

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2022**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Cox, Darcy, Donnalley, Hiner, Thomas & Beech

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on January 25, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

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

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Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/11/22 regular meeting.

Cox

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$28,129.86.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Darcy made the motion to for payroll PPE 1/8/22 in the amount of \$59,657.57

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson thanked the street department for the excellent job they did on the streets with all the snow. He also commended the Lisbon girls' basketball team on their gesture to the community when instead of practicing during a scheduled practice during the snow they had a team building by volunteering to shovel residents walks and driveways.

GUEST (S)

Judy McGraw owner H&R Block on N Market St between Park Ave and Chestnut St, was present to discuss her displeasure with whomever is plowing the back lot behind her building, shared by several businesses on the block. She has spoken to several individuals with no one committing to be the person who hires the gentleman in the white truck who plows. She is not satisfied with how the work is being done claiming all the snow is against her building and the tunnel connecting the back to Market St, when the snow thaws, she will be flooded. She wants to know who drives the truck so this can be taken care of, she has spoke to her landlord who does not know either. She also mentioned that for weeks those who live in the apartment above her business had been leaving their garbage cans on the sidewalk out front. The police department made several attempts before they were able to speak with anyone, the cans have since been moved.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: COLUMBIANA COUNTY PARKS DISTRICT – BIKE TRAIL PROPOSED ROUTE

Council was provided in their packet a copy of the letter from the Columbiana County Parks District and the minutes from the July 27, 2021 minutes. The parks district with the Ohio Department of Transportation is proposing extending the bike trail through Lisbon. The letter outlines a couple changes since they attended the meeting in July, the parks district is accepting questions submitted in writing until February 14, 2022. Council requested that Tom Butch representing the County Parks District attend the next meeting on February 8th.

RE: GRANT ST BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported the OPWC funding was not awarded to the Village for the engineering and environmental portions of the project, this total is \$400,000.00. The Village is looking into other funding sources including a TID grant and SIB loan funding. Mayor Wilson has spoke to a representative of Bill Johnson's office regarding the new infrastructure bill. Council man Cox ask if closing the bridge and opening the old road had been looking into and if not has an open floored bridge been considered? The

road opening has not been since the area is privately owned; the open floor is something that can be discussed with IBI our engineering firm during the final design phase.

RE: POLICE BODY CAMERA'S

Mayor Wilson reported the body camera grant Chief Abraham completed for the state funding was awarded, the estimated amount is \$20,823.00. There have been different reported amounts for awards, the official letter has not been released to the Village as of yet. There was discussion on how this amount is less than what was applied for by approximately \$25,000.00, however the other two agencies in Columbiana County to apply (East Palestine City and the Columbiana County Sheriff) were awarded their total application or even more. Mayor Wilson reported the federal grant he applied for the Village was not awarded anything in the first round, but on the short list. He does not know how the number of agencies that are on the short list. There was discussion if the application of both of these grants at the same time could have hampered the award on both. After the official award letter is received from the Governor's office the Village will proceed as indicated in the letter.

Mayor Wilson inquired if there was any new information on the suspected vandalism at the realtor park. Chief Abraham reported there is a report on the accident.

RE: VETERAN BANNERS FOR LIGHT POLES

Council woman Donnelly reported that she has not had any official word from the VFW if they are interested in assisting with the banners. She will keep council updated when she hears something from them.

RE: CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Mayor Wilson ask if there had been any development on updating the current chicken ordinance. Council President Thomas indicated that she does have something started and will continue working on the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: RENTAL PROPERTY TAX ORDINANCE

Mayor Wilson prepared a draft ordinance requiring landlords to submit tenants' names. Council woman Hiner agrees not having the tenant names is an issue, however she would like to see something like this go into committee for in depth conversation instead of starting at the council meeting level. The finance committee set a meeting for Thursday January 27th at 5:30 pm.

RE: CREATION OF A DORA (DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA)

Mayor Wilson had asked for feedback on the creation of a DORA in the village. Council President Thomas and Council woman Hiner are not sure this is a good fit for the village, Council man Cox thought it might be with some more thought in how to proceed. The current open establishments with license in town are Numbers N Beaver St, Court House Inn E Lincoln Way , Sheenigans, S Jefferson VFW W Lincoln Way and Eagles High St. The VFW and Eagles are private clubs. Coaches now closed was located on S Market St had the other license. Chief Abraham indicated he has concerns with the size of the area encompassed with the locations of these establishments. After a little more discussion, it was decided that a committee just for the creation of a DORA should be established with the goal of sometime this summer having something. Those council members interested in serving on this committee are to let Mayor Wilson know.

RE: RE – APPOINT GENE KROTKY TO THREE YEAR TERM CEMETERY BOARD

Mayor Wilson reported that Gene Krotky was re-appointed to a three year term on the cemetery board starting January 1st. Jim Landfried has been elected the current chair by the board.

RE: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

A personnel and parks committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday February 17th at 5:30 pm to discuss upcoming parks projects and hiring of parks personnel.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A copy of the most recent fund summary was presented to council in their packets. The most recent warrant vouchers were presented for signatures prior to the meeting. Ms. Wonner reported that all year end requirements have been met. The Community Foundation made donations to the Village, \$2,500.00 to the Police Department, \$2,500.00 to the Fire Department, \$5,000.00 to the Cemetery. These respective donations have been deposited into the appropriate funds with a blanket set up to encumber the money for use. A separate approval of a donation to the Swimming Pool in the amount of \$5,000.00 was approved by the Community Foundation with the condition that this donation would be paid directly to the vendor for any expenses regarding swimming pool repairs or maintenance. These donations were approved from the Dickey Trust Portion of the Lisbon Community Foundation.

MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no report for this meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The street department report was included in the council packet. Council man Cox reported the 1 ton broke down, it was found that the turbo hoses were dry rotted, these hoses will be replaced and should be back in service in a few days. There has been no word as of yet on from Henderson on the International that was taken there for service. Council man Cox questioned if the \$30,000.00 road grant can be used to install safety LED lighting on the vehicles in the department, Mayor Wilson will verify. The department has 8 vehicles that need various levels of lighting installed, the cost for a complete install is around \$600.00 but as indicated not each truck needs a complete install. Council man Cox distributed a picture of an out of commission Ohio Edison truck, it is a 1997. The asking price is \$18,00.00 and Mr. Cox would like to see this price shared by the street, parks, shade tree commission and cemetery. The current bucket truck is at a point where it should be replaced.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no report this meeting.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Council woman Donnalley reported that the engineering cost estimate for the walking trail is \$58,720.00 this proposal is under the state capital improvement award to the village. There was discussion on where the paint for the pool was purchased and how much, it was purchase at Harrison Paint approximately \$30.00/gallon. The pool will need to be painted this year.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

BPA Chair Bill Hoover reported the department has been doing routing maintenance, the pump at the Dickey lift station is being assessed to see if a rebuild is possible. The department is back to full staff after the majority being off for illness. Sr Water Operator Chris Peterson reported with the new meter system he or the clerk Heidi Grimm receive notices if there is a burst over a certain length of time in usage, this feature alone has helped remedy leaks that could have been worse. The majority of the meters have been installed, those left are ones with issues the homeowner needs to fix before install or meter sizes that are not available at this time. Council man Cox will be ordering Laura Wilson winter apparel like the other employees.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The most recent approved zoning applications were submitted in the council packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council President questioned when the mayor intends to open village hall to the public again. According the to the mayor the numbers are still high in Columbiana County he would like to wait another week or two before opening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYMENT OF A PULIC OFFICIAL

Thomas made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the employment of a public official.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

Chief Abraham and Solicitor Beech were invited into the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:07 pm.
Hiner 2nd

All ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

Thomas made the motion to promote part time officer Justin Hays to full time status at 94% of the base pending his Ohio Police and Fire pre employment testing requirements.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on January 25, 2022 adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer