LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 7/15/2021 Mayor Shawn Priest

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the regular July session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, July 15, 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 ⊠

Mr. Chris Runyon

Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠

Mr. Joel Morris ⊠

Also Present: Administrator Kenny Worley⊠

Police Chief Shane Nolley \boxtimes

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠

Solicitor Fred Beery

Also attending: No visitors

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. John Michael moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2021, regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

- b. Council reviewed the bills paid in June 2021. Blythe Pelham moved, and Joel Morris seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- c. Joel Morris moved, and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded to approve the June Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- d. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans presented Council with an adjustment request from Morgan Sheppard asking for an adjustment for filling a pool and cleaning his property. After discussion and the information provided before the meeting by Utility Clerk Becky Hurst, Council agreed to give a one-time pool adjustment only of 15,000 gallons. Rita Smith-Daulton moved and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve a 15,000-gallon adjustment for resident Morgan Sheppard. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

No visitors

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-07

ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STORM WATER FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

*John Michael moved, and Richard Tolle seconded to approve Ordinance No. 21-07. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-06

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 TAX BUDGET

*Joel Morris moved and John Michael seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-06. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Meetings

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of June 2021, there were 309 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-152 regular, 17.8 overtime; Officer Dawson-168 regular, 1.33 overtime; Officer Thompson – 42 regular, 9.33 overtime; Officer Bunner-159 regular, 9 overtime. There was 1 Traffic Crash Reports, and 8 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 0, Traffic Citations - 5, and Warning Citations - 15. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2017 Police Interceptor – 863 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2020 Police Interceptor – 574 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 993 miles driven. Repairs: \$289.35 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- > The Police Department has 108 active case reports.
- ➤ The departments total reports received for the month of June 2021 were 8 reports, a decrease of 9 reports from June 2020.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around the monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- ➤ Requested Council assign addresses 20 Macy Lane and 40 Macy Lane for the two parcels owned by Fred Cox.
 - *Blythe Pelham moved and John Michael seconded to assign 20 Macy Lane and 40 Macy Lane. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- Requested Council assign address 11500 US Rt 62 to Arlen Yoder.
 *Richard Tolle moved and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded to assign 11500 US Rt. 62. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- Requested a reimbursement of \$95 for Officer Justin Bunner for training.
 *Rita Smith-Daulton moved and John Michael seconded to approve a \$95 reimbursement for Officer Bunner. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
- ➤ Requested a reimbursement of \$119.97 for purchasing a bar light to replace the bubble light used for the village vehicles. (as mandated by the PEP insurance)
 - *Blythe Pelham moved and John Michael seconded to approve a \$119.97 reimbursement for Administrator Kenny Worley. Roll call vote 4-1 with Joel Morris abstaining. Motion carried.
- ➤ Informed Council the Village received the Litter Grant in the amount of \$1,872 with a Village match of \$208 to be used for Village clean-up and tire pick-up.

Report of Utility/Streets Department from Administrator Worley:

- ➤ Employees completed 138 hours in ground maintenance including mowing, spraying and weed eating.
- Completed 20 hours in general maintenance including cleaning and training bucket truck.
- Completed 38 hours in street maintenance including patching holes and cleaning up limbs.
- ➤ Completed 97 hours in sewer maintenance including lift stations, WWTP, loading out sludge and replacing sludge bags.

- ➤ Completed 28 hours in water maintenance including repairing chlorine line and pump, installing water meters and setters and replacing 2" valve at sewer plant.
- Misc. items: need to replace diffuser pipe in Digester 2, Joey Cloud has mowed the well field, sent 2 nuisance letters to Becky Oglesby regarding Charlie Anderson properties.

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$47,475.61 was collected for the month of June 2021.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

- ➤ Informed Council she had the Village employees work on Juneteenth because it happened so quickly that nobody at the county level could give clear direction rather or not local government employees should observe this holiday. Mayor let the employees go home at 1:00 PM and instructed Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to pay all employees for Holiday Work for any hours worked on that day and pay regular holiday time for any hours not worked during their regular work schedule.
- ➤ Informed Council that some of the Covid Funds originally allocated to the Village have been given to Fairfield Township. However, with the stringent guidelines on what the funds can be used for, the Township would not have any projects that could qualify. Mayor Priest is going to attend the next Township meeting and ask the Township to write a check to the Village for some of the funds they will not be using.
- ➤ The Heritage Club has taken down some of the Corporation signs and repaired them. Administrator Worley informed the club the Village was in the process of purchasing new signs.
- Recently attended and Economic Development meeting in the County and it has been determined that Leesburg needs a railroad spur to the Industrial Park. Companies no longer use trucking to receive product, they now use the railroad. Julie Bolender, Highland County Economic Developer informed Mayor Priest she has had a lot of inquiries for our Industrial Park but they have all needed the railroad. Mrs. Bolender is looking in to the cost and a grant for the railroad spur.
- ➤ Invited all of Council to a ribbon cutting at the Industrial Park on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM for the new Frito-Lay Warehouse.
- ➤ Thanked all the Village employees for all the work done on the recent water leak. The Village needs to install a direct line from the water plant to the water tower. Hopefully, we will be able to tap in to Highland County water before too long to help us when we incur major leaks.
- Reminded Council that 4 Council seats will be up for the 2021 election.
- ➤ Informed Council she will be on vacation from 7/19-7/29.
- ➤ Informed Council that Administrator Worley needed a computer and she approved for him to look for one.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ Regarding the tornado siren – Mayor Priest reported that if we decide to move the old siren down from the roof, there is no guarantee it will work

and the cost will be \$20,000. Also, due to the age of the siren it's difficult to find parts. Administrator Worley found a new siren that covers a 2,800 square feet radius for \$7571 and another siren that covers 3,300 square feet radius for \$8,140. In addition to either siren we would choose, Cody O'Dell quoted us \$2,750 for the pole and install. The pole will be installed beside our building back by the garage.

- Regarding abandoned properties Solicitor Beery was absent so there was no report.
- ➤ Regarding the grocery store Mayor Priest and Administrator Kenny Worley filed a nuisance with the Highland County Health Department because of the rotting food inside.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None to report

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor Priest asked Council to review the packet given to them regarding the nuisance served to Joe Turner for the trailers. Administrator Worley stated he talked to Mr. Turner about the two trailers that have been without water service and he agreed that one of the two trailers is not useable and the other trailer will be fixed up and rented out. Mayor Priest informed Council Mr. Turner was on vacation and this would be discussed further at the net meeting when Mr. Turner can be present.
- ➤ Richard Tolle moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.