

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009 7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Brausch, Brenning, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Council Members Absent: None

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Seagraves- Fiscal Officer Ed VanVickle - Acting Village Administrator, Chief Barton- Police.

Mayor Sandine called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked for a moment of silence for the US Armed Forces.

Minutes

Minutes from December Regular Meeting reviewed.

Motion to accept Minutes from December 16th as presented by Hush

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Brenning, Long, Simon, Brausch, Hush

Nays: None

Public Comments

No Public Comment

Reports from officers

Mayor

The Mayor presented Mayor's Court Report.

The Village has come to a tentative agreement with Dominion Homes on several issues and that Dominion will likely present the current public infrastructure at the Wagnalls Run subdivision for acceptance at the February Regular meeting. Items include –

- \$10,631.09 for punchlist items relating to the Lithopolis Road improvements.
- \$7,000 for upgrades to the meter pit.
- Public dedication of open space north of Lithopolis Road and west of Mr. Simon's property.

The Mayor shared a letter he received from Maronda Homes regarding the Water Availability Charge and his response to that letter.

The Mayor presented the District 17 Integrating Committee letter denying the village of any grant money for the Columbus Street Reconstruction Project. He also shared his response to the denial. The Mayor voiced his frustration concerning the amount of State Funding that went to Cities and Counties that have Road Departments with larger budgets than the entire Village Operating Budget. Brausch stated that we may have to use the \$80,000.00 the village has saved for matching funds to complete some road repairs. He then asked if there are any requirements for people on the committee to come and look at the streets in question before making a decision. Mayor stated no. He would like a list of people along with contact information who are responsible for these decisions. The Mayor stated he has the list and suggested contacting Sue Spiker with any questions. Simon asked who represents us on the committee. The Mayor responded, Mayor Kalish, from Baltimore. Simon

asked for a list of all Municipalities approved and denied. Brausch asked if we fix the road will we lose points. The Mayor said we can't fix it enough of it to lose points, but that if we spend our matching funds we could receive less points in that category.

A member of the public asked if there are any other grants available. The Mayor stated that there were no other programs that provided as much as OPWC. The funding is too large for the village to fund or any of the smaller grant programs available. A member of the public asked where Canal Winchester and Groveport got their funding. The Mayor said the majority of it came from OPWC however, both villages are in District 6 and we are in District 17. The Mayor has contacted the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Governor's office to voice our concerns and both indicated a willingness to look into the issue. After further discussion it was determined that the issue would be referred to the Public Works Committee for recommendations on how to proceed.

Deem arrives at approximately 7:30pm.

Motion to refer OPWC Application to Lithopolis Public Works Committee for review and options.

Motion by Hush

Seconded by Simon

Ayes – Brausch, Brenning, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays - None

Village Administrator

Ed apologizes for not being at the last council meeting due to snow plowing.

We did receive the CDBG extension to complete the Fridley House renovation.

Bag Coal Patch is extremely expensive and will only be used on the most needed/dangerous holes. Hot mix requires a heated buggy to keep the mix hot which makes it not an option for us. Cold mix will not be available until spring.

FEMA – the village has not yet received reimbursement for wind damage. We are waiting on the insurance adjuster to determine damages.

We continue to replace visual read meters with radio reads. We have about 100 left to do.

I will be meeting with Asebrook to establish a Contractor Registration.

Honeyfest '09 meetings have started.

MORPC would like to offer suggestions regarding how the Village can implement portions of the Central Ohio Greenpact.

Police Chief

Presented 2008 totals and the December Summary of Activity.

We have implemented the in-car computer program and they are making a lot more information available right away at the time of the stop.

Fiscal Officer

With the assistance of the State Auditor's Office we are still working on implementing UAN Accounting Software.

Motion to approve an ordinance creating a Table of Organization for the Village of Lithopolis and setting the type and number of paid employees for the village and repealing Ordinance 19-05.

Motion by Long

Seconded by Brenning

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Brenning, Simon, Hush, Long

Nays: None

Motion to approve an ordinance creating standard benefits and pay-grades for employees in the Village of Lithopolis and repealing Ordinance 20A-05.

Motion by Brenning

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Hush, Simon, Deem, Brausch, Brenning, Long

Nays: None

Old Business

Motion to approve the 3rd Reading of an ordinance creating a Table of Organization for the Village of Lithopolis and setting the type and number of paid employees for the village and repealing Ordinance 19-05.

Motion by Long

Seconded by Brenning

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Brenning, Simon, Hush, Long

Nays: None

Motion to approve the 3rd Reading of an ordinance creating Standard Benefits and Pay-grades for employees in the Village of Lithopolis and repealing Ordinance 20A-05.

Motion by Brenning

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Hush, Simon, Deem, Brausch, Brenning, Long

Nays: None

Brief discussion on the pending changes to the Subdivision Regulations and a 2nd Reading of the Ordinance.

2nd Reading of the Long Pre-annexation Agreement – Discussion ensued.

Hush had questions concerning allowing hunting within the Village limits and waiving the 1% Income Tax. Mayor stated that the Basic Code allows the Village to grant permission for the discharge of firearms (hunting) within the municipal limits. The property owners have requested it and the Mayor feels that it is a reasonable request considering the location and restrictions. Chief Barton stated that owners would still need to comply with all other pertinent laws and regulations, such as ODNR's hunting rules and other ORC and Basic Code requirements.

With regards to the Income Tax, we have asked the Longs to annex at this time since their property composes approximately 90% of or Wellhead Protection Area and by waiving the current income tax we are maintaining the status quo.

Hush asked if anyone else was approved to hunt in the village. The Mayor stated that Bill Griffith requested permission late in 2008 to take deer and coyotes from the Griffith Farm property and it was granted for one season. No one else has applied. Hush stated that she knew people were hunting on the property adjacent to hers. Mayor stated that if she hears gunshot she can report it to the police, absent a written waiver from the village, discharging ordinance covered under Section 137.09 of the Village Basic Code is illegal.

2nd Reading will be Feb. 10th.

New Business

No new business

Council Round Robin

Deem - Nothing

Brausch – may not be at the next meeting on Feb. 10th, out of town on business.

Long - Nothing

Simon - Nothing

Brenning - Nothing

Executive session

No executive session

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn

Motion by Deem

Seconded by Simon

Ayes: Brausch, Brenning, Hush, Long, Deem, Simon

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm