LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 8/20/2020 Mayor Shawn Priest

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the regular August session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. No invocation was given and Richard Tolle led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Council Members	Mrs. Rita Smith-Daulton 🖂
	Mr. John Michael 🖂
	Ms. Blythe Pelham 🖂
	Mr. Chris Runyon
	Mr. Richard Tolle 🖂
	Mr.Kenny Worley 🖂
Also Present:	Police Chief Shane Nolley \boxtimes
	Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans
	Solicitor Fred Beery 🖂

Also attending: No visitors

ROLL CALL:

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. John Michael moved and Ken Worley seconded to approve the minutes for the July 23, 2020 regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in July 2020. Blythe Pelham moved and John Michael seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Richard Tolle moved and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded to approve the July 2020 Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No visitors.

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-04

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT TO JAMES LIGHTNER TO THE AREA OF ENCROACHMENT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF EAST STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG, OHIO

*John Michael moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-04. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

****THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION WITH LEGISLATION WITH FISCAL OFFICER TRACY EVANS BEING ABSENT THAT WILL BE CORRECTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Rita Smith-Daulton, of the Police/Fire/Safety Committee, reported the committee met on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Those present were Rita Smith-Daulton, Chris Runyon, Mayor Shawn C. Priest, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans and Police Chief Shane Nolley via cell phone. Kenny Worley was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss hiring of a full-time Police Officer. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans presented cost projections of hiring one or two full-time officers and the possibility of hiring a part-time officer for special events. The Committee recommended the hiring of two full-time officers. In addition, the Committee recommended hiring two part time officers on an as-needed basis. These part-timers would cover special events, vacations, sick time, etc. After discussion, Chief Nolley advised Council that he spoke with both of our current part-time officers and Officer Anthony Wynn was the only officer interested. Officer Shania Thompson wanted to stay part-time.

*John Michael moved and Kenny Worley seconded to make Officer Anthony Wynn full-time. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Shawn C. Priest, reported the Utilities committee met on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Those present were Chairman Kenny Worley, John Michael, and Mayor Shawn C. Priest. Chris Runyon was absent. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss adjusting the utility taps, street sweeper, clean out storm drains, purchase of used utility truck and future plans for a sludge bay. The Committee recommended increasing the utility taps as follows: Water in-corp \$1,600, out of corp \$2000. Sewer in-corp \$2,500, out of corp \$3,000. Purchasing a street broom from Sabina for \$4,000, renting a machine to clean out the storm sewer drains, Kenny Worley will keep an eye on State Purchasing for the utility truck and the Mayor will contact Steve Canter regarding the sludge bay.

*John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to increase the utility taps as stated. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

*Richard Tolle moved and Kenny Worley seconded to purchase a broom for the skid steer. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of July 2020, there were 373 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-232 regular, 14.32 overtime; Officer Stephens-141.52 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson-228 regular, 41.25 overtime, Officer Thompson – 148.5 regular, 0 overtime, Officer Wynn-224.25 regular, 32.25 overtime. There were 2 Traffic Crash Reports, and 16 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 9, Traffic Citations - 32, and Warning Citations - 8. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 690 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 0 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,322 miles driven. Repairs: 0 and Training: 0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

➤ The Police Department has 126 active case reports.

The departments total reports received for the month of July 2020 were 16 reports, a decrease of 11 reported from July 2019.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

None given

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- Administrators Report submitted.
- Administrator Wiget said the Sewer Dept took a big hit in July with 1 sewer pump going bad (\$5,500 to repair), the computer went out (\$3.500 to repair) and we only have one pump running (\$600 to repair).

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$38,723.69 was collected for the month of July 2020.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

- Candle-lite will possibly be adding 400 jobs.
- The Village has had 65 residents use the new credit card payment option in the Utility Dept.
- Resident approached the Mayor regarding a Blessing Box.
- The Farra's, Tolle's and Mason Fence have had the property strip owned by the Village surveyed by McCarty Engineering with the cost of each survey being split with the Village to transfer the property in the residents name.
- The new PD cruiser is in and Chief Nolley is waiting on parts that were not included before it is put in service.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Tornado Siren – Mayor Priest informed Council after speaking with Fire Chief Kenny Stevens they probably would not have any funds to contribute to moving the siren. After discussion, it was decided to put the old siren on a new pole and see how that works.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Priest informed Council that Fred Cox was asking for an adjustment for one of his apartments due to a tenant sticking him with a \$448 bill. Mr. Cox feels he should not be responsible for all of this bill because due to Covid, the Village could not disconnect the tenant and they ran up a big bill then moved out. After discussion Mayor Priest suggested we adjust off the bill to \$221.

*Kenny Worley moved and Richard Tolle seconded to adjust off the utility bill \$221. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- Councilman Kenny Worley said he has heard a complaint regarding the dumpster on Forest Ave. for the renovation of the old apartments. In addition, the back door to the apartments has been standing open. Mayor Priest said she would check in to it.
- Administrator Wiget asked Council about what they can do about the Administrator Bonus. Starting in 2020, the bonus is being heavily taxed. Councilwoman Rita Smith-Daulton asked solicitor Beery what we could do about this. Solicitor Beery stated this bonus can be converted to an hourly wage. Administrator Wiget asked Solicitor Beery if he could speak to Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans about this.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Richard Tolle moved and Blyth Pelham seconded to adjourn. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

*Notes for meeting submitted by Councilwoman Rita Smith Daulton and Mayor Priest.