

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2004

Council met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2004 at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Vincent Argobright, Linda Deem, Terri Gilmore, & Michael Long

Council Members Absent: Ginger Brenning & Charles Finks

Others Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning – Solicitor, Eric A. Long – Fiscal Officer, Mark Anderson – Village Administrator, & Patrick Gilfillen – Chief of Police

Mayor Sandine called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public

Eileen Howes is present regarding her annexation into Lithopolis. Fiscal Officer Long noted that he received the annexation packet from the County on 02-01-2004. Solicitor Browning stated that Council now needs to do an Ordinance accepting the annexation. Mayor Sandine stated that if Council has a special session meeting later this month that he would include this on the agenda, if not the Ordinance will be presented at the March meeting. John Rodgers is present and would like to see a copy of the sewer study. Mayor Sandine stated that he has not yet seen the study that RD Zande was putting together. Mayor Sandine noted that hopefully John Grosse will have that with him when he arrives tonight.

Fiscal Officer Long noted that he does not have meeting minutes to present tonight as he left them on his desk at work. Fiscal Officer Long stated that if there is a special meeting this month, he will include minutes approval on the agenda.

Police Report – December 2003

652 paid hours worked, 127.5 unpaid hours worked, 3,337 miles logged, 38 total citations, & 53 dispatched calls.

Administrators Report – December 2003

1,533,200 gallons of water pumped from well field, 249 hours of operation, 4 water service repairs, and 48 sewer service repairs performed.

Administrator Anderson noted that there is currently a sewer line break over near the sewer plant in Canal Winchester. Mark stated that an air release valve broke. Mark stated that he called Gearheart Bulldozer & Backhoe on 02-03-04 and that they came out to the site on 02-04-04. Mark stated that Gearheart was unable to get over the hill with their equipment and recommended that the village contact Oigel construction as they have larger equipment. Mark stated that he called Oigel and they came out on 02-05-04. Mark stated that Oigel fixed the release valve that was broke and when they put the line back in service, the air release valve on up the line blew. Mark stated that this was an indication that the line was plugged. Mark stated that the creek has risen out of its banks, therefore getting to the portion of the line that is plugged will have to wait until the water subsides. Mark stated that Canal Winchester located a manhole nearby and that they have re-routed the line above ground to that manhole. Mark stated that they would begin replacing the line as soon as possible. Mark

stated that the Village should get someone to pump up what sewage is laying on the ground and that he would contact EC Babbert to see if they can do it or recommend someone that can.

Legal Update

Solicitor Browning noted that he had never been officially sworn in as Solicitor.

Mayor Sandine swore Jon Browning in as Solicitor.

Mayor Sandine stated that the Village needs to appoint an interim zoning inspector until it can be worked out to have Groveport perform those duties. Mayor Sandine recommended appointing Mark Anderson as interim Zoning Inspector.

Linda Deem moved to appoint Mark Anderson and interim zoning inspector.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Deem, Gilmore, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Mayor Sandine read the 2nd Reading of Resolution # 01-04, Adopting Council Rules, by title only.

Mayor Sandine stated that the committees will be re-aligned at the next meeting once the rules resolution is adopted.

Mayor Sandine read the 1st Reading of an Ordinance to provide for the quality of outdoor night lighting to conserve energy, reduce light pollution, and improve safety by light direction.

Michael Long asked if existing business would be grandfathered in under this Ordinance. Mayor Sandine stated that there are currently just two violations in town. Mayor Sandine conceded that maybe it could be written to grandfather current business in until use changes, then they would have to comply. Mayor Sandine stated that the Ordinance could be referred to the Public Safety & Enforcement Committee for their review once the new rules resolution is adopted and the committees re-aligned.

Vincent Argobright moved to lay it on the table.

Second by Terri Gilmore.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Deem, Gilmore, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Mayor Sandine stated that he has asked Bob Curtain to attend the next Council meeting. Eric stated that Bob is an income tax enforcement officer.

Mayor Sandine read the first reading of the following Ordinances...

04-04 An ordinance creating the position of Village Administrator in accordance with the ORC.

05-04 An ordinance approving residence outside the Village of Lithopolis by the Village Administrator.

06-04 An ordinance designating the Village Administrator as purchasing agent for all Village departments.

07-04 An ordinance creating a table of organization for the Village and setting the type and number of paid employees.

08-04 An ordinance creating standard benefits and pay-grades for employees and repealing ordinances # 03-90, 17-99, 16-99, 08-94, 14-97, 15-99, 14-99, 13-98, & 13-02

Mayor Sandine stated that Ordinance # 20-00 currently prohibits semi truck & trailer parking in the Village. Mayor Sandine stated he wasn't sure if this ordinance was really needed, and if it was if it was worded correctly. Mayor Sandine stated that it should be reviewed by the Safety Committee once committees are re-aligned.

Vincent Argobright moved to approve payment of the bill presented by the Fiscal Officer.
Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Deem, Gilmore, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Fiscal Officer Eric Long noted that there seems to be a problem regarding what the individual developers have paid in fee's, in relation to what the Village has paid out to RD Zande. Eric stated that a reconciliation of the entire process needs to be completed. Eric noted that the Village has spent far more than it has taken in on several of the projects. Eric stated that he was going to refrain from handing out the financials and reconciliations until this problem is identified. Mayor Sandine stated that it is his belief that several of the developers owe the village money for various fee's. Mayor Sandine stated that he will get with the Fiscal Officer and go through the invoices paid and the monies received with him.

Administrator Anderson stated that he has reviewed all applications for the Administrative Clerk position and that he has decided on hiring Lisa Smith to replace Rita Hanna. Mayor Sandine agreed. Mayor Sandine stated that council cannot officially hire Lisa tonight because the position needs to be created first, and that council lacks a quorum to do it as an emergency measure.

Vincent Argobright moved that Council adjourn.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Deem, Gilmore, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****