### LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 6/29/2020 Mayor Shawn Priest

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the regular June session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. No invocation was given and Mrs. Rita Smith-Daulton led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Council Members

Council Members Mrs. Rita Smith-Daulton ⊠ Mr. John Michael Ms. Blythe Pelham ⊠ Mr. Chris Runyon ⊠ Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠ Mr. Kenny Worley ⊠ Police Chief Shane Nolley ⊠ Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠ Solicitor Fred Beery

Also attending: Dianna Robertson Fordyce, Terri Hafer, Kenny Fife and Fred Cox. I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Rita Smith-Daulton moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2020 regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in June 2020. Kenny Worley moved and Richard Tolle seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

c. Rita Smith-Daulton moved and Chris Runyon seconded to approve the May 2020 Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

### **II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mrs. Dianna Robertson-Fordyce thanked Council for supporting her granddaughters business The Hunny Hive. Also, Mrs. Fordyce informed Council the roof on the corner owned by Doc Flannery needs to be repaired and is an overall nuisance. Councilwoman Blythe Pelham told Mrs. Fordyce the roof will be discussed later on in the meeting.

Mrs. Terri Hafer approached Council about the new stop sign on Kennedy Blvd. being a big problem. Mrs. Hafer said her oldest grandson got stopped by the police but they didn't actually see him run the sign, it was a complaint from a neighbor. Mrs. Hafer feels her grandson is being targeted by the police because he is bi-racial. Mrs. Hafer stated her grandson was with his girlfriend on Kennedy and they were stopped by the police and the officer called for back-up. Mrs. Hafer felt like this was very excessive and unnecessary. Mayor Priest intervened and said she watched the video and both Mrs. Hafer's grandson and the girlfriend were very disrespectful to the police and she felt the Police Department were justified in what they did. Mrs. Hafer stated she agreed her grandson shouldn't have acted that way but she feels this is an ongoing problem. Mayor Priest stated that Mrs. Hafer needs to back off from this because her grandson was very disrespectful. Chief Nolley said the girlfriend was not given a ticket over the incident. In addition, Chief Nolley said the solution for everyone would be to stop at the sign. Mayor Priest thanked Mrs. Hafer for coming and said we would keep an eye on the situation.

Mr. Kenny Fife approached Council regarding the small trailer that he pulled onto his property. Mr. Fife stated he was given a trailer from Derek Fetters that had belonged

to Dean Fetters. Mr. Fife apologized to Council because he thought it was okay to move the trailer on his property because the trailer was already there (grandfathered in). Mr. Fife says he really enjoys this trailer and asked what he could do to be in compliance. Councilwoman Blythe Pelham said the Ordinance states a trailer is not allowed if it will be lived in and since it is not going to be, she feels Mr. Fife is not in violation.

\*Blythe Pelham moved and Kenny Worley seconded to allow Mr. Fifes trailer. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Fred Cox approached Council regarding the property he owns, formally owned by George Phillips. Currently, there are three parcel on that property and Mr. Cox would like to turn it in to four parcels each being <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acre lots.

\*Blythe Pelham moved and Chris Runyon seconded to turn the property into four  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre parcels instead of 3 parcels. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

\*After the vote Solicitor Fred Beery stated Council would need to pass a Resolution granting this change at the next meeting.

#### **III. LEGISLATION:**

### Resolution No. 20-03

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND.

\* Kenny Worley moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-03. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-04**

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW FUND

Blythe Pelham moved and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-01. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Blythe Pelham, of Housing Committee, reported the committee met on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Those present were Chairman Richard Tolle, Blythe Pelham, John Michael, and Mayor Shawn C. Priest. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss nuisance and abandoned properties around the village. Chairman Blythe Pelham typed up a list of properties that she observed from going around the village and handed the list out to Council. The Committee decided to revisit some of the properties on the list and split into separate list for the Health Department, those properties the village needs to take action on and those properties that fall under our Ordinance of unsafe, unclean and fire hazard. In addition, this committee would like to change the time the resident has to abate the nuisance on the letter. This will be tabled until the next meeting when all of Council has a chance to drive around and look at the properties in question.

#### V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

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

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of May 2020, there were 379 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Stephens-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson-160 regular, 0 overtime, Officer Thompson – 0 regular, 0 overtime, Officer Wynn-120 regular, 4.50 overtime. There were 0 Traffic Crash Report, and 10 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 5, Traffic Citations - 20, and Warning Citations - 3. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 788 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 593 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 770 miles driven. Repairs: 0 and Training: 0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

The Police Department has 106 active case reports. The departments total reports received for the month of May 2020 were 10 reports, a decrease of 8 reports from May 2019.

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

- > Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- Read a letter to Council from Colleen Anschutz requesting an adjustment for their property located at 134 South Middle Street due to a water line that had busted. This property was a rental property and the tenant did not let the landlord know there was a leak for three months. The Utility Office let the tenant know by phone and notices hung on the door. Mrs. Anschutz had acquired a bill of \$993.43 for the leak. After consideration, Council allowed a one-time sewer adjustment of \$422.23.

\*Chris Runyon moved and Kenny Worley seconded to give a one-time sewer adjustment of \$422.23 to Mrs. Anschutz for 134 South Middle Street. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Informed Council the Village received a letter from the USDA regarding our well field and asking us if we want to take it out of Ag or leave it the way it is. Council decided to ask Solicitor Beery about this at the next meeting.

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

> No Administrators Report submitted.

# **Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):**

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$20,259.46 was collected for the month of May 2020.

## **Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:**

- Informed Council the water project for the village is now cancelled. We were initially told the entire project would be paid for but found out it was not.
- Had a resident request to place a crosswalk sign by the road crossing in front of Fifth Third Bank and South Street. Councilman Worley said he asked ODOT since it is on St. Rt. 28 and they said okay. Kenny Worley said he was going to ask Josh Howland because he felt like reflective paint on the road would be better and last longer than an actual sign.
- Talked to Chris Hurless and asked him for a price to switch over the downtown fire pit area to a fountain and he is working on a quote.
- As of July 10 we start to shut off residential water again. Residents will be notified via news letter.
- Special Audit in process and the auditors are working with all departments to get it completed.
- Councilwomen Blythe Pelham, Rita Smith-Daulton and Mayor Priest received a tour of Candle-Lite by Councilman John Michael. And Mayor Priest said she was very impressed with all they have done to combat COVID 19.
- The alley located by Thackston's will be determined by Judge Coss in the near future.
- Received word from Erika Miller they are planning on a festival at this time set for Saturday, August 8, 2020. In addition, they are trying to plan a possible Prom at the park for August 7, 2020. The Festival Committee is not

asking for any donation but for PD coverage to help them out. Mayor Priest suggested they table this until July to see for sure if they are still planning the festival.

### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Councilman Chris Runyon asked Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans if she would add a place for old business on the agenda again.
- Councilwoman Blythe Pelham informed Council she would be traveling to Florida and will be self-quarantining for the next meeting.

### > MISCELLANEOUS:

Richard Tolle moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.