

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 2024

PRESIDING: Mayor Peter Wilson

PRESENT: Temple, Cox, Donnalley, Hiner, Smith & Beech

ABSENT: Darcy

The regular meeting on January 9, 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.

ELECT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Temple made the motion to elect Melissa Hiner as president of council.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

2024 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Wilson presented the following committees to council:

Public Safety – Darcy, Hiner, Cox

Personnel – Temple, Smith, Hiner

Street – Cox, Temple, Smith

Finance – Hiner, Donnalley, Temple

Parks – Donnalley, Temple, Cox

Cemetery – Smith, Donnalley, Cox

Fireman’s Relief – Darcy, Cox, Hiner

Sewer – Darcy, Donnalley, Smith

Zoning – Donnalley, Temple, Darcy

Community Foundation – Donnalley

Shade Tree Commission – Donnalley

Council man Cox indicated if anyone else was interested in the Cemetery he would not have an issue, since their meetings are during the day, he is unable to attend with his work schedule. Council woman Donnalley asked for clarification on what the sewer committee does, they work with the Board of Public Affairs on setting sewer rates and any sewer issues.

Temple made the motion to approve the committees as presented.

Cox 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023

Hiner made the motion to approve the minutes from the 12/12/23 regular meeting.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Hiner made the motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$47,362.20

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to approve payroll for PPE 12/23/23 in the amount of \$58,116.93
Temple2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

GUEST (S)

Pat Kronenberg was present at the meeting, she started by congratulations everyone on their election. She than said she was here about Ordinance No. 2168-2023; this ordinance amended the design standards for the Architectural Design and Review Board. Ms. Kronenberg would like this council to repeal this ordinance reestablishing the Architectural Design and Review Board as it was prior. Ms. Kronenberg described to those in attendance the events with the Lincoln Social Hall starting at the beginning of the signage issue to the final decision on council amending the design standard, including when the appeals board was established as part of the Architectural Design and Review Board. She voiced her displeasure on how council at that time an ordinance in place had that the board had followed with council than not supporting their decision and changing the ordinance. She is requesting that the repeal of Ordinance No. 2168-2023 be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Wilson than went over the zoning request and background of Lincoln Social Hall stating how he feels the ordinance needs to be rewritten.

Mayor Wilson gave his state of the village address, starting with how is looking forward to working with all on council. He mentioned the current projects that will be carried into 2024, S Market (Grant) St Bridge, and the water tower project North End Pressure project. He mentioned that in the fall he walked around town speaking with residents and business owners on their concerns. He listed 8 items that he expects councils support on during the year:

1. Essential to rewrite the current zoning code
2. Removal of parking meters in the village, he feels they are an indirect tax and a hinderance
3. Income Tax Abatement for new businesses, structured after the Village of Obetz, Franklin County
4. Conservation Easement for Willow Grove Park
5. Rental property regulations
6. Income Tax Administrator into full time not sharing with Administrative Assistant position
7. Seek funding opportunities for infrastructure
8. Broadcast village meetings

OLD BUSINESS:

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2178-2024 – GRANT ST BRIDGE LPA AS AN EMERGENCY

The tentative construction start date is May 15, 2024. This ordinance allows is the let project agreement with ODOT, allowing the project to move forward to bidding.

Hiner made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations for passing an ordinance.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes with a roll call vote
Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2178-2024 as an emergency as presented.
Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: PRITCHARD AVE BRIDGE UPDATE

Mayor Wilson reported he has sent out letters to firms requesting pricing on the ROW acquisitions for the project, receiving one letter back to date.

RE: OHIO BUDGET PROJECTS UPDATE

Mayor Wilson stated he put in one project for the request in the amount of \$90,000.00 for street equipment, with the village using the \$25,000.00 received from the county in American Rescue Plan funds as a match. We should receive an answer by June at the latest according to the mayor.

RE: PROPOSED DOLLAR GENERAL STORE ROW OF WAY UPDATE

The mayor and Zoning Inspector Zach Barkley reported to council the discussions had with ODOT regarding the right of way on the proposed site on SR 154, per ODOT the village has the right to vacate the ROW. Mr. Barkley mentioned there are several ways this could happen, and it would have to go to ODOT when and if approved for a last step. He explained the zoning processes that are needed now, stating at this point it is in the property managers hands to complete the needed zoning applications and then the needed variances for those applications. Mr. Barkley has been in contact with the property manager, explaining to him that it is up to them to do their due diligence with all other state and local officials. At this time there is nothing that council would need to do or approve it is all in zoning and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

NEW BUSINESS

RE: EILEEN DRAY BARDEN COLUMBIANA COUNTY PARKS DISTRICT

Ms. Dray Barden was present to discuss signage for the new bike trail along SR 154, ODOT has not released the trail as of yet but when they do the county parks district would like to place a sign similar to the one at the Franklin Square parking for the bike trail. Ms. Dray Barden had a picture of the proposed sign they would like to place, Mayor Wilson ask if the parks district would object to the North Country Trail signage being placed with their sign. Ms. Dray Barden indicated that she did not. Ms. Dray Barden was instructed the parks district will need to complete a sign application and submit it to the zoning department for approval.

RE: ZONING REWRITE REQUEST

Mayor Wilson went into more depth on why he feels the zoning code needs to be finalized by a professional. Both Mr. Barkley and former Council man Berg have done a lot of work on this, however neither specialize in zoning law therefore he would like approval to seek pricing on having the draft of what is complete looked at by someone who does. Mr. Barkley explained the chapters have been established and changes have been made that have been discussed, we are not asking them to start over just review what has been done. The process of making zoning changes was explained to council.

Temple made the motion to approve getting quotes to have the zoning changes reviewed.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes

Motion Passed

RE: NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

Mayor Wilson has had a few requests from residents on establishing a gas aggregation like the electric which was just entered into. He has contacted Trebel Industries regarding doing a study on pricing and if it is reasonable to do, he would like approval to formally have a study completed. The mayor said there is no cost to have the study, council had no issue with completing a study at no cost to the village.

RE: PARKING METERS

Mayor Wilson explained that after the collections and cost for the parking fund the gross was approximately \$10,000.00. He has had several complaints about how the meters are a hinderance and he has made it known during his campaign that he wants the meters removed. He would like approval to continue to have the meters bagged for 6 months when it could be reviewed again. Council woman Hiner indicated that she is against this but would like to have it tabled and put into committee for discussion prior to a decision being made.

Hiner made the motion to table the approval of bagging the meters for 6 months.

Smith 2nd Temple, no; Cox, yes; Donnalley, no; Hiner, yes; Smith, abstain
The mayor broke the tie with a No vote, Motion Failed

Temple made the motion to bag the meters for 6 months.

Donnalley 2nd All Ayes, with Hiner voting no
Motion Passed

RE: APPOINTMENT OF JIM LANDFRIED AND GENE KROTKY TO CEMETERY BOARD

Donnalley made the motion to approve the appointment of Jim Landfried and Gene Krotky to the Cemetery Board at the request of the mayor.

Smith 2nd All Ayes
Motion passed

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2176-2024 – AMENDED YEAR END 2023 APPROPRIATIONS AS AN EMERGENCY

Hiner made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations to pass and ordinance.

Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2176-2024 the amended 2023 annual appropriations as an emergency.

Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2177-2024 – AMENDED YEAR END 2024 APPROPRIATIONS AS AN EMERGENCY

Hiner made the motion to suspend the rules and regulations to pass an ordinance.

Donnalley 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

Hiner made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2177-2024, the amended year end 2024 appropriations as an emergency.

Temple 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: HIRING OF PART TIME OFFICER – J CAMPBELL

Hiner made the motion to hire Jordin Campbell as a part time officer.

Donnalley 2nd All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: LIFEGUARD/POOL MANAGER CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

Donnalley made the motion to run a classified advertisement with an undisclosed ending date to take applications for the positions of life guard and pool manager.

Temple 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

RE: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

A committee of the whole meeting was scheduled for January 16th at 5:15 with an executive session to be held.

RE: ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIC DESIGN AND REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Wilson reported that Teresa Crawford resigned her position, she has moved out of town. He will be accepting letters to fill the vacate seat.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The following reports were submitted to council in their packets: the December bank reconciliation, the December 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 reported the doors and painting are complete at the station, there is some follow up work on the safety bars for the doors, but all is complete. He is requesting approval to again for the department to have access to on line training for the required training at a cost of \$650.00.

Temple made the motion to approve the request for on line training at a cost of \$650.00.

Donnalley 2nd

All Ayes
Motion Passed

Chief Hall reported to council that he is moving forward with condemning the former Nace Building, the building next to the law library, citing ORC code 3767.41. This building is a safety issue, there is no back wall and today large pieces of the metal roofing flew off the building into the road and sidewalk if these would have hit someone, they could have caused significant injury or even death. Chief Hall has contacted both the State Fire Marshall and State Building officer, he was told the Lisbon Landmark Foundation had not submitted plans to the state for any changes to the structure of the building. Council woman Temple ask how long the foundation would have to correct the issues; Chief Hall did not have a specific time limit. Mayor Wilson stating, he is a member of the board for the Lisbon Landmark Foundation, believed the roof was secure, he made a call at 12:30 pm right after being notified and a crane was there by 3:30. He explained the board is not happy with the contractor who did the original work. He took responsibility for the issue as a member of the board.

Chief Hall reported that he will have the 2023 run reports at the next meeting, he believes runs were down about 40 from 2022.

BPA REPORT

Bill Hoover, BPA Chairman reported that it took about 2 weeks to find a leak in town that was losing about 100,000 a day. The leak was located on SR 517, the leak had never surfaced since it was running from a plastic pipe into a

catch basin being discharged into the storm sewer. This leak has since been repaired. There was another leak at Twin Oaks Trailer park over Christmas, this leak was on their side of the service line. The NE Pressure project is moving along, there are still some easements that need to be obtained. The foundation work for the new tank and booster station has started. The annual 3% increase on bills took affect January 1st.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

The most current zoning applications were submitted to council in their packets.

MISCELLANEOUS

With nothing further to come before council, Mayor Wilson adjourned the January 9, 2024 meeting at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Peter Wilson

ATTEST:

Tracey Wonner, Fiscal Officer