LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL 4/15/2021 Mayor Shawn Priest

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

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 ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members

 Mrs. Rita Smith-Daulton ⊠

 Mr. John Michael ⊠

 (via cell phone)

Ms. Blythe Pelham ⊠ Mr. Chris Runyon ⊠ Mr. Richard Tolle ⊠ Mr. Joel Morris ⊠ Administrator Kenny Worley ⊠ Police Chief Shane Nolley ⊠ Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ⊠ Solicitor Fred Beery ⊠

Also attending: None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. Blythe Pelham moved, and Joel Morris seconded to approve the minutes with corrections, for the March 18, 2021 regular Council meeting. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Also Present:

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in March 2021. Chris Runyon moved, and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-1 with Joel Morris abstaining. Motion carried.

c. Joel Morris moved, and Blythe Pelham seconded to approve the March Utility Adjustment Journal. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

None currently

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-06

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

*First Reading

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None currently

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS: Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of March 2021, there were 321 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Dawson-160 regular, 0 overtime; Officer Thompson – 57 regular, 1.5 overtime; Officer Bunner-160 regular, 0 overtime. There were 2 Traffic Crash Reports, and 7 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations - 4, and Warning Citations - 7. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2017 Police Interceptor – 1,041 miles

driven, Unit 2 - 2020 Police Interceptor – 453 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 297 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 March 2021 were 15 reports, an increase of 2 reported from March 2020.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- > Passed around monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.
- Informed Council she was leaving on vacation on May 16, 2021 and would return on May 24, 2021.
- Presented Council with the information to join Sedgwick for a Worker's Comp group rating program. Councilman John Michael and Joel Morris had reservations about joining this group but felt there really was not a lot of different choices.

*After discussion, John Michael moved, and Joel Morris seconded to join Sedgwick as our 2021 workers comp group rating program. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Report of Utility/Streets Department from Administrator Worley:

- Submitted monthly report.
- Informed Council the utility workers are having difficulty getting proper reads for residents that just have sewer. The meters must be placed inside the home. When the meter malfunctions or breaks it is difficult to get access to meter. Administrator Worley suggested we charge those residents a flat rate of \$50 per month for sewer.

*Blythe Pelham moved, and Rita Smith-Daulton seconded to charge a flat rate of \$50 for sewer per month, for residents that just have sewer. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- Asked Council if they would like to see electricity at the mural area for events. After discussion, Council said yes. Administrator Worley told Council he would get an installation quote.
- Administrator Worley informed Council he would be traveling the entire month of May and will return the first of June.

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$ 24,843.63 was collected for the month of March 2021.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

- Informed Council Administrator Worley met with Bruce Stinson that owns the brick building on the corner just down from the Municipal Building. (previously MS Business Services) According to Mr. Stinson, the previous owner has left tax files in the building, unsecured and he is not sure what he needs to do with them. Mayor Priest told Council she has contacted the Ohio Department of Taxation and let them know the tax records are there.
- Hearing for the unemployment of Roy Stephens was re-scheduled until May 3, 2021.
- Holding a ribbon cutting on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 10 A.M. for Justin Bailey's new business. (BDP Auto & Diesel Repair)

- Informed Council Leesburg will have a potato chip distribution center at the Industrial Park, and they will employ approximately 14 people.
- Senior Banners will be going up soon to recognize our senior class of 2021 and they will be taken down by May 14, 2021 and the Veterans Banners will go up. Also, the Mayor has spoken to the Guidance Counselor at the school, and they will be furnishing students to help us with a Veterans Memorial clean up before Memorial Day.
- Mayor stated she will be having a meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 with Greg Abbott to discuss new "welcome to Leesburg" and student recognition signs.
- The Village will be receiving funds from the American Recovery Act and these funds need to be used for infrastructure projects. Therefore, the funds will be used for the new meter install, replacing the water line from the ballfield to Brown Street and replacing the bridge on the other side of Square One.
- Mayor Priest told Council she had originally planned to cancel the annual festival this year due to the Covid restrictions, but she has heard the festival committee still wants to have it and the Mayor said her stance was no festival this year.

*After discussion, Blythe Pelham moved and Richard Tolle seconded if the committee has the festival, it must be on Township property and the festival committee will incur all expense. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Regarding the tornado siren Mayor Priest informed Council that she is still working on this.
- Regarding abandoned properties Solicitor Beery stated he sent the final nuisance letter to the properties provided to him by Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans. After their time runs out to abate the nuisance, we will continue with the next steps.
- Regarding the grocery store Mayor Priest stated Chase Bank is foreclosing on this property.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Joel Morris discussed the storm sewer drains and asked what Council thought before the committee meets regarding this matter. Councilman Morris stated we currently have 481 residents (according to a report provided by Utility Clerk Becky Hurst) and he feels we should charge residents only with a storm sewer fee because of how much businesses are taxed. In addition, Councilman Morris would like for the Village to investigate the possibility of grants.

*After discussion, Blythe Pelham moved to set a monthly storm sewer fee of \$1 per month, per residents (not businesses) that are in corp. effective July 1, 2021. Joel Morris seconded this motion. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Richard Tolle moved, and John Michael seconded to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.