LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 10/15/2020 Mayor Shawn Priest

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the regular October session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. No invocation was given and Chief Shane Nolley led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Mrs. Rita Smith-Daulton

Mr. John Michael ⊠

Ms. Blythe Pelham ⊠

Mr. Chris Runyon

Mr. Richard Tolle \boxtimes

Mr. Kenny Worley ⊠

Also Present: Police Chief Shane Nolley \boxtimes

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠

Solicitor Fred Beery

Also attending: Mrs. Dianna Robertson Fordyce

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Kenny Worley moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2020 regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.
- b. Council reviewed the bills paid in September 2020. John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.
- c. Blythe Pelham moved, and Kenny Worley seconded to approve the September 2020 Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mrs. Dianna Robertson Fordyce – thanked Council for the tire-pick-up and the dumpsters for Village clean-up day.

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-05

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT TO JAMES LIGHTNER TO THE AREA OF ENCROACHMENT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF EAST STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG, OHIO

3rd and final reading.

Kenny Worley moved, and Richard Tolle seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-05. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-06

AN ORDINANCE TO SET RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER TAP-IN FEES IN THE VILLAGE

Ms. Blythe Pelham moved, and John Michael seconded to approve Ordinance No. 20-06. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None currently.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of September 2020, there were 340 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 8 overtime; Officer Dawson-150 regular, 22.5 overtime, Officer Thompson – 82.5 regular, 8 overtime, Officer Wynn-139 regular, 19.25 overtime. There were 2 Traffic Crash Reports, and 10 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 12, Traffic Citations - 20, and Warning Citations - 14. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 538 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2020 Police Interceptor – 313 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,154 miles driven. Repairs: \$1,190.40 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 95 active case reports.
- The departments total reports received for the month of September 2020 were 10 reports, a decrease of 3 reported from September 2019.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- ➤ Currently waiting on McCarty's Engineering to complete the survey on Depot Street before we can transfer the property to the Tolle's, Farra's, and Mason Fence Company.

Report of Utility/Streets Department:

- No Administrators Report submitted.
- Administrator Wiget reported that hydrants have been flushed.
- ➤ Informed Council the water tower has a crack in the structure. To repair the tower will require a diver to come in to make the repairs and Administrator Wiget is waiting on the quote for repairs.

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$48.135.08 was collected for the month of September 2020.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

- Mayor Priest informed Council she feels the Village needs to go ahead and make South Street a no truck zone. Mayor said she has talked to Chief Nolley about this and they both confer this needs to happen. After discussion, Council decided to put up signs reflecting that South Street is a no truck zone.
 - *Kenny Worley moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded to put up "No Truck Zone" signs for South Street. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried. Mayor Priest said she has talked to Candle-Lite regarding Mr. Jamison Carpenter, a resident on South Street who had to pay for a new electric line after a semi-truck tore it down, and Candle-lite agreed to reimburse the resident for the line. In addition, the Mayor said she talked to DP&L and they agreed to raise the electric line on South Street.
- Mayor has met with a gentleman that would like to purchase the store and reopen it. Mayor Priest stated she has spoken to three different people from Chase Bank and they are researching to see what they can find out. The

- Mayor said she informed them the store is currently a health hazard and if they do not do something soon, the Village will take it over.
- ➤ Mayor Priest and Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans will be meeting on Friday, October 16th with Fairfield Local's Superintendent Tim Detweiller, Principal Steve Hackett and Candle-lite to determine what kind of signs we can use to recognize our student athlete's achievements.
- Mayor Priest informed Council we recently found out we can use the Corona Virus funds to replace ALL of our water meters with remote meters. The Village will receive \$93,000 in funds that we can use towards this project. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans stated the \$93,000 will pay for the meters but we will need to get a loan for the installation and necessary towers.
- ➤ The Village installed a camera on the Utility Payment Box.
- ➤ Halloween will be on Thursday, October 29 from 6-8 PM.
- ➤ While looking through the minutes for July 26, 2006 for the auditors, it was discovered that three or more trailers placed together is considered a trailer park and we have several areas in Leesburg that have three or more trailers. Councilman Kenny Worley asked what is considered a double wide or modular home. Administrator Wiget stated that Village Ordinance regarding trailers states that if the home has a title or wheels it cannot be in the Village. Councilman Worley stated a modular has a steel frame but has wheels and he does not feel a modular should be included in this Ordinance. Mayor Priest stated she would call the County Auditor's Office and find out the difference between a single/double wide and a modular home. Mayor Priest said after she receives the information, she will turn this over to the Housing Committee.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mayor Priest informed Council the pole for the Tornado Siren will cost the Village \$500, plus an addition \$2,000 for labor, \$900 for a crane, and \$1,000 for the bracket. None of the items will be donated as we had originally thought. Mayor Priest will call Sheriff Barrera and confirm if we are required to have a tornado siren. In addition, Dave Bushelman is looking for some grant money for the Village.
- Regarding abandoned properties Mayor Priest has contacted Rumpke regarding the dumpster at the apartments on Forest Avenue that have been there for over a year. Rumpke stated the bill has not been paid and that is why the dumpster is still sitting there. Mayor Priest said she has called the owner of the apartments, Lonnie Lewis and told him if the dumpster is not removed soon, the Village will go in and clean up the mess and access it on his taxes.
- ➤ Regarding the property on Railroad Street the have mowed but nothing else has been done. The Village will send them a certified letter.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

➤ Councilman Kenny Worley feels like we need to address the County Shopper that is being thrown out to all the properties in Leesburg and are never picked up by the residents. Councilman Worley stated he feels this is creating a lot of trash around town and they are blocking the storm sewer drains.

MISCELLANEOUS

Richard Tolle moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.