LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 10/19/2017 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular October session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Mayor Freddie 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 C. 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, Steve Bush and Teresa Roberts.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Robert Barrett moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve the minutes with corrections for September 21, 2017 council meeting. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in September 2017. Shawn Priest moved and Hazel Grooms seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Blythe Pelham – just observing

Mr. Steven Bush – just observing

Ms. Teresa Smith – just observing

III. LEGISLATION:

None at this time.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None at this time. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans asked the Finance Committee to meet before the next meeting to discuss raises for 2018 and employee gift cards.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign.
- ➤ Informed Council Main Street Soapery would like to paint a mural on the side of their building to honor veterans and add the beautification of our downtown area. However, the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Abt requested financial help from the Village to go towards the mural. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans passed around a copy of the proposed mural/quote which totaled \$5,000. After discussion, all of Council agreed to donate \$2,000 towards the mural.

*Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to donate \$2,000 towards the Veterans Mural. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- ➤ Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans informed Council she had taken a part-time job with Grow! Highland County to help develop and start up new businesses in Highland County.
- ➤ Informed Council we will need to increase appropriations to pay for all of the street repairs but until the invoice comes in from the Lovers Lane project, the amount of the increase is to be determined. Solicitor Beery stated Council could give Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans the go ahead to pay the invoice and increase appropriations if waiting for the council meeting would make the payment late.

*Robert Barrett moved and Chris Runyon seconded to allow Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to increase appropriations and pay the street repair invoice. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion passed.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of August 2017, there were 540 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-150 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 15 overtime; Officer Brady-97 regular, 7 overtime; Officer Michael-81 regular, 10 overtime and Officer Cottrell-103.5 regular, 22 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Report, and 28 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations -8, and Warning Citations - 6. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 22 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 844 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,727 miles driven. Repairs: \$178.52 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 84 active case reports.

 The departments total reports received for the month of September 2017 were 28, an increase of 9 reports from August 2016.
- ➤ Ptl. Brady attended Bureau of Workers Compensation training on September 27, 2017.
- ➤ Chief Nolley has sent 13 letters certified regarding junk vehicles with 4 of them being removed to date.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

None at this time.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

➤ Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$43,205.01 was collected for the month of September 2017.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

➤ Mayor Snyder informed Council the Lovers Lane project and street repair project done by Miller Mason Paving is complete.

MISCELLANEOUS:

➤ Councilman Robert Barrett stated the flowers in the downtown area looked great this year. In addition, Councilman Barrett asked the status of the Brokaw Building and if the Village was taking ownership of it? Solicitor Beery stated after we receive the inspection report, he could file and claim on behalf of the Village. The court would then appoint a receiver of the property. This is the first step. The receiver can then abate the nuisance by receiving three bids to

- repair what is needed. The receiver would then have the first chance to purchase the property and not have to pay the taxes.
- ➤ Councilman Barrett asked Council if the Village was still planning a second mural panel as previously discussed. Council agreed to have one more final panel constructed to complete the mural.
- Solicitor Beery stated to Council that he sent a second letter out to the Solar Light Company with all of the repair totals seeking compensation for the damage. If the company does not respond this time, we may need to file a claim in Small Claims court.
- ➤ Richard Tolle moved and Robert Barrett seconded to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Roll call vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned.