# LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 5/17/2018 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular May session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Robert Barrett Jr. led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Ms. Shawn C. Priest ⊠

Mr. John Michael ⊠

Mr. Chris Runyon ⊠

Mr. Morgan Sheppard ⊠

Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠

Mr. Scott Willey ⊠

**Also Present:** Police Chief Shane Nolley  $\boxtimes$ 

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠

Solicitor Fred Beery ⊠

Also attending: Rick Mason, Robert Barrett Jr., Blythe Pelham, Steve Bush, Doug Roush, Alice Teeters and Spencer Boone.

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Morgan Sheppard moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve the regular minutes for the April 19, 2018 council meeting. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

B. Council reviewed the bills paid in April 2018. Shawn Priest moved and John Michael 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. Robert Barrett – just observing

Ms. Teresa Smith – just observing

Mr. Doug Roush – just observing

Mr. Rick Mason – resides at the corner of Kennedy and Main Street and stated the Village needs to place a speed sign and children at play sign in that location due to it being a high traffic area. High speeders are warned but they need to be penalized. Administrator Fred Hattan said he would check and see if the village has any signs they could put up and Chief Nolley stated the Police Department would continue to monitor.

Ms. Alice Teeters – approached Council regarding the demolition of the Depot. Ms. Teeters asked Council if it would be okay for her to contact the railroad and inform them she has \$100,000 in grant money. Mayor Snyder stated he told the person from the railroad there were a group of individuals interested in taking over the Depot and making the necessary repairs and he said no, it was coming down.

Mr. Spencer Boone – asked Council why they voted no at the last meeting on hiring a new Police Officer? Mayor Snyder stated the reason was due to financing. Appropriations are done in January and it is hard to add additional money in the middle of the year. Mr. Boone asked Council if they would review the possibility for a new Police Officer next year. Mayor Snyder stated yes. Resident Blythe Pelham asked why

we had all the extra meetings regarding hiring a new Police Officer if we did not have the money.

#### III. LEGISLATION:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-01**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-19) FOR ROAD SALT

WHEREAS, the Village of Leesburg, Highland County (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual winter road salt bid (018-19) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT winter road salt contract:

Shawn Priest moved and John Michael seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-01. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-02**

# ADOPTION OF A PLAN UNDER THE PROGRAM BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER (Resolution for the Village Employees to join Ohio Deferred Compensation)

Shawn Priest moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to approve Resolution No. 18-02. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion passed.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Shawn Priest, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the committee met with Teresa Smith. The purpose of the meeting was discuss the request from Teresa Smith of a \$3.00/hour increase. In addition, Mrs. Smith brought information from what other city/villages pay their Utility Clerks. After much discussion, Council rejected any request for raises at this time for Mrs. Smith, and for Administrator Fred Hattan. (See the Misc. section of these minutes)

Councilman Chris Runyon, Chairman of the Police and Safety Committee reported the committee met on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Chris Runyon, Richard Tolle and Shawn C. Priest. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss pertinent police topics including personnel; adding/changing/scheduling and last month's meeting. After discussion, the Committee recommended better communications between Council and Police Department. In addition, Councilman Chris Runyon thanked Chief Nolley for doing what he needed to do to help the budget by rescheduling the police officer's hours.

#### V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

## **Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:**

- ➤ Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign, including the monthly credit card statement.
- ➤ Informed Council a request was received to provide lunch, every other Friday at the park, for the low-income children of our community.

  \*Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve the lunch request. Roll call vote 5-0 (Councilman Richard Tolle had to leave the meeting at 8:35 PM).

#### **Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:**

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of April 2018, there were 440 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 2.0 ot/holiday; Officer Stephens-160 regular, 0.0 ot/holiday; Officer Brady-80 regular, 4.0 ot/holiday; Officer Michael-108.5 regular, 0.0 ot/holiday and Officer Cottrell-110.5

regular, 0.0 ot/holiday. Special Detail – 99.9 hours. There were 2 Traffic Crash Reports, and 24 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations -6, and Warning Citations - 10. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 952 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 534 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,230 miles driven. Repairs: \$178.52 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 104 active case reports.

  The departments total reports received for the month of April 2018 were 24, an increase of 7 reports from April 2017.
- ➤ Officers Stephens, Michael and Brady attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Chief Nolley and Officer Stephens, and Cottrell attended Overdose death Investigation and Prosecution.
- ➤ Chief Nolley informed Council he is meeting with a representative from Galls regarding police vest.

# **Report of Utility/Streets Department:**

Administrators Report submitted. No Action.

## **Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:**

➤ Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$63,985.07 was collected for the month of April 2018.

# Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

➤ None given.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Brokaw Building Per Solicitor Beery, we have 28 days of publication of nuisance.
- ➤ George Phillips property Per Solicitor Beery, we have 28 days of publication of nuisance.
- ➤ Depot (See Alice Teeters under the visitor section)
- ➤ Coyote Manufacturing Council questions why they are only paying a minimum sewer bill when they have several employees. Administrator Hattan stated it was because of an original agreement (the Village has no record of) that was made between Coyote and the Village before they opened. Solicitor Beery stated the terms of the agreement could be renegotiated. In addition, the Village needs to ask Coyote to produce a copy of the original agreement and the Administrator needs to sit down with them and discuss this further.
- ➤ Solar Light Solicitor Beery stated their insurance company is having an engineering company do an analysis on the defective light to try and stop the suit.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Administrator Fred Hattan asked for a raise of \$3.00/hour or \$875/month for Administrator pay. Mr. Hattan stated the job is a lot of work and responsibility for very low pay. After discussion, Council rejected Mr. Hattan's request for a raise or increase on his monthly Administrators salary, so Mr. Hattan handed in his two weeks resignation effective Friday, June 2, 2018.
- ➤ Morgan Sheppard moved and Shawn Priest seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:34 PM to discuss personnel and employee discipline. Out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

➤ Utility Clerk Teresa Smith presented Council with a request for a donation for Fairfield Student Christian Ursell. Mr. Ursell was chosen by his teachers to attend the Ambassador Leadership Summit. Due to the expense of the summit, his family is asking for donations of support. After discussion, Council agreed upon \$100 donation to sponsor Mr. Ursell.

\*Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to sponsor Mr. Ursell for \$100. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- ➤ Councilman Richard Tolle had to leave the meeting at 8:35 PM.
- > Councilman John Michael thanked Chief Nolley for allowing his officers attend the active training drill hosted by Fairfield Local Schools.
- ➤ Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. (Richard Tolle had to leave at 8:35PM) Meeting adjourned.