LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 5/20/2021 Mayor Shawn Priest

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the regular May session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. No invocation was given and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

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

Mr. John Michael

Ms. Blythe Pelham \boxtimes

Mr. Chris Runyon

Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠

Mr. Joel Morris ⊠

Also Present: Administrator Kenny Worley

Police Chief Shane Nolley ⊠

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans

Solicitor Fred Beery ⊠

(arrived late)

Also attending: Mrs. Lisa Wheeler, Mrs. Sandy Cox and Mr. Sonny Hester

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Joel Morris moved, and Richard Tolle seconded to approve the minutes with corrections, for the April 15, 2021 regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.
- b. Council reviewed the bills paid in April 2021. Rita Smith-Daulton moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 3-1 with Joel Morris abstaining. Motion carried.
- c. Blythe Pelham moved, and Joel Morris seconded to approve the April Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mrs. Lisa Wheeler (along with Mrs. Sandy Cox and Mr. Sonny Hester) was inquiring with Council regarding her mother's property located at 256 Eastern Ave. The Cox's are trying to sell the trailer and property but have been told they cannot build on this lot (due to a water line under the trailer) or place an upgrade. Mrs. Wheeler asked what the stipulations were because she knows that Jimmy Lightner had recently moved a trailer in on his property. Mr. Sonny Hester stated he was interested in purchasing the trailer from the Cox family but if you can't build or ever replace the old structure, Mr. Hester said he is not interested in purchasing the property. Mayor Priest asked Solicitor Beery (who arrived late) if the "Modular" would be grandfathered in. Solicitor Beery stated the "Modular" would be grandfathered in as long as it meets the same federal standards as a stick-built house. Mr. Hester asked if he could get this in writing. Also, Mr. Hester was questioning if Candle-lite's main line was running under the trailer in question. Solicitor Beery told him he would have to contact OUPS for that question and in addition, he recommended searching for the field/drainage tile because that is something that OUPS or the Village would have record of.

In addition, Mrs. Wheeler asked Council if they had any information about 205 South Fairfield Street owned by Jarred Cox? Mr. Cox had some trees cut down and there was

some type of sewer line running underneath the trees that was hit. Administrator Worley and Wyatt Irvin stated they thought it was the neighbor's sewer line and not an old septic system as originally thought. Mayor Priest informed them Administrator Kenny Worley was on vacation but she would have them contact Jared as soon as he got back.

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE VILLAGE WITHOUT A PETITION.

*Second Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE OF LEESBURG, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG FOR PLANNING, DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

*Richard Tolle moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-04. Roll call vote 3-1 with Joel Morris voting no. 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 April 2021, there were 283 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Thompson – 64 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Bunner-160 regular, 0 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Reports, and 18 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations - 0, and Warning Citations - 11. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2017 Police Interceptor – 760 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2020 Police Interceptor – 170 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 875 miles driven. Repairs: \$0 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- ➤ The Police Department has 111 active case reports.
- ➤ The departments total reports received for the month of April 2021 were 18 reports, an increase of 16 reports from April 2020.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

➤ On vacation. Mayor Priest passed around the monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.

Report of Utility/Streets Department from Administrator Worley:

> On vacation.

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

Report submitted.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

➤ On behalf of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans informed Council, we received paperwork from the State of Ohio asking if the Village had any objections to

- the renewal of the current liquor permits in place. After discussion, Council had no objections.
- Informed Council the brick building on the corner across from Fifth Third Bank has recently been purchased and the owner is fixing the property up and turning it in to an office building.
- Reported to Council she received a phone call from a resident complaining about the trash and garbage at 125 East Main. The property also has three junk vehicles. Solicitor Beery told the Mayor the Village needs to make a list of all the problems and he would send them a nuisance letter.
- > Senior parade will be after graduation at 8:45 PM and will last about half an hour.
- ➤ Informed Council the Village will be having a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31st, at the Veterans Memorial at 10 AM.
- ➤ Thanked the FHS students and our village employees for cleaning up the Memorial in preparation for the Memorial Day Service.
- ➤ Passed around pictures of the proposed new "Welcome to Leesburg" sign at the entrance of town that will have attached plaques for all the state FHS student participants.
- Informed Council that Blythe Pelham, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans and herself had a meeting with the County Commissioners regarding the Land Bank. Council woman Blythe Pelham reported the Land Bank can help us with demolition of some of the nuisance properties if they are abandoned (including no squatters) and do not have a lien. According to the Commissioners, they will do a title search, and most often the taxes owed are more than what the property is worth so what they end up doing is giving the owner the option of doing a quick claim deed and sign the property over to the Commissioners for forgiveness of the taxes. Once this happens, the Land Bank will then demolish the structures on the property and re-sell it. However, this only works if the property does not have a lien other than outstanding taxes.
- ➤ Mayor Priest informed Council that Officer Roy Stephens never attended his unemployment hearing with the Village so his unemployment claim was dismissed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Regarding the tornado siren Mayor Priest informed Council that she is still working on this.
- ➤ Regarding abandoned properties Solicitor Beery stated we are still waiting for a response from the final nuisance letters that were sent.
- ➤ Regarding the grocery store Mayor Priest stated Chase Bank is foreclosing on this property. No new information.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- ➤ Councilwoman Rita Smith-Daulton informed Council she would like to see a decorative light or lights down at the center of town. Councilwoman Daulton said she would check further into the cost of this.
- ➤ Councilman Joel Morris asked if the Village owned any land that we could plant some tree's? Mayor Priest said the school was planning on having a

big area for their sign so maybe we could look at doing something there. Councilwoman Blythe Pelham suggested the Roadside Rest.

MISCELLANEOUS

➤ Richard Tolle moved, and Joel Morris seconded to adjourn at 7:10P.M. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.