

Council Minutes

September 16, 2024

Council Members in attendance: Council President: Sue Schroeder, Sherry Valdez, Rick Moyer, Sue Christman and Jason Goodwin. Mayor Rick Recker, Village Administrator Lee Beck, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief John Rodriguez, Fire Chief Troy Gillespie, Kelsie Schroeder, Calvin Diller. Dave Heitmeyer was absent.

Mayor Rick Recker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. he then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Kelsie Schroeder Kelsie Schroeder was present to request for the street closure for the Light up Leipsic Event on December 5th. She said the Closure would be from 5:00P.M.-8:00P.M. and the parade would the evening starting at 8:00P.M. at the Village Hardware ending at the meadows of Leipsic. Jason Goodwin made a motion to allow the street closure for Light up Leipsic and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion. Roll Call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Calvin Diller Calvin Diller was present at council tonight to ask council permission to let his drivers use Mathias St to Road E-4 to get to Pro-Tec. He said allowing his drivers to take this route, allows them to make shorter trips and not be stuck by so many trains. He said there have been times when his drivers get stuck by the same train and sometimes for hours. When his trucks can't cross the railroads due to trains this costs his business money. The council has concerns about Mathias Street being along Buckeye Park. Calvin Diller said each of his trucks has a tracker in them and it reports to him on their speed and other things. The council said let them discuss this and they will get back with Mr. Diller.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 3, 2024, meeting and accept them as written was made by Jason Goodwin and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll Call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3402: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Was read for the third time. Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve Resolution 3402, and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll Call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

RESOLUTION 3403: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO RENEW PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Resolution 3403 was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3403 for the third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Sherry Goodwin. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Resolution 3403 was read for the third time. Sue Schroeder made a motion to approve Resolution 3403, and this was seconded by Sherry Valdez. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

ORDINANCE 3404: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO REGULATING FIREARM USE IN THE VILLAGE. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3405: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3362 AS THE FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ordinance 3405 was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3405 for the second- and third time tonight was made by Jason Goodwin and

seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea. Ordinance 3405 was read for the second and third time. Sue Christman made a motion to approve Ordinance 3405, and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

ORDINANCE 3406: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3352 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AND DETERMINING TAP FEES FOR NEW WATER SERVICE. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3407: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 3353 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Lee Beck said the Village will be hiring Brayden Casteel and Hunter Casteel a Tier 1 rate, Rick Moyer made a motion to accept the hiring and starting rate and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Lee Beck said there would be a Property Review Board Hearing on September 30th at 6:00P.M. at Village Hall.

Mr. Beck said he has received the Easements back from Pro-Tec and Poet for the lift station project.

Mr. Beck said Ward Construction would be grinding the Fire Stations parking lot the end of September.

Lee Beck said we received \$3800.00 from Edward Foundation, he said we have to put in what we are using this \$3800.00 to them by the end of April of next year.

Mr. Beck had Amie Vogel called wants to know if they can have their street closed on Willow from St Rt 613 to Ohio St, for a birthday party they are going to have bouncy houses from 3:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. Jason Goodwin made a motion to allow the street closure and Rick Moyer seconded the motion to allow the street closure. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

Mr. Beck said that Shirley Howard is meeting with a realtor on Wednesday. She had a question that if it doesn't sell by December can they get an extension. Barry Schroeder said we will address anyone's concern if they bring it to council regardless of if they sell it. He said change of ownership doesn't dictate the blightedness of the property.

Fire Chief Troy Gillespie said the Turn Out gear is in service now.

Sherry Valdez said Main Street USA is on September 20 & 21.

Sherry Valdez made a motion to allow the Village Administrator at his discretion and the amount to give credit to village residents that live on Main Street and have been watering their grass after the installation of the curbs and sidewalks. Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin abstained, Sue Christman abstained, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez Yea, Rick Recker yea.

Sue Christman said someone complained about the house next to Jason Goodwins that has like six-foot weeds. Jason Goodwin asked if we can just go mow his grass and add it to his taxes. Lee Beck said he would need to send him a letter first. Barry said Leipsic can restrict the grass and weeds more than we already do. Jason Goodwin asked if Barry could bring us some examples.

Mr. Beck received a letter from Greg Williamson from Leipsic School District asking the village to include either Dave Miller or himself when it comes to decision making for the new track. We are currently working on the new contract, hoping to finalize it in next 30-45 days.

The Check Register, Monthly Expense Report, Monthly Revenue Report, Statement of Cash Position, and Monthly Reconciliation Report were reviewed and initialed by the council Jason Goodwin made a motion to approve the reports reviewed and Sherry Valdez seconded the motion, Roll call on the motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Rick Moyer yea, and Sherry Valdez yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Jason Goodwin and seconded by Rick Moyer. Roll call on this motion, Jason Goodwin yea, Rick Moyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer absent, Sue Christman yea and Sherry Valdez yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42P.M. The next council meeting will be October 7, 2024, at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____