

Council Minutes

August 7, 2023

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Rick Moyer, Sue Christman, Dave Heitmeyer, and Rick Recker. Mayor Tony Wobler, Village Administrator Lee Beck, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez, Kyle Stechschulte, Ken Maag, Patrick Blasius from the Putnam County Sentinel, Jay Taylor and Eric Lambert.

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 July 17, 2023 meeting and accept them as written was made by Sue Christman and this motion was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Rick Recker yea.

Streets Committee- Chairman Rick Moyer said the committee talked about what streets to include in the OPWC Street Paving Grant application. The streets are 7th Street from Main St. to Center St., Mathias St from Poplar St. to Eastom St., 5th Street from Center St. to Broadway St. and then as an alternate State Street from Oak St. to Blank St. Mr. Moyer said then in 2025 it will be State Street in front of the school.

Jay Taylor current commander at the Leipsic VFW was present to speak with council about a 5Krun/1 mile walk they are putting on here in Leipsic. He requested the use of roads for the 5K run/1 mile walk on September 24, 2023 it will begin at 3:30P.M.-4:30P.M. he said they will have food trucks, and bounce houses and raffles at the Fogle Center. He said each runner or walker will be signing a waiver it will cover the Meadows of Leipsic, The Village of Leipsic and the Fogle Center. Dave Heitmeyer made the motion to allow the use of the roads needed for the 5K run/walk and Rick Moyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

Fire Chief Kyle Stechschulte was present he told council that the fire department had received a grant for portable radios and the radio's have come in, he said he have 21 new radios to replace the old ones that will be going out of service in the next three years. He said they are ready to go he just has to get them on the trucks. He also said the old ones are still good right now. He said so we will keep some of them in service and the user fees for MARCS has gone down so it doesn't cost as much for them right now. He said the other radio grant that we had applied for as a group with the county we haven't heard anything one that, we are still in the running for that. He said there was suppose to be a match for that but we no longer have to cover that match because the 911 Fund is going to cover all the matches for that. He said if we can get that grant it will be another totally free grant for us to replace all the truck radios and the rest of the portable radios we need, so we will be set for radios from grants. Mr. Stechschulte said he would like to apply for the Bureau of Workman's Comp Grant that now allows us to get turn out gear, he said he can apply for three sets. Mr. Stechschulte let council know the new chassis is in. Her said he is working on getting a quote for a bed from Kalida truck and also a quote for a skid unit. He said we will still be under the budget, hopefully. He said he is continuing to work on selling the two big trucks, he needs to get more pictures of them truck 83 and old truck 81, he is hoping by the end of this week. Mr. Stechschulte brought up the Fire Stations parking lot, he said it gets used a cut through freeway, the fire station on Vine Street just needs to be sealed and striped. Lee Beck said he asked Barry Rosebrock to get a quote to rip it out and put new in or to reseal it. Mr. Stechschulte said we use to have signs down there that say no through traffic. Mr. Stechschulte presented council with the quote for LED lighting for the Fire stations is \$9871.00. He said that's for all the fixtures and the bulbs, he said this might be a little high and might come down. Mr. Stechschulte also said he would like to recommend the appointment of two fireman, Sam Schroeder who is a Village of Leipsic employee and Kaitlyn Elkins and she is a firefighter 1 already so we don't have to pay for any classes for her. Mr. Stechschulte said when they had the

last fire meeting, they discussed the future of big truck replacement and those cost a pretty penny. He said they are three to four years out, so Renee is going to do some checking to see how we can appropriately start planning and order a truck. He said they are having hose testing at the fogle center this week. Sue Schroeder made a motion to appoint Sam Schroeder and Kaitlyn Elkins to the Leipsic Fire Department and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea. Mr. Stechschulte said he will get them up here at the next council meeting.

Eric Lambert was present to discuss his water/sewer bill and to request an adjustment on the bill he got in the mail in the amount of \$1,014.14. He said they had a water leak from the meter to the main to their house. He said it was pumping 15 gallons a minute. He said the leak is fixed now. The break down of the bill is as follows water \$488.78 and sewer was \$525.36. Dave Heitmeyer said what we usually have done in the past is figure out what your sewer bill is normally and subtract that from what was billed and then the difference would be adjusted off. Barry Schroeder said council could vote to allow the amendment then Renee can calculate the amendment based on the discussion. Rick Recker made a motion to allow the amendment to Eric Lambert's ewer bill and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

ORDINANCE 3339: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC OHIO SETTING RESTRICTING OBNOXIOUS NOISE. Was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance 3339 and this was seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

ORDINANCE 3340: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 2.237 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 third time. Sue Christman made a motion to accept Ordinance 3340 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

RESOLUTION 3341: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES FOR STATE ROUTE 65 FOR A SPEED REDUCTION FROM 55MPH TO 45 MPH FROM MILE POINT 15.08 AT ROAD F-6 TO MILE POINT 15.58 AT GROVE STREET AND REQUESTIONG APPROVAL FROM ODOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

ORDINACE 3342: AN ORDINACE AMENDING ORDINACE 3306 AS THE FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3342 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea. Ordinance 3342 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3342 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3343: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY RADIO HOSPITAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3343for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3343 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3343 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Rick Moyer yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3344: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR HUNDING OF A RECREATIONAL PURPOSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Police chief John Rodriguez ask Kyle Stechschulte about seat belts on golfcarts, he said the Village hardware here in town sells golf carts, Mr. Rodriguez asked if he wants him to do the inspection since Ottawa requires seat belts on there golf carts. Mr. Stechschulte said that is nothing new for us we have always required seatbelts, but he said that would be something I would need to ask his council. Mr. Rodriguez said there are new ones coming out that have a dump bed, these are legal, he asked if wants him to those, Mr. Stechschulte said yes those are fine. Mr. Wobler asked Mr. Rodriguez what is original question was, Mr. Rodriguez said when they sell golf carts here, they call me and I go and inspect them, then they go to the DMV and get a plate. Mr. Rodriguez said there is a new one coming out it's called a bad boy. It's just like a gator like Dennis Cupp's it's got a dump bed. He said there is only three times you can do here in Ohio, he said there is the golf cart, UV's or Gators with a dump bed then you got your mini trucks. But that is it, we don't do all purpose vehicles. Mr. Rodriguez said he had someone recently that purchased a crossfire and the salesman told him it was a golf cart, but it's an all-purpose vehicle. Keyle Stechschulte said each Village has their own stipulations, he said Ottawa requires seatbelts, but Leipsic doesn't. Mr. Stechschulte said that he feels it is up to the home owner to check with that Village, cause not all Village's allow them.

Lee Beck said he is getting bids on the library parking pad and we took that shed down. We are putting three parking spots in and one will be handicap. Mr. Beck said the sidewalk that goes to the back porch he is going to rip it out and replace it and then next year replace the rest.

Mr. Beck said the cross-country coach called and she wants to set up a practice route out in Bennett Park, he said we would have to cut a path for them. She is going to go out and stake out where they would like it.

Wagner Sawmill is going to mulch up the compost pile. Jason Goodwin asked if we ever priced out adding color to the mulch and getting a quote for that.

Mrs. Beck said we opened up bids for the water tower painting we had seven bids, and waiting for Kleinfelder to give us their recommendation on who to contract with.

Renee Spangler said for Employee Appreciation Day she needs to check to see what date works best with the activity venue which is either the Titan Trolley or Hachet Hole, this activity will be paid by the employee. She told council she will get back with them on a date.

Mr. Spangler also let council know that we have been looking into getting an add on software to our utility billing that will allow customers to sign up to view their accounts online and receive their bills electronically. It will be a cost annually of \$1200.00

At 8:14 P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session for Personnel Matter and a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

At 9:23 P.M. Rick Recker made a motion to come out of executive session and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Rick Moyer yea, Jason Goodwin yea.

There was no action taken coming out of executive session

The Check Register was reviewed and initialed by the Finance Committee.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Jason Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea and Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:24P.M. The next council meeting will be August 21, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____