

LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

8/17/2017

Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular July session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, August 17, 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

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans

Solicitor Fred Beery

Also attending: Blythe Pelham, Steve Bush, Mark Allen, Mike Greene and John Michael.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Chris Runyon moved and Hazel Grooms seconded to approve the minutes for July 20, 2017 council meeting. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in July 2017. Scott Willey moved and Shawn Priest 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

Mr. Mark Allen and Mr. Mike Greene approached Council regarding the water drainage on Locust Street causing flooding within the apartment buildings. The residents of the apartments are receiving a lot of damage due to the water flow and their insurance policies are not covering it. Council agreed the water problem on Locust has come up at Council meetings before and been an ongoing problem. Council agreed to have the problem checked by Environmental Engineering and see what they recommend on rather or not the Village would need to add some more storm sewer drains. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans asked Solicitor Fred Beery what fund storm sewer drains would come out of and he stated storm sewers need their own fund that will have to be self-sufficient from revenue collected from the residents. Therefore, a fund would have to set-up and residents would have to start being billed for storm sewer. Council would like to do a temporary fix now and try to come up with a solution for long term.

Mr. John Michael informed Council the parking lot located at the corner of Pope Street and Eastern Avenue has a lot of loose gravel and twice he has almost witnessed an accident as a result. Solicitor Fred Beery stated it was the Village's responsibility to keep the gravel clear and stated we need to establish a perimeter for the parking lot.

III. LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-06

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE WATER OPERATING FUND.

*Robert Barrett moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Resolution No. 17-06. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion passed.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None at this time.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign.
- Asked Solicitor Beery if it was okay to go ahead and repair the mural even though we haven't heard anything from the company that sold us the faulty light. Solicitor Beery stated the Village could go ahead with the repairs and he would send a letter to the company with the estimated cost of the repairs and send it to the company. Solicitor Beery stated no vote was needed from council for the repairs.
- Requested income tax refunds for \$69, \$9.51 and \$17.

*Robert Barrett moved and Hazel Grooms seconded to approve the above tax refunds. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion passed.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of July 2017, there were 473 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 8 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Brady-112.5 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Michael-104 regular, 10 overtime and Officer Cottrell-90.5 regular, .5 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Report, and 24 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 0, Traffic Citations -3, and Warning Citations - 7. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2006 Crown Victoria out of service, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 589 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 2,002 miles driven. Repairs: \$532.98 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 77 active case reports.
The departments total reports received for the month of July 2017 were 24, a decrease of 1 reports from July 2016.
- All officers received annual Taser training on July 14, 2017 and Intranasal Naloxone Administration training on July 25, 2017.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- Disassembled solar light to send off to the company.
- Spray for weeds around entire Village.
- Cut outs patched on Eastern Avenue.
- Cleaned curbs getting ready for painting.
- Painted and trimmed bathroom walls at Municipal Building.
- Trimmed trees on High Street.
- Replaced non-potable pump at Sewer Plant.
- Hung metal on the Water Plant Building.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$42,848.17 was collected for the month of July 2017.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- Mayor Snyder informed Council he received three bids for the Eastern Avenue project from Locust Street to 771. They are as follows: Cox Paving: \$31,282.03; Binegar: \$24,998.00; Miller Mason Paving: \$23,325.00. Solicitor Beery stated unless the project total is \$50,000 or over, we do not have to advertise the bids. In addition, Chris Fauber from the Highland County Engineer's office suggested we install a curb from Kimberly to Eastern Ave. so we don't have to skim the bank where the water lines are located.
- Met with Patriot Engineering and they are going to remove the one remaining gas tank along the railroad tracks for the Village free of charge with grant money.
- Commended Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans on a job well done for the 2015-2016 audit. No discrepancies reported.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Richard Tolle moved and Scott Willey seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Roll call vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned.