

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2021**

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

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

ABSENT: Darcy

The regular meeting on November 9, 2021 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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Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes from the 10/26/21 regular meeting.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Thomas made the motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$16,412.54 and payroll for PPE 10/30/21 in the amount of \$49,360.58.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

James Feath from HRG Consultants in Harrisburg PA, was present at the meeting to present the engineering study to connect the Greenway Bike trail to the business district downtown. A copy of the slide presentation was submitted to council in their packets. Council was receptive to the study; with the one suggestion they would like to see changed is move the proposed bike parking area into the green space on the square so not to take away the parking spaces as indicated. The plan suggested alternate bike routes for the proposed extension by the Columbiana County Park District.

Tammy Virden was present at the meeting to further discuss ideas for activities at the pool park for children. Some ideas suggested were board games, flashlight tag, tot soccer, art/crafts, a game to attract "tweens," kiddie karaoke, chalk art contest during the opening of the pool, movie night, story time just to name a few. Mrs. Virden ask for permission to store some items in an empty storage room at the pool. Council gave their full support in the activities she has planned.

Cox made the motion to allow the items to be stored in the empty storage room.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: PROPOSAL TO NAME SQUARE AFTER LEWIS KINNEY UPDATE

Mayor Wilson expressed how he feels that any change to the name of the square should be a community effort not just a person or group wanting to change. Council women Donnalley and Temple both stated they tried to read up on Lewis Kinney but could not find much on him. Jason Leggett who has proposed this change suggested a plaque could be installed at the entrances of town in honor of Mr. Kinney instead of the park name change. He went on to describe what kind of sign he felt would be best, a cast aluminum. Gene Krotky who is a member of the Lisbon Historical Society stated that there is a program through the state where these signs can be obtained. There was discussion on having information in vacant building windows to promote sale or rental in addition to pictures in the building showing the history of the building. The idea of a meeting involving the Village, County Tourism Board, Lisbon Historical Society, and other interested parties being held at either the Lepper Library or Village Hall was well received with a virtual tour of all the historic buildings and homes in the Village. This would highlight the entire Village and not only the downtown area.

RE: COST PROPOSAL IBI ENGINEERING REVISED TOTAL

A revised cost estimate from IBI engineering was presented to council for their review. The approval of this cost estimate was tabled until a future date.

RE: WESTERN RESERVE CONSERVATORY GRANT UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that Western Reserve Conservatory is still working on the framework of the possible grant for the Willow Grove Park area. A question according to Mayor Wilson they have is if the Village would be willing to assume responsibility for an area near village property where rock climbing takes place. The owner is wanting to sell their 20 acres, Western Reserve Conservatory will purchase the land than give it to the Village, this land could than be included in the conservatory grant area, an area which could not be developed if the grant is approved. There was concern of the liability issue of take control of the cliff area where climbers are currently climbing, the Village already has a small portion where they climb which several years ago the insurance company suggested the Village not encourage the use for such recreational activities. Mayor Wilson quoted section 1533.181 in the Ohio Revised Code which details conservation of natural resources and immunity. Council had no comment on taking more land for the possible grant during this meeting.

RE: WILLOW GROVE PARK/GREENWAY TRAIL BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported that he has been speaking with US Bridge in Cambridge OH, regarding a bridge span for Willow Grove Park, the owner of this span is willing to sell it to the Village for \$100.00 on the condition if not used it is returned to the original owner. The span has been at US Bridge for 25 years, it would need to be cleaned and transported to the Village with cost assumed by the Village. The span is 80 foot long, Council man Cox questioned if this span would work where the old swinging bridge is located, it would not that width is over 100 ft. The location of the bridge would need to be moved; this could cause more cost with land preparations. Mayor Wilson is hoping that the savings in building the span as planned would pay for the land preparations. The current Willow Grove Bridge fund has a fund balance of \$16,715.00, an additional \$100,000.00 has been awarded but not received by the Village from a State Capital Improvement reimbursement grant. Mayor Wilson reported the current owner of the bridge span at US Bridge is the Columbiana County Engineer's Office. If Council would decide to move forward Solicitor Beech will prepare a resolution as requested by the County Engineer, Council asked Mayor Wilson to look into storage fees and when the bridge would need to be moved from its current location before any decision be made on the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: 1ST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2104-2021 – 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Donnalley made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2104-2021, the 2022 annual appropriations.

Cox 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2105-2021 – 2021 AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS AS AN EMERGENCY

Thomas made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations for passing an ordinance.

Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Cox made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2105-2021, 2021 amended appropriations as an emergency.

DeCort 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: LISBON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The annual Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4th at 5:00 pm, the light up will follow the parade. There are other activities planned to include the Village Singers, Barborak Law Office will be providing hot chocolate, a play written by Jodine Pilmer and Kandy Kleland "A Christmas Carol" has shows planned during the weekend. In addition to an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A copy of the October bank reconciliation, month end October fund summary, revenue and appropriations summary month end October and 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.

A finance committee meeting was scheduled for Monday December 6th at 5:15 pm.

There was discussion on income tax collections and tenant notification requirements for landlords for income tax collection purposes.

The 2022 health insurance renewal was received the original rate increase was 9.5%, with a rate reduction and being a member of the chamber of commerce the new rate increase is 4.94%

The signed extension letter for the ODNR grant to repair the pool was received, the new deadline for completion is December 31, 2022.

Ms. Wonner reported that all but one employee and several elected officials have signed up for direct deposit, she would like to give those who have not until the end of year before she asks council to make it mandatory.

Cox made the motion to approve \$8,000.00 for codification of the Village ordinances by American Legal Publishing.

Thomas 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

It was reported that Roger Sweeney will be off for a week, Patti Dailey broke her ankle at home and will be off approximately 6 to 8 weeks, therefore the department is shorthanded. They will be utilizing the shared employee with the water department as much as possible for leaf pick up. The leaf machine is broke as reported the backhoe is being used to pick up leaves and put in a truck until a new machine can be found. A full machine new cost around \$175,000.00 used \$27,000-55,000.00 a decent pull behind blower is around \$18,000.00 to \$23,000.00 new, used \$8,000.00. The possibility of bags for residents was discussed, the cost is estimated to be more than \$8,000.00 with around 15,000 bags being purchased. The tractor needs repairs at less than \$1,000.00, a blanket will be set up for these repairs from street operating.

Temple made the motion to approve no more than \$9,500.00 to purchase a pull behind leaf machine from capital improvement.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The new JAWS of life are scheduled to be delivered Wednesday November 17th if anyone is interested in coming to the station to see per Chief Hall.

The annual Christmas open house is tentatively scheduled for December 12th either from 4:00 – 6:00 pm or 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Chief Hall will update council when the details have been worked out.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Willow Grove Park has been closed for the season. Council woman Donnalley reported the Village is still waiting on GW Dailey to set a date to take the remaining concrete out at the pool.

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

The BPA will be accepting letter of interest for a vacant seat effective January 1, 2022 until December 10th, all letters are to be submitted to the water office. There is a demonstration of a new vaccon truck scheduled for Wednesday November 10th at 10:00 am if anyone is interested in attending.

APPROVED ZONING APPLICATIONS

The approved zoning applications were included in the Council packet. Zoning Inspector Barkley reported that had been in town to review the maintenance and vacant buildings. There has been a lot of progress on buildings with one or two new violations.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Northwest square (Geronimo Supply) has been decorated to honor the Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day; the square will be lite after the council meeting staying on for three days.

Ms. Wonner ask if anyone has anything for the next meeting all agenda items be sent on or before November 18th, she will be preparing the agenda early so that it is complete before leaving for vacation. Ms. Crane will be covering the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 for executive session.

Thomas made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 8:26 pm.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote

Motion Passed

Thomas made the motion to move parking attendant Lesa Gray from the parking position to the street department while the parking meters are bagged for the holidays, providing Ms. Gray agrees.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

With nothing further to come before Council the meeting on November 9, 2021 adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner Fiscal Officer