

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 13, 2024**

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Peter Wilson

**PRESENT:** Temple, Darcy, Cox, Hiner, Smith & Beech

**ABSENT:** Donnalley

The regular meeting on February 13, 2024, was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Peter Wilson presiding.

Pastor Shuman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 23, 2024**

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/23/24 regular meeting.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Darcy made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 23,667.41.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 2/3/24 in the amount of \$68,501.28.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Before guests were recognized from the floor, a Proclamation was read by the mayor. It was a proclamation for the dedication and service of Councilwoman Dawn Thomas. Mrs. Thomas had served on council for the past eight years. She was steadfast in her duties to the residents of the Village. Her presence on council will be missed.

**GUEST (S):**

Michael Cusick was present to discuss how the Village response time to a medical emergency was handled when he called 911. The response time for an ambulance to arrive on scene was twenty-eight minutes. Mr. Cusick lives right outside the Village on St. Rt. 154. Christine Lerussi, the founder, and a dispatcher of North Star Ambulance, joined the discussion. When 911 is called for an emergency, a list is followed from where the nearest help can be provided within the county. Ms. Lerussi stated that North Star Ambulance located in the Village of Lisbon is the priority response team when the Village of Lisbon Police Department is called instead of dialing 911. This service for contacting the Police Department is for those residents residing in the Village. She suggested a letter be drafted to give to 911 dispatchers that states for first contact North Star for Village residents. The letter needs to be signed by the President of Council along with the signature from the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Cusick brought up asking for federal money to fund the fire department with an EMT rescue unit thru grants. Mr. Wilson stated that state and federal funding are down for these types of projects and that rescue units are understaffed.

The next guest recognized from the floor was Stevie Halverstadt. Mrs. Halverstadt voiced her concerns with the maintenance done by the Street Department. She felt an asphalt vibrating machine would be better equipped to handle the ever-growing potholes in the Village. Mr. Hoover from the Water Department addressed this issue, stating it would be a good idea in theory, however the infrastructure of the water lines in the Village would not be able to maintain the vibration. It would cause several water line breaks in the Village. Mrs. Halverstadt brought up the repairs on the 2012 truck asking why not buy a new one instead of fixing an aging vehicle. Councilman Cox stated that the repairs to the Silverado were basically maintenance, and the truck has very low milage for the year of the

truck. Adding to what Mr. Hoover stated regarding water lines and potholes, the department has been to classes on the correct way to back fill a pothole to last longer. Her last concern was to keep the streets cleaner by purchasing a street sweeper. Leetonia was looking to purchase one for \$7,000.00. Councilwoman Hiner stated that the City of Salem had purchased one for \$300,000.00, they are very expensive. Councilman Cox stated when the Street Department had their own sweeper it was a money pit. It tore up the roads and the brushes were constantly being replaced. Event Brite is used twice a year for a total cost of \$3000.00, which they seem to do the job right per Cox.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RE: MARIJUANA LEGISLATION** – Councilwoman Hiner wants to find a place for it to go in the Zoning Codes, so that dispensaries can not be put in the Historical parts of the Village, with the rest of town to be determined. More discussion is needed to make an informed decision on the passing of this legislation.

**RE: PARK LIGHTS** – The lights were replaced with LED bulbs. It made a huge difference in the lighting of the park.

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES FOR PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE** – The bids for the right of way came in lower than expected. They were all lower than \$30,000.00. Hiner mad a motion to accept the bid from HZW.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**RE: PORT AUTHORITY** – Mayor Wilson stated the CDBG grant would be open on March 5<sup>th</sup> and would be awarded in April. Councilwoman Hiner mentioned we still have AARPA money left for some paving. Asking Jim Oliver to get some pricing for Race Rd. and Washington St. Both of those locations are in desperate need of repaving. Wilson told Council we were not approved for the Community Grant for \$50,000 but could apply again on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RE: BIKE TRAIL TREES** - Councilman Cox was inquiring on the status of the two trees that are coming down off the Greenway Trail, have they been fixed? Wilson said per the parks director they are off the easement of ten feet. Currently the Park District does not have the funds to take the trees down. Councilwoman Hiner and Councilman Cox are worried about the trees toppling over and someone getting hurt. They asked Mr. Oliver to check on the trees to see if the Village can remove them safely.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RE: QUOTE FOR 3 REPLACEMENT GLOBES FOR DECORATIVE STEET LIGHTS** - The cost for the globes is \$2,299.00. Councilwoman Hiner made the motion to accept the quote of \$2,299.00 for the replacement globes.

Temple 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes

Motion Passed

**RE: REPAIR QUOTE FOR THE 2012 CHEVY SILVERADO 3500HP DUMP TRUCK** - The estimate for the maintenance on the truck is \$1,994.68. Councilwoman Hiner made a motion to accept the estimate for the 2012 Chevy Silverado.  
Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Ayes  
Motion Passed

**RE: CHIP AND SEAL**- The list for this year is due March 13<sup>th</sup>. Stone and emulsion prices are up 6 to 9 per cent. The Village of Lisbon is first on the list for distribution. Cox wants Mr. Oliver to get the alley next to Village Hall ready by using the drag patch. Councilman Cox stated more of the streets and alleys we get prepped now; we won't be running out of time when the county is ready to help us.

**RE: KEY CHAINS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS** -Kiana Howe was interested in making the key chains for the Police and Fire Departments with their badge numbers on them. Both Chiefs were happy with the proposal. Mayor Willson will let her know they accepted her generosity.

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

The following reports were submitted to council in their packets: the January bank reconciliation, the January month end fund summary and most current February month end fund summary. All vouchers were presented prior to the meeting for review and signatures.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Hall stated that the Fire Department had been awarded an ODNR grant. The grant is \$15,095.00, the Village will come up with half of the monies from the Fire Department's budget. The grant will be used for a slide out unit for their truck. A question was asked from the mayor if anyone on Council had previous knowledge of the application for this grant. He wanted to know why he had to come before council to ask for permission to apply for any grants mentioning he has been called into Executive sessions for this reason. It was a heated discussion, where there were no answers given during the meeting.

#### **BPA REPORT**

Bill Hoover, BPA Chairman reported they have a pickup truck that needed all four tires replaced. They are finally getting back to normal after a huge leak was found in front of the downtown Courthouse. At their meeting it was

decided they would be getting a new computer for the office. It would be able to withstand the conditions of the plant's humidity and dust.

**MISCELLANEOUS** - A reminder of the 221<sup>st</sup> Founding of the Village of Lisbon Pancake Landmark Foundation breakfast on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Wine about Winter will be held downtown on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the February 13, 2024, meeting at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor Peter Wilson

**ATTEST:**

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