

and Blythe Pelham. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the mobile home ordinance and zoning for the village. The Committee recommended that the village carry through with the three reading rule and posting of Ordinance #21-08. Regarding zoning, the Committee recommends forming a zoning committee with two council members, two business owners, two residents, and the mayor in case of a tie.

The Platting Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

V. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Report of Police Chief Shane Nolley:

Chief Shane Nolley reported for the month of August 2021, there were 294 calls for service. Hours worked were as followed: Chief Nolley-160 regular, 6.67 overtime; Officer Dawson-168 regular, 24 overtime; Officer Bunner - 168 regular, 7.50 overtime. There were 0 Traffic Crash Reports, and 11 Offense Reports. Arrest Information: Arrests - 3, Traffic Citations - 11, and Warning Citations - 8. Police vehicle information: Unit 1 - 2017 Police Interceptor – 771 miles driven, Unit 2 - 2020 Police Interceptor – 371 miles driven, Unit 3 - 2015 Police Interceptor – 591 miles driven. Repairs: \$294.49 and Training: \$0.

Additional Information from Chief Nolley:

- The Police Department has 113 active case reports.
- The departments total reports received for the month of August 2021 were 11 reports, a decrease of 4 reports from August 2020.
- The department was nominated for sacrificial and selfless service to the community and for the prompt and professional work.
- The department received a Certificate of Appreciation from Faith and Friends Radio.com along with donuts from Bills Donuts in Centerville Ohio.

Report of Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans:

- Passed around the monthly reports and credit card statement for Council to sign.

Report of Utility/Streets Department from Administrator Worley:

- Employees completed 84 hours in ground maintenance including mowing, cutting limbs, watering flowers, and helping clean the basement.
- Completed 122 hours in sewer maintenance including lift stations, repairing actuator, Coyote grinder pump and digester.
- Completed 38 hours in water maintenance including repairing chlorine room light, installing water meters, repair water leak.
- Completed 23 hours in street maintenance including asphalt Kimberly culvert and water leak on East Main.
- Misc. items: The Brewer family asked if the Village wanted to purchase the eight acres attached to the sewer plant. Steve Canter from Environment Engineering stated the Village did not need it for the sewer plant. After discussion, council decided not to purchase the property. Also, the drain in the street in front of Southern Hills Bank is caving in due to the sewer drain. Administrator Worley asked ODOT to come and inspect the site. Lastly, Administrator Worley stated we need to install a crosswalk from Southern Hills Bank to the Post Office. Chief Nolley stated the crosswalk would need

handicap accessibility. In addition, a crosswalk is needed from South Street to cross Fairfield Street.

Report of Regional Income Tax Association (RITA):

- Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans reported that \$35,324.13 was collected for the month of August 2021. Informed Council of a \$12,000 refund that will be made in September and deducted from the monthly total.

Report of Mayor Shawn C. Priest:

- Informed Council the Village of Leesburg was ranked by the County Engineer first in Highland County for the state infrastructure funding project. However, Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans stated she received a call from Steve Canter before the meeting and he said the EPA received over 1,000 applications totaling one billion in funding and the EPA only has \$250 million to lend.
- Thanked the Village employees for cleaning the records out of the basement (which has never been done). Mayor Priest told Fiscal Officer Tracy Evans to use the credit card and take the employees out to lunch on two different days.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Regarding the tornado siren – Mayor Priest reported the tornado siren and pole have been ordered by Administrator Worley.
- Regarding abandoned properties – The Anderson property by the Post Office is for sale. The old barn owned by Kermit Whitt located by Purtell Drive will be repaired and the shed owned by Mr. Whitt behind his mother's house on West Main Street will be torn down. The old trailer located behind Elmer Highley's property on East Main will be removed. Resident Joe Turner is demolishing his old trailer, and in addition, Mr. Turner will be served a nuisance letter for the house on Fairfield Street. The property owned by the Balls on East Main has been served. The properties owned by Lonnie Lewis on Forest Avenue have been cleaned and mowed. Also, the apartment building located on Taylor Drive that burned several years back has been served via certified mail. The old barn on Grace Lane will be demolished soon.
- Regarding the grocery store – Mayor Priest received a call from the Chase Bank attorney right before the Council meeting. The attorney informed her they are filing paperwork for a fast-track foreclosure and should have a Sheriff's sale in one month. Mayor Priest then called the three parties that are interested in purchasing the property and informed them of the upcoming sale. One of the interested parties has purchased a parcel in the downtown area and are going to construct a store on the lot. However, now they are holding off and waiting for the Sheriff's sale of the grocery store.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Blythe Pelham asked the Mayor what was going to happen with the appointment of a new council member. Mayor Priest stated that in her opinion, if we appoint someone to the position who is currently running for a seat, it would be unfair because it would make that person an

incumbent. After discussion from Council, they decided to table the council appointment at this time.

- Councilwoman Rita Smith-Daulton stated she has a tough time as a council member making residents take care of their yards when we have council members whose yards look bad. Councilwoman Smith-Daulton stated we need to set a precedent on our own yards before we require other property owners to do so. Councilman Joel Morris said we need to bring it to the attention of our council members and make one another accountable.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor Priest swore in Nicole Michael as a full-time Police Officer and Clint Townsend as a part-time Police Officer.
- Richard Tolle moved, and Joel Morris seconded to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.