the Village has the option of not renewing the contract with a 60-day notice at the end of the yearly service agreement. There was discussion on the use of the website hosted by Town Center, Susan Shank of the Chamber does not feel the website is utilized as much as it could be. The Chamber Executive Director speaks with those who are interested in buildings in town, the maintenance and vacancy portion the current Zoning Inspector Zach Barkley has his own spread sheet he uses. There is a common feeling with

some Council and Chamber that the services from Town Center are redundant with what the Chamber and Zoning Inspector currently perform. The education seminars everyone agrees are a very helpful and nice thing to be able to attend. Mayor Wilson is going to check that if there is not a signed agreement the attendance would still be permitted.

Cox made the motion to send a 60-day written notice to Town Center that the Village would like to terminate the service agreement.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson pointed out that the current agreement service dates run January through December even though the agreement was not approved until Feb of 2019. Council would still like to send the notice and see what happens.

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION OF PT OFFICERS TO FT OFFICERS

Cox made the motion to promote Neil Clark and Alyssa Perry from part time officers to full time officers on the recommendation of Chief Abraham.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

These promotions will bring the full-time staff to 10 officers. Officer Clark and Perry will start at 90% of the base salary as per the current payroll ordinance.

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

Council man Berg introduced the above ordinance for a first reading. The ordinance would permit the Village of Lisbon to assess an additional \$5.00 motor vehicle license tax, which if passed and to the BMV before July 1st would start Jan 2021 for collection. The current amount the village receives from the county is \$2.50 per motor vehicle license, the tax is placed in the permissive fund which can only be used for road/street maintenance, no operating expenses. Mr. Berg explained that section 4504 of the ORC sets out 11 different fees that can be charged up to \$30.00 for license tax. The estimated collection is approximately an additional \$12,000.00 per year based on current figures. Council women Temple and Donnalley both expressed they do not like the idea of passing such an ordinance. They feel with the increase in water rates and the new income tax rate there has been a lot ask of residents.

Cox made the motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #2070-20 an ordinance to levy a \$5.00 motor vehicle license tax.

Darcy 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

RE: DRAFT ORDINANCE VACANT BUILDING

Mayor Wilson presented to council in their packets a draft for a new vacant building ordinance. Mayor Wilson and Zoning Inspector Zach Barkley have worked on this draft that they would like to see repeal and replace the current ordinance. Mr. Barkley told council he feels that the current ordinance does not work, it is to large, hard to understand and cumbersome to enforce. He feels this new version is easier for both the building owner and others to understand which would make it easier to enforce. Council ask that Solicitor Beech review the ordinance tabling it until the next meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to Council in their packets Fund Summary and a payment listing.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was distributed to council in their packets. Council man Cox expressed his displeasure on the postings he had seen and heard about on social media over the weekend that bad mouthed both the Village Street Department and County Engineers office. He feels those post was unfounded and not necessary, then with a village employee being part of the thread is unacceptable. The Village and the County were already in the process of working together to assess the uneven chip and seal on both Pritchard and Logtown Rd. Mr. Cox went on to say he thought both the Street and County did a good job,

Council agreed. Mayor Wilson reported that Mr. & Mrs. Thayer on Garfield Ave sent a thank you saying how nice of a job the department had done on the drainage work there. The work is appreciated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike Smith ask what will happen if Center Township says no when they vote on the turn out gear. Council man Cox said one thing he knows is that Center would like to have an inventory of who is receiving the new gear, this does not have to be before their meeting. Council man Cox questioned if the Chief vehicle has been repaired, Corner Auto has been called. They are just waiting for an available time to have it worked on. There was more discussion on the ethics of some employees and what they are saying on social media. Solicitor Beech stated this is generally an area where you are limited on what a person says on their personal platform, however if they are acting on behalf of the Village than there is more than that can be done. Council President Thomas stated that she would like to see a social media policy written. She has samples and will be sending those out.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The parks report was distributed to council in their packets. Council man Berg explained where the wheelchair accessible swing will be placed in Playtown. The proposed sand box for the Eagle Scout project will be scaled back to allow for a concrete pad to be laid for the swing. A double gate has been installed in Playtown for easier access to work. The work will not begin until after the pool inspection scheduled for June 8th. Brian Brownfield is scheduled to inspect Playtown for immediate and future repairs on May 30th. The dog park opened on May 22nd, everything seemed to go well, and the park looks good. Mr. Berg reported the next phase will be some painting and polyurethane of the building. There is still some donation money left from last year to cover at least part of this cost.

APPROVED ZONING PERMITS

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

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on May 26, 2020 adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer