LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 1/19/2017 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular January session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. No invocation was given and Mayor Snyder led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Mr. Robert Barrett Jr⊠

Ms. Hazel Grooms

Ms. Shawn Priest ⊠

Mr. Chris Runyon

Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠

Mr. Scott Willey ⊠

Also Present: Police Chief Shane Nolley \boxtimes

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠

Solicitor Fred Beery

Also attending: Blythe Pelham, Steven Bush and John Michael.

I. CONSENT CALANDAR:

a. Hazel Grooms moved and Robert Barrett seconded to approve the minutes for December 15, 2016 council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in December 2016. Scott Willey moved and Hazel Grooms seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Blythe Pelham – thanked Chief Nolley and Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans for responding quickly to some questions she had earlier in the month.

Mr. Steven Bush – just observing.

Mr. John Michael – just observing

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SMALL ANNUAL INCREASES IN WATER AND SEWER RATES TO SPREAD THE RATE INCREASES OVER TIME AND PASS AS AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was passed in the December 2016 meeting. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans asked Council to ratify the Ordinance to pass as an emergency which was originally planned.

Shawn Priest moved and Robert Barrett seconded to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance No. 16-06. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Robert Barrett moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Ordinance No. 16-06. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2017 EDITION OF THE OHIO BASIC CODE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Shawn Priest moved and Hazel Grooms seconded to approve Ordinance No. 17-01. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None given.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign.
- ➤ Presented Council with the last amended certificate for 2016 for approval. Robert Barrett moved and Hazel Grooms seconded to approve the last amended certificate for 2016. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans recommended Melissa Tillis be hired for the Utility Clerk position. Ms. Tillis works at the local bank and was recommended by a local business owner and bank employees.

Shawn Priest moved and Robert Barrett seconded to hire Melissa Tillis for the Utility Clerk position. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Nolley reported that for the month of December 2016, there were 443 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-150 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Stephens-140 regular, 20 overtime; Officer Brady-120 regular, 27 overtime; Officer Michael-140 regular, 20.5 overtime and Officer Cottrell-40 regular, 3.5 overtime. There were 3 Traffic Crash Report, and 14 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 3, Traffic Citations -10, and Warning Citations - 16. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2006 Crown Victoria 1,132 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 791 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 784 miles driven. Repairs: \$146.14 and Training: \$0.00

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 91 active case reports.
- The departments total reports received for the month of December 2016 were 14, an increase of 1 report from December 2015.
- ➤ Chief Nolley informed Council the Offense Reports received for 2016 increased by 13, with 220 reports when compared to 2015 which the department handled 207 reports. Arrest reports received for 2016 decreased by 31 reports when compared to 2015 which the department handled 77 arrest reports for the year.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- ➤ Winter banners have been taken down around the Village.
- > Repaired pump meter at water plant.
- Repaired street sign at South and Middle Streets.
- ➤ Placed stone on a berm on Eastern Avenue.
- Spread salt three times.
- Replaced pump motor at the Water Plant. Sending old one out for repair.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

➤ Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$34,656.74 was collected for the month of December 2016.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- ➤ Passed around Council Committee's for 2017.
- ➤ Requested Council abolish the after hour utility reconnections from shutoffs due to the overtime cost. After discussion, Council agreed to abolish the after business hours reconnections. Per Solicitor Beery, no vote by council is needed for the abolishment.
- Lovers Lane project has been approved for the upcoming year. The Village payout for this project will be approximately \$45,000. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans stated the money would come from the Street Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Councilman Richard Tolle informed Council of a need for a street light in the alley that runs adjacent to his property. Currently, Councilman Tolle is paying for a night light but he doesn't feel is it bright enough or that it is his responsibility to light a public alley way. Council agreed a street light should be added since the alley is open and patrolled by our law enforcement. Solicitor Beery stated no vote was needed by Council; this was an Administrator's decision.

Richard Tolle moved and Hazel Grooms seconded to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.