

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 2021

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT:

The regular meeting on September 28, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 with Mayor Wilson presiding.

Father Wassi, St George Catholic Church, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Darcy made the motion to approve the minutes from the 9/14/21 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Darcy made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$40,016.28 and payroll for PPE 9/18/21 in the amount of \$56,376.39.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Mayor Wilson thanked the water/street/cemetery/police and fire for their help over the past weekend with the Johnny Appleseed Festival. Mr. Wilson stated this was one of the best festivals in years and the work between the Village and Chamber of Commerce made that possible.

GUEST (S)

Brian Dunlap, who lives in an apartment in the new Phoenix Building on E Lincoln Way, was present at the meeting to present information on how he feels the fire siren operates in the Village. Mr. Dunlap explained how he is new to the Village, being from a small town in Georgia he appreciates the small town atmosphere the Village would be considered a big city where he is from. Mr. Dunlap is attending medical school while doing intern work and clinicals at a hospital in Trumbull County. He indicated how much he likes the village including living downtown where he can look at his window to enjoy the squares. He does have one issue though that he feels that makes living there unpleasant that being the fire siren from the station located on Jefferson St. Reading from a prepared statement Mr. Dunlap indicated it is hard to sleep with the fire siren going off, it will jolt him out of bed and being in the medical field his body is trained to stay awake when awoken. He feels there are better ways to notify those who need to be about a fire, the fire siren could only need to be used in an event of a natural disaster and testing purposes. When he has asked other residents who live near or businesses most say they do not like the noise and do not always know what it is for anyway. He would like Council to consider only using the siren as he mentioned in an event of a natural disaster and any required testing. Renee Lewis who owns the building Mr. Dunlap lives in understands the need for the siren but would like to see hours set that it only used say between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. She admits it is a bother but not the end of the world. Council President stated that the siren does already have different tones for a fire and a natural disaster, if a solid 3 minute tone that is a weather or other disaster warning, the other tone with a break in it is for a fire call. Chief Mark Hall read from a prepared statement, stating that our firefighters are alerted with an app on their phones the internet sometimes does go down, people leave their phones inside while outside or even the battery dies. Chief Hall reported that in 2021 to date the fire alarm has gone off eighteen times between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am which is an average of 2 a month or just over 9% of the calls to date. Chief Hall went on to say that firefighters and first responders are members of the community often awakened to go out to rescue others sometimes strangers not knowing what will happen when they get there. Chief Hall said I hope when you hear the whistle go off, which I know is an inconvenience, instead of complaining you say a prayer for those who need the help and the brave men and women who serve the citizens of the Village of Lisbon, Center and Elkrun Townships, requesting the siren stay in place as is. Council took no action on the request to change the siren practice.

Councilman Cox on behalf of Anna Madison who could not attend for the Lisbon Little Blue Devils requested permission to use the parks on Oct 16th 4:00 pm for their annual bon fire. The organization has spoken to the fire department with Lt McCullough saying he could attend the event; they have a large fire ring being donated by Dana Blackburn to contain the fire

Darcy made the motion to allow the Lisbon Little Blue Devils to hold their event as presented.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Troy Rhodes, Ohio Edison local liaison, was present at the meeting. Mr. Rhodes indicated the outage today in town was a planned outage that was to affect twenty-three addresses, seventeen of those addressed were notified the other six were not, with two of those being the most important the Lisbon Exempted School District Administration Building and Village of Lisbon Village Hall. Mr. Rhodes apologized for the oversight going on to say that the next time matters will be managed differently in this case though it could be used as a training method for an unplanned outage, therefore hopefully there were things that all learned in preparing for the next outage that may happen. The smart meter installation is completed for the year, if a customer did not get one this time around, they may not have one installed until 2025, a customer of Ohio Edison can opt out of smart meter. If a customer does though there will a \$28.00 per month charge assessed to their utility bill for the life of the service for having to read the meter manually. Also, from March of 2020 until July of this year indoor readings were suspended with only estimated bills being sent, some won in this scenario some did not, for some the August bill was a big shock. If this is the case customers are encouraged to contact customer service to arrange a payment plan for the actual reading to the estimated readings, there are several criteria that needs to be met to determine which payment plan a customer can be put on.

Gene Krotky, Cemetery Board Member, was present at the meeting. The board would like to request that Brian McCulley be moved from his hourly position of \$18.10 per hour to a salary position of \$40,000.00. The board took into consideration the overtime Mr. McCulley may work in a year, which Mrs. Krotky says is lower than what he works at times at Mr. McCulley choice trying to be conscious of the operating budget of the cemetery.

Donnalley made the motion to change the cemetery supervisor from a Maintenance I hourly position to a salary position on the payroll ordinance with a salary of \$40,000.00 per year.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Wendell Cole, Chair of the Cemetery Board, reported to Council that the current levy expires at the end of 2022, the board is researching various levy options of the upcoming primary ballot.

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: PRITCHARD ST BRIDGE/GRANT ST BRIDGE ENGINEERING

Mayor Wilson reported that today he made a presentation to ODOT for the upcoming municipal grant application for the Pritchard Ave Bridge, the request is for \$850,000.00 and there are matching funds required. The grants awards should take three to four weeks.

Mayor Wilson reported that he, Council Man Cox, and DeCort with Village resident Leonard Wycoff graded the engineering proposals the Village received for the Grant St Bridge replacement project. Mayor Wilson is finalizing the reference provided and at the next meeting would like to have permission to award an engineer for the upcoming project.

RE: PROPOSAL TO NAME SQUARE AFTER LEWIS KINNEY UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that he attended a County Commissioner meeting requesting permission to rename a square in honor of Lewis Kinney, founder of New Lisbon, now known as the Village of Lisbon, the Commissioners ask that a formal resolution be presented to request the name change. The Commissioners own the property the squares are located on therefore they were consulted on the name change. Council President Thomas would like to table this request until more information can be presented on Mr. Kinney and why the name change, there are other notable historical individuals with ties to the Village. After discussion Mrs. Thomas and Council man Cox thought it might be best if Mr. Leggett who suggested the change work with the Lisbon Historical Society in presenting a plan to name a square after Mr. Kinney.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: APPOINTMENT OF DIANNE DULL TO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Wilson reported that he has appointed Dianne Dull to the Architectural Review Board. Mrs. Dull replaces Patty Beal who resigned.

RE: ODOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT (TAP GRANT)

Mayor Wilson requested permission to apply for the TAP Grant, this grant would be used to for the installation of a walking bridge connecting the bike trail to Willow Grove Park, the original swinging bridge was washed way in the flood of 2004. Dallis Dawson and Associates estimated the cost of this bridge to be \$750,000.00. Council President Thomas indicated that she would like to wait until a later date to apply for this grant. The discussion was not the application denial however the unknown of matching funds, and with the other applications that are currently in the approval process what matching funds may be required for those projects. Mayor Wilson reminded Council that they already approved an application through ODNR for this bridge. Street Foreman Jim Oliver suggested that the Village look into if the current beams from the Grant St Bridge could be used in Willow Grove to construct walking bridge connecting Lions Club Rd to Willow Grove Park. This may reduce the cost of constructing, those in attendance felt this is worth looking into. The TAP grant application will not be completed at this time.

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2103-2021 ACCEPTING RATES AND AMOUNTS

DeCort made the motion to pass Resolution No. 2103-2021, a resolution accepting the rates and amounts determined by the Columbiana County Budget Commission.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

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 to Council that the Village received their certificate from the Secretary of State that after the 2020 federal census the population of the Village of Lisbon is 2,597, the Village of Lisbon will retain Village status.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

The department has completed a dry run of the leaf machine, everything seems to be working properly. Council Cox requested approval to purchase thirteen safety vests at a cost of \$77.87, repairs to one of the backpack blowers at cost of \$150.00, approval to purchase a new backpack blower at a cost of \$480.00, and two t-shirts and two hoodies for each employee in the department at a cost of \$270.00. There were no objections to these purchases.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Hall reported that the Bureau of Workers Compensation reporting requirements for the FEEG grant the department was awarded. The pancake breakfast was a big success during the Johnny Appleseed. Council man DeCort stated that he spoke with a fire chief in Bessemer PA who is interested in set of used JAWS of life if the Village is going to take either set out of service when the new set is delivered.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The parks committee met Monday evening with the parks department volunteer to discuss what is expected of him during the winter season. Bill Cloud is sponsored through the Goodwill Program which according to Council woman Donnalley has been extended until August of 2023 from the August 2022 deadline. There are a few items in need of repair before spring, the nets for the basketball hoops need replaced, one of the pickleball courts was broken, the base of the mushroom on the splash pad, and the slide on Playtown has a crack. A swing has been replaced and the boards are being worked on. Council man Darcy is going to look into additional cameras for the park area. The bathroom doors will be locked when the park is closed for winter. Council woman Donnalley reported the pool work is moving along, the remainder of the concrete is scheduled to be poured in the spring. The walking path is still in the engineering phase and will be put out to bid, there is continuing conversations with Howells and Baird Engineering.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet.

MISCELLANEOUS

The scarecrow on the square event is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 2nd.

Trick or Treat will remain Halloween Oct 31st from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on September 28 , 2021 adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer