

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009 7:00 PM

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

Council Members Absent: Brenning

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 February Regular Meeting reviewed.

Motion to accept Minutes from February 10th as presented by Simon

Seconded by Long

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Simon

Nays: None

Public Comments

None

Reports from officers

Mayor : Mayor Sandine briefed Council on a proposal that Chief Barton and he made to the Bloom Township Trustee. Chief Barton states that the County Dispatcher does not dispatch Lithopolis PD more than 1 mile out of the village. Mayor Sandine stated that he had several calls asking why LiPD could not respond to calls right outside of town instead of waiting on a Deputy. Questions came from Township residents on Lithopolis Road and Cedar Hill Road. Mayor indicated that it would be up to the Township and they would have to come up with a means to pay for it. The Mayor has suggested a township wide Police Levy. He pointed out that this proposal should not be taken as being critical of the Fairfield County Sheriff Department. More officers on the street would provide better coverage for everyone. The Village would not take any money for traffic tickets written in the township, those fines would be split between the Township and County.

Mayor Sandine presented the City of Columbus Prosecutor's contract for prosecuting cases that occur in Franklin County. The Mayor voiced concerns about the way the City handled the last case and the lack of communications between Columbus and Lithopolis officials. Mayor suggests the village should not renew contract with the City of Columbus and have the Village Solicitor handle Franklin County cases.

Deem arrived at 7:38pm

A motion to withdraw from Franklin County Prosecutor's Contract by Long

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Discussion ensued concerning the Columbus Street Project. The mayor states we should hear by March 23rd if our project will receive funding through the ARRA Federal Stimulus Package. ODOT is creating a list and the Governor's office will select the final projects.

The Mayor suggested that we begin the Construction Engineering for the project. The first part will be a survey of the entire street. The survey will cost approximately \$14,000.00. The mayor suggests we hold off on the actual engineering until we know where funding is coming from because the requirements are different depending on if we get the funding from ODOT (ARRA) or the OPWC. The village has not yet completed the Request for Qualifications process necessary to award the engineering, but it should be completed and awarded by April 1st.

A motion to move forward with construction engineering on the Columbus Street Reconstruction Project by Long

Seconded by Brausch

Ayes: Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays: None

Ted Simon has agreed on easements necessary for Fairfield County to do repair work on the bridge on Lithopolis Road in front of his residence. Fairfield County would like to coordinate this project with the Village's project if possible. Ed suggests we could possibly fix the road in front of the Wagnall's Run entrance. Mayor Sandine said the road at that entrance would probably need to be fixed before the bridge project starts.

Motion to suspend the rules for the third reading of the Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Public Infrastructure in Wagnall's Run Subdivision by Brausch

Seconded by Deem

Ayes – Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays – None

Motion to accept the Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Public Infrastructure in Wagnall's Run Subdivision by Brausch

Seconded by Deem

Ayes – Brausch, Deem, Long, Hush

Nays – None

Abstain – Simon

Motion passed. Dominion representative presented a check in the amount of \$18,231.53 to Mayor Sandine along with the Deed for the green space being dedicated to the village.

Mayor Sandine states that the village may be able to revisit the WAC fees. The number of waivers approved was much less than expected. The next step is to watch the delinquency rate over the next quarter or two to ensure we are collecting sufficient revenue.

Village Administrator: Ed VanVickle states that the village has committed to 120 tons of salt next year and has 60 tons in stock. He feels this will be enough for a mild winter.

A waterline break occurred near the cemetery on St Rte 674. Ed states that this is the second time we have had a break in that general location and the third time that line has failed in the last 4 years. Construction was done by TC Weiser under the direction of Dominion Homes and Inspected by R.D. Zande.

A corrupted software program was the cause of a sudden drop in water levels at the water tower. The loss of pressure necessitated a Village side Boil Advisory. The problem has been corrected.

We will solicit a list of email addresses from residents interested in receiving emergency information in this manner from the village.

Ed reports that he sent an insert with the invoices containing detailed information on the quality of village water.

Ed and the Mayor met with representative from MORPC earlier this month to discuss the steps the village is taking as a Green Pact member. One interesting item that is offered is a “ride sharing” program. More information will be disseminated via the newsletter when it becomes available.

Mayor Sandine and Ed met with both ODOT and South-Central Power to discuss the Columbus Street Project and both agreed to do their part in successfully completing the project. A meeting with AT&T and Insight still needs to be scheduled.

Memorial Day/Fish Fry meetings have begun.

Police Chief: Chief Barton presented the Police Report for February Activity. The light bar on one of the cruisers has been replaced.

Fiscal Officer: Presented update on UAN conversion to council. We have run into a few issues that need to be straightened out before conversion will be complete. Continue to work with Local Government Services division of the State Auditor’s Office.

Old Business:

Solid Waste Ordinance – 3rd Reading. Motion to approve Ordinance 03-09 Regulating Solid Waste Collection in The Village, Continuing the Contract with Trace’s Sanitation, LLC, and Amending Ordinance 05-08 by Simon

Seconded by Deem

Ayes – Brausch, Deem, Hush, Long, Simon

Nays - None

Long’s Pre Annexation Agreement – 3rd Reading. Motion to approve Ordinance 04-09 Approving the Pre-Annexation Agreement with Donald Long, ET AL., by Brausch

Seconded by Simon

Ayes – Brausch, Hush, Simon, Deem

Nays – None

Abstain – Long

In order to implement No Thru Trucks, the route the trucks will be directed must be determined. Signs must be posted a certain distance before the alternate route. A possibility is to use the same route plan the County will use when doing the bridge repair project on Lithopolis Road.

Ohio Basic Code – 2nd Reading. Mayor requests an emergency on the 3rd Reading to put into effect immediately.

New Business

None

Council Round Robin

Deem – Spring Clean Up – Target date is approximately 1 or 2 weeks prior to the Memorial Day Fish Fry.

Brausch – None

Long – None

Simon – None

Hush – Has Tornado Siren be updated? Mayor states it has been replaced.

There being no further public business a motion to adjourn by Brausch

Seconded by Hush

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm