

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Lithopolis Village Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010 @ 7:30pm

Council Members Present: Daily, Simon, Bigler, Kidwell, Long

Council Members Absent: Hush

Present: Eric Sandine – Mayor, Jon Browning- Solicitor, Jacinta Seagraves- Fiscal Officer Ed Van Vickle - 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.

Reports from officers

Mayor

Mayor Sandine discusses with council a letter received from Canal Winchester regarding an increase of Sewer Service Charges for the next 5 years. 2010 rate increase will not force us to raise our rates. Bigler asked if we will always be dependent on Canal Winchester for waste water services. The mayor says our contract expires in 2012. We will want to start considering our options very soon.

Mayor Sandine announces to council the village has been awarded the OPWC Grant for the Columbus Street Reconstruction Project. Getting the money was just the first step to a very long and involved project. There is a lot of work to be done. Sandine asks council if they would prefer breaking down into committees for the decision making on this project or make the decisions as one group. Council would prefer to stay as one group. The Mayor goes on to explain the parameters of the project. Kidwell asks the expected time frame of the project. Mayor stated the project may not be complete until spring of 2011. A lot will depend on the weather. Kidwell asks who decides on what contractors will do the job. The Mayor said the project will be publicly bid and awarded the lowest/best bid. Long asks if there will be new electric. Sandine said yes most will be underground. Everything that can be, will be underground.

Mayor Sandine asked council to consider possibly creating a revolving loan to help local businesses upgrade and improve their storefronts due to the construction on the road. The loan would be funded by the Village General Fund and secured by special assessments on the property. Council approves of the idea. The Mayor asks the Solicitor to draw up an Ordinance to Create a Revolving Loan Fund. The Fiscal Officer will do an amendment to the 2010 Appropriations to create a new line item in the General Fund.

Discussion ensued concerning the feasibility of keeping part of Columbus Street open during the project. The Mayor stated they looked at that possibility during the initial study four years ago, but that would have increased the cost. The mayor ensures council that every measure will be taken to accommodate for the rerouted traffic on North St. and South St. and the alleys. Repairs will be done as necessary.

Sandine asks council if there is a preference for holding a public meeting regarding the project. Everyone agrees that Wed. February 10, 2010 will be the first public meeting starting at 6:00pm.

Kidwell asks about updating the website. Mayor responds that the village is currently under contract with a web page designer. We do not have the ability to change things ourselves on the website. The village will be looking into possibly change web designers when the current contract expires in July 2010.

Village Administrator

Ed Van Vickle shares with council the progress being made at the New Offices. The plow has finally been installed on the Humvee. We are in good shape with salt for the rest of the season.

Police Chief

Chief Barton shares with council details of the robbery that took place at Stakelys. Investigation is in progress and moving along very smooth. He expects to close the case very soon.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Council Round Robin

Mr. Bigler appreciates the appointment to council by his fellow council members.

Executive session

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

Seconded by Bigler

Ayes: Daily, Bigler, Simon, Kidwell, Long

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm