

Council Minutes

May 15, 2023

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Rick Moyer, Sue Christman, and Rick Recker. Mayor Tony Wobler, Village Administrator Marvin Maag, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Lee Beck, and Patrick Blasius from the Putnam County Sentinel. Dave Heitmeyer, Jason Goodwin and Police Chief John Rodriguez were absent.

Mayor Tony Wobler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., everyone said the pledge of allegiance.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 1, 2023 meeting and accept them as written was made by Rick Moyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Christman yea and Rick Recker yea.

Robert Alt Jr. Mayor of West Leipsic was present he asked questions about the trucks that the fire department have and will be buying so, West Leipsic knows what their share of it will be. Mrs. Spangler said it will be billed to them in the Quarterly billing. Mrs. Spangler said she could get the information sent over to Andrea so West Leipsic knows what they will owe for these large purchases.

ORDINANCE 3322: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY THAT THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE GENERAL INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion to accept Ordinance 3322 was made by Sue Christman and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin absent.

ORDINANCE 3323: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3306 AS THE THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. With this Ordinance be an emergency and not having council members to vote there was a motion made by Sue Schroeder to table this Ordinance and this was seconded by Rick Moyer. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin absent.

RESOLUTION 3325: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM THE PUTNAM COUNTY AUDITOR THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL OF THE 1.6 MIL CUR EXP (Street Lighting) TAX LEVY PER REVISED CODE 5705.19(A), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3326: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION FROM THE PUTNAM COUNTY AUDITOR THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL OF THE 2.0 MIL FIRE TAX LEVY TAX LEVY PER REVISED CODE 5705.19(I), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3327: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 28.790 TOTAL ACRES MORE OR LESS IN VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.14 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3328: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 2.145 TOTAL ACRES MORE OR LESS IN VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 709.14 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. Was read for the first time.

Barry Schroeder the Ordinances for Dogs and Noise he said we can discuss them both further at the next council meeting.

Mayor Wobler said the stone road at Bennett Park looks very nice on Wellfield Drive. Lee Beck said we put an oil brime down to control the dust.

Mayor Wobler said he did do some research on funding for villages for municipalities. He said twenty-five cents of every dollar goes to the Ohio department of transportation for gasoline tax and municipalities, villages, and townships get 1/64 of a cent to share among each other. When you drive around the villages there are some roads that are in dire need of upgrading and it's too bad, we can't get more funding in the state than other entities.

Sue Christman said she had Steve Koenig stop and donate a tree to the village, he is a member of the Arbor Day Foundation and received a tree.

Mayor Wobler said that Roy Hernandez and the Hispanic community put together a presentation, Mr. Wobler isn't sure if they are presenting it to the council or to the Hispanic Advisory Committee.

Marvin Maag gave his official resignation and his last day will be June 2, 2023.

Saint Mary's school contact Lee last week, on May 18, 2023 bet ween 8:00A.M.-3:00P.M. they would like the street closed on Blank between State and Woodruff St. They are going to have some bouncy houses for the end of the school year.

Mr. Beck said the Leipsic social is coming up and they would like to close off State Street between St. Mary's and Blank St. and then Woodruff between St. Mary's and Blank. This would be for Friday and Saturday night of the Social. Sue Schroeder just makes sure the police department knows about the street closures.

Lee Beck told council that the Water Department position is posted on about five different sites, we have gotten three applicants none have any experience. He let council know that the add will run in the sentinel for two more weeks. Then we will regroup and decide how we are going to go forward. Lee said there are a ton of positions out there and they are all asking for water 2 & 3 and a lot more money. He said but those are all big cities too. Lee said he thinks that maybe a lot of the big cites run a swing shift and if there is around here maybe someone that doesn't want to do the swing shift anymore would want this position. Mayor Wobler asked approximately what does a level one get paid. Lee Beck said we have it advertised as almost \$22.00 an hour. Mayor Wobler said some of the smaller villages might pay less then that so we might get some of those people too.

We now have water at Ruhe Park.

The Leipsic Chamber has a drone service coming in to do a new video.

Sue Christman asked about planting the Arbor vitae, Lee said he needs to know where they want them planted. Sue asked about the sewer drain if it was going to be brought up. Lee said they were waiting on planting the trees, Mr. Beck said he would like to wait till after the gold cart porker run. Sue Christman asked about having a Parks committee meeting before the next council meeting. Lee Beck let Sue Christman know that the Arbor Vitae are still at Cranberry creek.

At 7:51 P.M. Rick Recker made a motion to go into executive session for purchase or sale of land and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin absent.

At 8:02 P.M. Rick Recker made a motion to come out of executive session and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin absent.

Sue Christman made a motion to give solicitor Barry Schroeder permission to proceed with the sale of property as he sees fit and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin absent.

The Check Register, Monthly Expense Report, Monthly Revenue Report, Statement of Cash Position, and Monthly Reconciliation Report were reviewed and initialed by the Finance Committee.

Sue Christman asked about Howard Alt, Lee Beck said John Rodriguez stopped and talked to him and gave him two weeks. Mrs. Christman asked since there was a verbal warning do, we still need to give him a written notice. Barry Schroeder we would still need to send a written letter.

Lee Beck said he sent two letters out today one was to the Kuhbänder's and Bogart's.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin absent, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Christman yea and Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:06P.M. The next council meeting will be June 5, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____