

LEESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL
“EMERGENCY MEETING”
AUGUST 3, 2021
Mayor Shawn C. Priest, Presiding

Mayor Shawn C. Priest called the **EMERGENCY** session of the Leesburg Village Council to order on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00. No invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Mrs. Rita Smith Daulton, Mr. John Michael, Mr. Joel Morris, Ms. Blythe Pelham, and Mr. Richard Tolle. Mr. Chris Runyon was absent.

Also present: Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans, Administrator Kenny Worley and Solicitor Fred Beery.

Also attending: Mrs. Alice Teeters, Mr. Greg Heeter, Jason Campbell and Butch Wiget, Mr. Steve Canter (via cell phone).

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discuss the replacement of a water line that runs from the water plant up past Brown Street, and passing legislation if applicable.

Mayor Shawn C. Priest informed Council we have had three major leaks on East Main Street in July. The leaks consisted of two blow outs in the main line and one valve leak. Mayor Priest said if we can pass legislation declaring an emergency, we can bypass the long bidding process. If we can do this, it will speed up the project and we can possibly receive funding in September to replace the line. In addition, on July 30th, Governor DeWine announced a new grant for water/sewer infrastructure projects for smaller communities that includes funding for up to \$5,000,000 towards individual projects and \$250,000 for engineering cost. Mayor Priest stated the water system is our main priority and we need to get the line replaced as soon as possible no matter how much it costs the village. The EPA will not allow us to go on with the current leaks that are occurring.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTION NO 21-07

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR LOANS AND GRANTS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPAIRS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

*John Michael moved and Richard Tolle seconded to suspend the three-reading rule. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

*Blythe Pelham moved and John Michael seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-07. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

*Richard Tolle moved and Joel Morris seconded to adjourn at 6:17 PM. Roll call vote 5-0. Meeting adjourned.