# LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 4/18/2019 Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular April session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and Councilman John Michael 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: Jennifer Thackston, Blythe Pelham, Steve Bush, Rita Smith Daulton and Kenny Worley.

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. John Michael moved and Shawn Priest seconded to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2019 council meeting. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in March 2019. 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. Kenny Worley – updated Council from the Depot Committee that a contract has been signed along with a check for \$5,000 to the railroad.

Mrs. Rita Smith Daulton – just observing

Mrs. Jennifer Thackston – asked Council the status of closing Cheryl Street/Alley. In addition, Mrs. Thackston asked Council why they wanted to waste time and money on fighting this when only two residents used it. She asked Council to do the right thing and to vacate it. Solicitor Beery stated Thackston's attorney stated that if we don't close the alley, they are taking us to court. Mrs. Thackston presented Council with a letter from Fire Chief Kenny Stevens stating the alley/street in question was not used by the Fire Department. In addition, it was determined that Councilman Richard Tolle would be ineligible to vote on this matter. After discussion from both parties, Solicitor Beery stated there is a resident that wants (Cheryl Street/Alley) open and there is a resident that wants it closed and that this matter will probably end up in court anyway and told Council that maybe they should just let the courts decide. Council decided to give the public a chance to speak regarding this issue and decided to have a Special Council meeting on April 22, 2019. Council asked Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to do a one call to the residents regarding this meeting and to advertise accordingly to give the public notification.

#### III. LEGISLATION:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-03**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SAL CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2019.

Morgan Sheppard moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Resolution No. 19-03. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

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

➤ Councilman John Michael, of the Personnel Committee, reported the committee met on Monday, March 27, 2019. Those present were Chairman John Michael, Shawn Priest, Scott Willey and Mayor Freddie Snyder. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss low police man power and the policy regarding vacation/sick time for part time police officers. The Committee recommended to hire a 3<sup>rd</sup> full time employee and try to bump up the part-time pool of police employees. Nothing was decided about the vacation/sick time.

### 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 a quote for a new computer for the Utility Department. Solicitor Beery said no vote was needed as long as the funds were appropriated.
- ➤ Requested Council waive an outstanding utility bill of \$165.33 for 237 ½ South Railroad Street. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans informed Council the property belonged to Mr. Fred Cox and this property was shut-off for non-payment. However, the Village did not lock the meter after it was shut off and the tenant turned it back on accumulating a charge of \$165.33. \*Shawn Priest moved and John Michael seconded to waive the utility bill in the amount of \$165.33 for 237 ½ South Railroad Street. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.
- Presented Council with a report from Income Tax Clerk Dorothy Vance which included refunds for \$122, \$29, \$43, \$45.82 and \$10.
   \*Morgan Sheppard moved and Scott Willey seconded to accept the Income Tax Report. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.
- > Presented Council with the new time clocks with the finger print punch.

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

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of March 2019, there were 448 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Stephens-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Brady-61 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Cottrell-125.25 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson – 115 regular, 0 overtime. There were 0 Traffic Crash Report, and 23 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations -0, and Warning Citations - 1. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 1,209 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 285 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,264 miles driven. Repairs: \$0 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 94 active case reports.

  The departments total reports received for the month of March 2019 were 23, an increase of 2 reports from March 2018.
- Received the resignation of Ptl. Bobby Cottrell, he will be leaving the department on April 21, 2019 due to accepting a full time position with Adena Health in Chillicothe as a police officer. I would like to thank Ptl. Cottrell for his time at the Leesburg Police Department and wish him the best of luck with his new position.

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

Administrator's Report submitted.

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

➤ Mrs. Vance reported that \$31,982.38 was collected for the month of March 2019.

## **Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:**

- Informed Council the Village owns a 2001 pick-up truck that no longer runs and would like to put it out for sealed bids.
- Received a bid to clean up the Temple property for \$1,000.
- Saturday, May 18, 2019 has been set for the Village clean-up day
- ➤ Village wide tire pick-up has been set for June 9, 2019.

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mayor Snyder informed Council the Village needed to appoint a Platting Committee to deal with the several street issues we currently have in the Village according to the County Auditor. Solicitor Beery said a Platting Committee is formed by the Mayor appointing three residents, (with 2, 4, and 6 year terms) and Council electing one member of Council to reside on the commission. Jennifer Thackston spoke up and stated she would like to be appointed to the Platting Committee for the 2 year term so Mayor Snyder appointed her for the term requested. In addition, Mayor Snyder appointed Jim Cook and Danny Daulton to serve the 4 and 6 year terms contingent to them accepting the commission.
  - \*Scott Willey moved and John Michael seconded to appoint Shawn Priest to represent the Council on the Platting Committee. Roll call vote 5-1 with Shawn Priest abstaining. Motion carried.
- ➤ The Village is currently at 70 Veterans Banners and we are cutting it off at 80 due to lack of room.
- ➤ George Phillips property Mayor Snyder reported this case has went through the court and Mr. Phillips has 60 days to abate the nuisance. Mayor Snyder stated the Village has bid forms for any contractor wishing to make a bid to tear the property down. If any money is made from selling the property lot, the proceeds are to be divided as follows: 1.) Demo/abatement cost 2.) Pay off Real Estate Taxes 3.) any leftover proceeds go to Mr. Phillips.
- ➤ Brokaw property Deed settled and signed over to Mrs. Dianna Fordyce.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- ➤ Councilwoman Shawn Priest informed Council she was approached by a downtown business owner who would like to see the Leesburg Luminary revived by decorating the down town area more including the mural area.
- Morgan Sheppard moved and Shawn Priest seconded to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned. Councilman Tolle left the meeting before adjournment.