

LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL
9/21/2017
Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular September session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, September 21, 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, John Michael, Ryan Lewis ad Jessica Brown.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a Robert Barrett moved and Chris Runyon seconded to approve the minutes with corrections for August 17, 2017 council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in August 2017. Scott Willey moved and Richard Tolle seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Blythe Pelham – just observing

Mr. Steven Bush – just observing

Mr. John Michael – just observing

Mr. Ryan Lewis – just observing

Ms. Jessica Brown – owns the property located at 343 South Street. Ms. Brown wants to upgrade her current trailer to a double-wide and place it on the same foundation. Ms. Brown passed around a picture of the double wide she was purchasing for Council to view. In addition, Ms. Brown stated she wasn't going to do the upgrade at this time but in the near future.

*Richard Tolle moved and Chris Runyon seconded to grant a variance on Ordinance No. 06-05 (To Regulate the Use of Trailers in the Village) to Jessica Brown. Roll call vote 5-0, motion carried,

III. LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-07

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX
LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

*Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve Resolution No. 17-07. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 17-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JIM HENRY, SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER FOR EP FERRIS AND ASSOICATES, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

*Scott Willey moved and Shawn Priest seconded to approve Resolution No. 17-08. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-02

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC WAY IN THE VILLAGE
(Betty Kerns property)

*Robert Barrett moved and Richard Tolle seconded to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

*Scott Willey moved and Shawn Priest seconded to approve Ordinance No. 17-02. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO JOIN A COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PURPOSE OF INITIATING LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Robert Barrett moved and Scott Willey seconded to suspend the three reading rule. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

*Shawn Priest moved and Robert Barrett seconded to approve Ordinance No. 17-03. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

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.
- Abt Family Farms are opening a new business in the building downtown previously owned by Mr. Randy Houck.
- Requested income tax refund for \$18.

*Chris Runyon moved and Robert Barrett seconded to approve the above tax refund. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of August 2017, there were 529 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-240 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Stephens-240 regular, 1 overtime; Officer Brady-138 regular, 7 overtime; Officer Michael-161 regular, 3 overtime and Officer Cottrell-135.5 regular, 5 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Report, and 18 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 4, Traffic Citations -6, and Warning Citations - 10. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2006 Crown Victoria out of service, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 888 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,718 miles driven. Repairs: \$80 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 August 2017 were 18, a decrease of 10 reports from August 2016.

- Chief Nolley attended mandatory training covering the 1033 program on August 9, 2017. Officer Brady and Officer Michael attended Subject Control at OPOTA on August 23, 2017 which was part of the 2017 CPT.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- Changed oil in the mowers.
- Repaired water leak on Arch Street.
- Loaded sludge bags.
- Repaired water leak at 263 West Main Street which was causing the Village to lose 35,000 gallons of water a day.
- Removed a tree from a street light on Eastern Avenue.
- Used the weed eater on Rock Street and sprayed the Ball Park and Roadside Rest.
- Lovers Lane slated to be completed the first week of October.
- Hung metal on the Water Plant Building.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$30,098.60 was collected for the month of August 2017.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- Mayor Snyder informed Council the Festival and firework show went great and the Village received a plaque from the Lion's Club for our support of the Festival.
- Invoice for the dirt portion the Village owes to Fillmore Construction for the Lovers Lane project totaled \$20,686.00.
- Mr. Steve Canter from Environmental Engineering inspected the water problem on Locust Street and stated the problem is not the Village's responsibility. The apartments owned by Fred Cox need to change their drainage system and the new parking lot on the Church of Christ property needs to reroute their water run-off. Solicitor Beery stated we can't use tax payer's dollars to pay for project on personal property. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans asked Solicitor Beery if we can have Environmental Engineering write up their evaluation and give a copy of it to the Fred Cox and the Church of Christ. Solicitor Beery stated yes, we could. In addition, every building permit now has to have a storm drainage plan accompany it before approval can be obtained.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Councilman Robert Barrett brought up the reoccurring problem with old vehicles everywhere around town and feels like the problem is getting worse. All of Council agreed. Chief Nolley stated there is an Ordinance in place stating vehicles must be registered and operable or they are declared junk vehicles. Chief Nolley stated if a vehicle sits on the street for forty-eight hours or more, Chief can have them removed. Solicitor Beery stated he would draw up a letter for Chief Nolley to send to residents that may have junk abandoned vehicles on the Street or on their property.

- Solicitor Beery stated to Council that he sent a letter out to the Solar Light Company with all of the repair totals seeking compensation for the damage.
- Richard Tolle moved and Robert Barrett seconded to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.