

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2004

Council met in regular session Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:00pm.

Council Members Present: Vincent Argobright, Ginger Brenning, Linda Deem, Charles Finks,
& Michael Long

Council Members Absent: Terri Gilmore

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 council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public

Eileen Howes, Ted Simon, John Rodgers, Ken Ellinger, Gary Lyons, & Mel Meloy are present.

Eileen Howes is present to discuss her annexation into the Village. Mayor Sandine stated that the Village was waiting on final word for the County. Eric stated that the County wanted a new survey of the perimeter before they would give the okay. Eileen stated that she has a letter from the County complete with a new drawing of the perimeter and presented it to the Fiscal Officer who gave it to Solicitor Browning. Solicitor Browning stated that he would draw up the required legislation and have it for the next council meeting.

Gary Lyons from Northeast Ohio Gas Corp is present and needs to discuss a right of way agreement needed from the Village. Gary explained that they need to loop their system around the Wagnalls Run subdivision and need a right of way agreement around the southwest corner of the property. Mayor Sandine stated that no council action was required as the Village Administrator has the authority to sign such an agreement.

Fiscal Officer Long presented Council with minutes for the 03/08/2004 meeting.

Vince Argobright moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Police Report – March 2004

4,187 miles logged, 609 paid hours worked, 75 unpaid hours worked by auxiliary officers, 30 total citations issued, and 41 total dispatched calls.

Chief Gilfillen stated that the suspect in a shooting at the Canal Winchester Kroger store fled and turned himself in at the Citgo station. Chief Gilfillen stated that Officer Barton and Auxiliary Officer Harsh were the first on the scene and took the suspect into custody. Chief Gilfillen noted that neither officer was on the clock at the time. Chief Gilfillen stated that he just wanted to commend these two officers for showing their commitment.

Administrators Report – March 2004

1,520,700 gallons pumped from the well field in 254 hours of operation, 7 water service calls, and 10 sewer service calls. Administrator Anderson stated that St. John Lutheran Church notified him that they are getting a group of volunteers together for volunteer work within the Village. Mark stated that Council will need to decide in the next month or so on the color of the new water tower and lettering.

Mark stated that Village resident Tim Mitchell notified him of an issue behind the post office. Mark stated that the post office has a storm sewer drainage pipe running across Mr. Mitchell's property and into the creek. Mark stated that this pipe must have broken before it reached its outlet, and is in danger of causing a portion of Mr. Mitchell's yard to cave in. Mark stated that the post office had contractors there the other day assessing the issue and that they stated they are going to bring a crew in to fix the problem.

Fiscal Officer Long presented Council with financial statements as of March 30, 2004.

Fiscal Officer Long also presented two bills over \$10k for payment.

Charles Finks moved to pay the RD Zande bill.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Charles Finks moved to approve the Igel Construction bill.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Legal Update

Solicitor Browning stated that he attended the most recent Bloom Carroll School Board meeting along with John Grosse of RD Zande. Jon stated that the meeting went okay. Jon stated that he would be following up with the schools attorney later this week. John Grosse stated that the school was concerned that the Village was going to widen the access road to the tower property. John stated that the school board did not say that construction had to stop. Mayor Sandine stated that he talked to Mike Allen this morning and that he said it was okay for the Village to proceed with construction of the tower foundation.

Mayor Sandine stated that last Wednesday; he, Administrator Anderson, and Council Member Brenning walked through the Fridley property that is currently for sale next to the Wagnalls Run Subdivision. Mayor Sandine stated that he believes that this property would suit the Village's needs. Eric stated that the house was set up well and would allow a large meeting room on the first floor and offices on the second floor. Eric stated that he would like for the Village to at least have the property appraised and then go from there.

Council Member Brenning stated that she thinks it would be a great idea.

Charles Finks moved to authorize the appraisal.

Second by Ginger Brenning.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Mayor Sandine stated that he sent out a Village newsletter and included a survey asking residents if they have interest in receiving high-speed wireless internet access. Eric stated that I-Beam Solutions in Canal Winchester can offer high-speed wireless internet access. Mayor Sandine stated that such a product could be run by the Village as a public utility. Eric stated that the Village would have to create the public utility, set rates, and appoint someone in charge of the utility operations. Mayor Sandine stated that he has spoken to Insight and SBC and neither are willing to commit to a time frame in which they would offer high speed internet to Village residents. Eric stated that they both want to wait until the customers are here. Mayor Sandine stated he would have more information at the next meeting.

Resolution # 02-04

A resolution enabling the Village to apply for Issue 2 credit enhancement for the water plant/tower project and declaring an emergency in order to meet the deadline set forth in the application.

Ginger Brenning moved to suspend the rules.

Second by Charles Finks.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Michael Long moved to approve Resolution # 02-04 and declaring an emergency.

Second by Charles Finks.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried**

Ordinance # 10-04

An ordinance to adopt the new sections of the Ohio Basic Code.

Charles Finks moved to amend Ordinance # 10-04 to include emergency language.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Charles Finks moved to suspend the rules.

Second by Michael Long.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Michael Long moved to approve Ordinance # 10-04 and declaring an emergency.

Second by Charles Finks.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Jeff Cotner from the Bloom Township Fire Department is present to discuss the street closings for the Memorial Day Fish Fry. Jeff stated that he wanted to make sure that the Village was going to close the streets for the car show and fish fry. Chief Gilfillen stated that he wanted to get with the car show folks and find out when they are arriving and to instruct them where to enter. Eric Sandine asked Council if anyone would like to be the Memorial Day festivities point of contact. Council Member Linda Deem stated that she would do it. Mayor Sandine stated that he would have the street closings resolution for the next council meeting. Mayor Sandine asked council for permission to negotiate the water tower easements with the Bloom Carroll School Board.

Charles Finks moved to give Mayor Sandine permission to negotiate the easements.

Second by Vincent Argobright.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Mayor Sandine stated that he has a draft contract for tax enforcement services for Council to review. Eric stated that the Village would need to change its income tax administrator from the City of Columbus to RITA. Eric stated that RITA provides greater access for the enforcement officer. Eric stated that Council can discuss further at the next meeting.

Mayor Sandine stated that he would like to send a letter to Canal Winchester informing them of the Village's desire to begin renegotiations of the wastewater service agreement.

Michael Long moved to allow the Mayor to send a letter to Canal Winchester.

Second by Charles Finks.

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****

Council Member Vincent Argobright stated that he needs to leave soon for work.

Council Member Linda Deem stated that she has posted a meeting notice for the Village Market, to organize and get ready for the upcoming season.

Charles Finks moved to adjourn.

Second by Michael Long

Vote: Ayes: Argobright, Brenning, Deem, Finks, & Long

Nays: None

****Motion Carried****