# LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 3/21/2019 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular March session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Councilman Richard Tolle led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Mr. John Michael ⊠

Ms. Shawn C. Priest ⊠

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: Haylee Johnson, Jeremy Jones, Blythe Pelham, Steve Bush, Jason Wiget, Kim Pavey, Bridget Campbell, Rita Smith Daulton, Cheyenne Harris, Kenny Worley, and Tim Howard.

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. John Michael moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2019 council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- b. Morgan Sheppard moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve the minutes for the February 26, 2019 Special council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- c. Council reviewed the bills paid in February 2019. John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Ms. Haylee Johnson and Mr. Jeremy Jones informed Council the location they previously got approved by Council to place their single-wide home was not going to work out with the gravity sewer. Ms. Johnson stated they are going to now move their single-wide at the top of the hill by Wanda Tolle's (Jeremy's grandma) property if approved by council.

\*Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve a variance for Haylee Johnson and Jeremy Jones to move their single-wide to the top of the hill by Wanda Tolle's property. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Blythe Pelham – just observing

Mr. Steven Bush – just observing

Mr. Jason Wiget – introduced to Council as being the new Utility Department laborer for the Village of Leesburg.

Mrs. Kim Pavey – informed Council she was representing the Festival Committee. The date of this year's festival will be August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse. The committee has been getting some good ideas and they want the festival to be a more positive experience by getting the entire community involved. This year's festival will be a smaller scale and more community driven. If the Council or anyone in the community

has any questions or ideas for the festival, please contact Paige Juillerat, Kim Pavey or Casey McIntosh.

Mrs. Bridget Campbell – just observing

Mrs. Rita Smith Daulton – just observing

Ms. Cheyenne Harris – downtown business owner, approached Council about organizing a community clean- up day. Ms. Harris's goal for the clean-up is to involve the entire community to participate by cleaning up their properties as well as assisting, with the downtown area clean-up. Ms. Harris would like to schedule Saturday, May 18, 2019 as the Village of Leesburg Clean-up Day.

Mr. Kenny Worley – just observing

Mr. Tim Howard – informed Council First Stop Gas Station in Leesburg was changing the price of items at the register and selling outdated food. Council informed Mr. Howard they could not do anything about the prices that First Stop charges but Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans gave him a complaint form from the Health Department regarding the outdated food. Tracy Evans told Mr. Howard if would bring the form filled out back to her that she could fax it to the Health Department. Mr. Howard then informed Council he would haul away junk and metal for the village and donate the proceeds back.

# III. LEGISLATION:

# ORDINANCE NO. 19-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2019 EDITION OF THE OHIO BASIC CODE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to accept Ordinance No. 19-01. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 19-02

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Ordinance No. 19-02. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-02**

Shawn Priest moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-02. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

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

➤ Councilwoman Shawn Priest, of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, March 4, 2019. Those present were Chairman Shawn Priest, John Michael, Chris Runyon, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans and Mayor Freddie Snyder. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2019 appropriations. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans went over every single line item of the appropriations and gave examples of what was charged to each line item. Councilwoman Priest stated there was no wiggle room with the appropriations, and no money for extra expenditures. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the 2019 appropriations. \*In addition, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans offered to go over the appropriations line by line with any Council member at their convenience.

### V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

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

- ➤ Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- ➤ Presented Council with a report from Income Tax Clerk Dorothy Vance which included refunds for \$120 and \$123.
  - \*Morgan Sheppard moved and Richard Tolle seconded to accept the Income Tax Report. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried
- ➤ Requested Council consider joining Comp Management for \$285 contingent to Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans confirming the Village will benefit from the membership.
  - \*Shawn Priest moved and John Michael seconded to join Comp Management with the contingency. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- ➤ Reminded Council they requested the Policy Book be evaluated and Council decided this needed to be done by all of Council, not just the Ad Hoc Committee.

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

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of February 2019, there were 388 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 18.5 overtime; Officer Stephens-152 regular, 8 overtime; Officer Brady-139 regular, 27.5 overtime; Officer Cottrell-124 regular, 27 overtime; Officer Dawson – 140.5 regular, 25 overtime. There were 4 Traffic Crash Report, and 17 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests – 3, Traffic Citations – 5, and Warning Citations – 5. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 1,194 miles driven, Unit 2 – 2005 Ford Explorer – 480 miles driven, Unit 3 – 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,076 miles driven. Repairs: \$45.40 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

➤ The Police Department has 110 active case reports.

The departments total reports received for the month of February 2019 were 17, a decrease of 4 reports from February 2018.

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

- > Administrator's Report submitted.
- A sewer pump for the Industrial Park and one home grinder pump broke down and need repaired.

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

- ➤ Mrs. Vance reported that \$37,294.41 was collected for the month of January 2019.
- ➤ Passed out copies of HB 49 for all of Council to review.

# **Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:**

- ➤ Brian Temple's property has been posted for a delapitated shed about to collapse in to the alley. Mr. Temple has been given 30 days to repair it or remove it.
- Mayor Snyder confirmed with the Leesburg Post Office the utility bills stay in Leesburg and are not sent off to Cincinnati or Columbus for processing. Therefore, Utility Clerk Teresa Smith now gives the bills to Chief Nolley to

- deliver to the Post Office when complete. Chief Nolley delivers the bills and records the time and date they were delivered to the Post Office.
- ➤ Highland County Recycle is offering tire pick-up in June. The cost for each tire will be \$3 and this is offered for automobile tires only.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- ➤ Brokaw Building Mayor Snyder met with Solicitor Beery to finalize the property transaction. Currently waiting on the title to transfer the property to Dianna Fordyce.
- George Philips property pictures have been submitted to Judge McKenna for the nuisance abatement. There are five individuals interested in cleaning up this property. However, this will be up to Judge McKenna to decide.
- ➤ Depot Mr. Kenny Worley updated Council and said the Depot has been sold to an individual Leesburg family. The problem is, there is a contract involved with a lot of stipulations that cannot be agreed on. Both parties are trying to work out a solution. CSX sill be selling the Depot and the parcel it sits on and a small part of the street. Mr. Worley stated if the deal goes through, the family will donate the street back to the Village.

# **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans and Chief Shane Nolley brought Ordinance No. 1994-10 that deals with livestock within the Village limits and states that all animals must be contained. It does not state that in corporation residents cannot have them. At the time, the Ohio Basic Code dealt with animal livestock. However, the new Basic Code does not. Chief Nolley reported he knows of a family that may want to have pigs as some point and time within the Village limits and he thinks this Ordinance needs re-evaluated. After discussion, Council decided to turn this over to Solicitor Beery.
- Councilman Morgan Sheppard requested that Council consider having two monthly meetings.
- ➤ Richard Tolle moved and Scott Willey seconded to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.