

ORDINANCE 18-02

TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED COCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to suspend the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 18-02. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Scott Willey moved and John Michael seconded to approve Ordinance No. 18-02. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None given.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign.
- Informed Council the County Auditor called regarding an incorrect street name in the Village. Part of the street the Village recognizes as Miller Street is actually North Street according to the County Auditor's map. According to Solicitor Beery, if the street is not dedicated as a public street, we need to pass legislation.
- Presented Council with the final 2017 Amended Certificate
 - *Shawn Priest moved and Chris Runyon seconded to approve the final 2017 Amended Certificate. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of December 2017, there were 511 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-150 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 10 overtime; Officer Brady-101 regular, 21.5 overtime; Officer Michael-103.5 regular, 7.5 overtime and Officer Cottrell-88 regular, 22 overtime. There were 0 Traffic Crash Reports, and 22 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 2, Traffic Citations -0, and Warning Citations - 9. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 961 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford Explorer – 515 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 1,093 miles driven. Repairs: \$502.96 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 86 active case reports.
The departments total reports received for the month of December 2017 were 22, an increase of 8 reports from December 2016.
- Offense reports received for 2017 increased by 26, with 246 reports when compared to 2016 which the department handled 220 reports. Arrest reports received for 2017 decreased by 27 reports when compared to December 2016 which the department handled 46 arrest reports for the year.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$35,559.75 was collected for the month of December 2017.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- No report was given.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Council voted for the vacant Council seat; the vote went as follows:
Shawn Priest nominated Ryan Lewis and Chris Runyon nominated Morgan Sheppard. Shawn Priest and John Michael voted for Ryan Lewis; Chris Runyon, Scott Willey and Richard Tolle voted for Morgan Sheppard.
*Shawn Priest motioned to close nominations and Chris Runyon seconded.
Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried. Morgan Sheppard was awarded the vacant Council seat.
- Chris Runyon nominated Shawn Priest for President Pro Tem of Council.
*Richard Tolle moved and Chris Runyon seconded to close nominations. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried. Shawn Priest was awarded President Pro Tem of Council.
- Council agreed to keep the 2018 Council meetings the third Thursday of every month.
- Utility Clerk Teresa Smith approached Council asking them to accept her service credit time she has previously earned from being a County Employee. Solicitor Beery stated to Council it was up to them to decide if they wanted to accept it. Mrs. Smith would then go from earning 4.04 sick hours per pay period to 4.62 sick hour per pay period. In addition, Mrs. Smith is now eligible for four weeks vacation.
*Richard Tolle moved and Scott Willey seconded to approve Mrs. Smith's request and accept her service credit time and increase her sick and vacation hours effective immediately. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.
- Council President Shawn Priest presented Administrator Jason Campbell with a report format Council would like the Administrators to start filling out on a daily basis.
- Solicitor Beery reported he sent the claim for the Solar Light to their insurance company and they denied the claim. However, they asked that our Insurance Company have an engineer to determine what caused the light to short out. Solicitor Beery stated he would continue to pursue the claim. Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans stated she would forward pictures of the light and the Fire Department report to Solicitor Beery as soon as she receives them.
- Mayor Snyder updated Council on the Depot stating the Engineer's that inspected the Depot stated it would need dismantled before moving. Solicitor Beery suggested the Mayor contact the CIC of Highland County (Shane Wilkin) to see if they will try to obtain the Depot. If they can acquire it, they could transfer it to the Village and the Village could sign it over to someone else.
- Mayor Snyder updated the Council regarding the Brokaw Building. Mayor Snyder stated the building had caught fire at one point and time and all the floor joists are half burnt. In addition, the back stairway is unsafe and the basement is propped up on floor joists. Solicitor Beery stated the Village could declare the property a public nuisance per section 3767.41. Solicitor Beery said we would never find all the owners so he would publish it in the paper. The Village would declare it a nuisance but would not take ownership. There would be a hearing in the Municipal Court, and everyone will be served

notice with publication. The judge will then appoint a receiver who could be the Mayor, Administrator or anyone else. The receiver will suggest to the court how to abate the nuisance rather it requires to be knocked down or other, they can then borrow against the value of the property to pay for it even if there is a bank loan, outstanding real estate taxes or whatever, those are all forgotten. Then the building can be sold to pay the bill for the receiver's expense for the property. The Court will authorize the receiver to sell the property in either a private or public sale. The receiver will be paid first, then anything else would go to County taxes, and if any funds left, the court will determine who should receive.

- Richard Tolle moved and Scott Willey seconded to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Roll call vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned.