

LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL
3/15/2018
Mayor Freddie Snyder

Mayor Freddie Snyder called the regular March session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Leesburg Municipal Building. Invocation was given by Pastor John Fitzgerald and he led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members

Mr. John Michael ☒
Ms. Shawn C. Priest ☒
Mr. Chris Runyon ☒
Mr. Morgan Sheppard ☒
(Arrived late)
Mr. Richard Tolle ☒
Mr. Scott Willey ☒
Police Chief Shane Nolley ☒
Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans ☒
Solicitor Fred Beery ☒

Also, Present

Also attending: Blythe Pelham, Steven Bush, John Knauff, Angel Greenlee, Shawn S. Poole, Teresa Smith and Alice Teeters

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a. John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve the minutes for the February 15, 2018 council meeting. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Council reviewed the bills paid in February 2018. Scott Willey moved and Shawn Priest seconded the bills be approved. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

II. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Blythe Pelham, Steven Bush and Teresa Smith – Just observing.

John Knauff – Candidate for County Commissioner making his rounds to all village and township meetings to listen to any issues and concerns they may have.

Angel Greenlee and Shawn Poole – Representing the Leesburg Festival. Thanked the Village for last year's donation and asked the Council to consider making a donation for the 2018 festival. Festival dates for this year will be Friday, September 28th and Saturday, September 29th. Ms. Greenlee left pledge forms for donations for Council to consider. In addition, they will use the Leesburg PD for security.

Alice Teeters – Was inquiring about the Depot and if we received any more information from the railroad regarding ownership. Mayor Snyder stated that he has called several different numbers that he has obtained for the railroad and cannot reach an actual person. Mayor Snyder asked Solicitor Beery if he could draft a letter to the railroad asking them to contact the Village regarding the dilapidation of the depot building.

III. LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-05

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEESBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Councilman Chris Runyon asked that Ordinance No. 18-05 be tabled until a later date to give Council more time to review the appropriations. After discussion, Council agreed to schedule an Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 to discuss appropriations and the Police Personnel.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman John Michael, Chairman of the Personnel Committee reported the committee met on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss hiring one full time and one part time Police Officer. After much discussion, Councilman Chris Runyon asked the topic be tabled to discuss further.

Councilman Richard Tolle, member of the Housing Committee reported the committee met on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the condition of George Phillips properties. Mayor Snyder stated we have documentation going back to the 2008 requesting cleanup of Mr. Phillips properties and he has never complied. In addition, in 2012, Mr. Phillips was given the option to tear both houses down free of charge and replace with a new home from Habitat for Humanity that Mr. Phillips denied. Solicitor Beery stated the Village would have to appoint a receiver over the properties, the same as the Browkaw Building. After discussion, Council asked Solicitor Beery to proceed with filing for receivership over Mr. Phillips properties. In addition, the Committee stated the Village has several other properties that also need addressed.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around monthly reports for Council to sign.
- Informed Council the Village received a notice from the State of Ohio that it was time for all the alcohol permits within the village to be renewed and Council has the right to appeal these permits. After discussion, none of Council wished to appeal the permits.
- Requested Income Tax refunds of \$169.27, \$163, \$17, \$54 and \$412.
*Chris Runyon moved and Morgan Sheppard seconded to approve the Income Tax refunds. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.
- Requested a refund to Administrator Fred Hattan for work boots that were purchased for \$125 in accordance with the Uniform Policy.
*Shawn Priest moved and Richard Tolle seconded to approve the refund of \$125 to Administrator Fred Hattan. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.
- Requested Council amend the January 2017 minutes adding that Richard Tolle was elected President Pro-Tem Council.
*Shawn Priest moved and Chris Runyon seconded to amend the minutes for January 2017. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported that for the month of February 2018, there were 447 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-150 regular, 13.5 overtime; Officer Stephens-150 regular, 20 overtime; Officer Brady-130 regular, 34.5 overtime; Officer Michael-144.5 regular, 30 overtime and Officer Cottrell-116 regular, 21.5 overtime. There were 2 Traffic Crash Reports, and 21 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 7, Traffic Citations -2, and Warning Citations - 7. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 – 2017 Police Interceptor – 789 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2005 Ford

Explorer – 805 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 907 miles driven.
Repairs: \$0 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 94 active case reports.
The departments total reports received for the month of February 2018 were 21, a decrease of 5 reports from February 2017.

Report of Income Tax Administrator Dorothy Vance:

- Mayor Snyder reported for Mrs. Vance that \$112,961.24 was collected for the month of February 2018.

Report of Mayor Freddie Snyder:

- Mayor Snyder asked Solicitor Beery for an update regarding the solar lights. Solicitor Beery stated the solar light company would not pay because we cannot prove how the fire happened; therefore, the only thing left to do is to take them to court. Council directed Solicitor Beery to proceed with the claim in court.
- Presented Council with the idea of military banners from www.troopbanners.com, taking the place of our current seasonal banners. All of Council liked the idea and asked Mayor Snyder to look in to this program.
- Asked Council if they still wanted to install an electric strip downtown where the mural was located. In addition to materials, we would have to pay for labor and the project could get pricey. After discussion, Council decided against adding electric to the mural area.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Brokaw Building – Solicitor Beery stated the judge can appoint a receiver to abate the nuisance of the Brokaw property. If the owner steps up, the judge may give them a shot at abating the nuisance. Councilman Morgan Sheppard asked if an individual wanted to abate the nuisance if that was a possibility and Solicitor Beery stated yes. Councilman Chris Runyon asked if Council could recommend multiple receivers and Solicitor Beery stated yes. Council then asked Solicitor Beery to start the paperwork for the receivership of this property.
- Depot – (see the beginning of the minutes)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Richard Tolle moved and John Michael seconded to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Roll call vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned.