Council Minutes

July 5, 2016

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, Sue Christman and Brian Reynolds. Mayor Kevin Benton, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Village Administrator Kevin Lammon and new Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Kyle Stechschulte, and Troy Herring. Village Solicitor Keith Schierloh and Councilman Rick Recker were both absent.

Mayor Kevin Benton called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. He then led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A Public Hearing for the 2017 Village Budget was held at 7:00P.M. those present were Al Pingle, Sue Schroeder, Renee Spangler, Justin Barnhart, Kevin Lammon, Kevin Benton, Brian Reynolds, Dave Heitmeyer, Sue Christman, Kyle Stechschulte, Troy Herring, Josh Tobe.

A Public Hearing regarding the closure of part of Sugar Street was held at 7:15P.M. Those present were Al Pingle, Sue Schroeder, Renee Spangler, Justin Barnhart, Kevin Lammon, Kevin Benton, Brian Reynolds, Dave Heitmeyer, Sue Christman, Kyle Stechschulte, Troy Herring, Josh Tobe. Kevin Lammon said he spoke with our Solicitor prior to this meeting and he recommends we close Sugar Street along with Third Street to clean up some of the ongoing issues in this area. In this case there was a house built on Sugar Street in 1961 and they are in the process of selling the home that is why this was brought up. Also the village will still have the right of way for utilities located in the part of the street closure.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting and to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

ORDINANCE 2912: AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE ALLEY BETWEEN INLOTS NUMBER 338-339 AND 345 EXCEPT THE NORTHWEST PART, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Ordinance 2912 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

ORDINANCE 2913: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 2913 and this was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.
ORDINANCE 2915: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF PUTNAM COUNTY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2915 for the third time tonight was made by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, all voted yea. Ordinance 2915 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Brian Reynolds to accept Ordinance 2915 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

ORDINANCE 2917: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2894 AS THE EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2917 for the second and third time tonight was made by Al Pingle and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, all voted yea. Ordinance 2917 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Brian Reynolds to accept Ordinance 2917 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea.

ORDINANCE 2916: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A STREET THAT THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED WILL NOT BE DETERIMENTAL TO THE GENERAL INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

New Village Administrator, Justin Barnhart, gave council an update on the nuisance properties, the Alvarado property the frame has been dismantled and removed he just needs to continue to clean the property. Mr. Barnhart said he sent a letter out to the owners of the Double J and they have till July 22 to respond with what the architect found and plans to move forward.

Justin Barnhart told council that we had a bid opening on the Street Paving and the Reservoir Lower Level Pumping Station. The following are the bids received for the Street paving $261,445.44 Helms & Sons, $274,724.57 Ward’s Construction, and $282,382.44 Holcomb Enterprises it is recommended by the engineers that we go with Helms. Legislation will be presented at the next council meeting. This project will be for paving and curbing in the downtown area that is broken away. Mayor Benton asked exactly what does that mean, he said he thought they would have to dig into the street and into the sidewalk. Mr. Lammon said he wasn’t sure. Mayor Benton asked so from the curb to the business is the property owners responsibility right. Mr. Lammon wasn’t sure on that either. The following are the bids we received on the Reservoir low level pumping station $43,000.00 Kirk Bros., $56,000.00 Peterson Construction, $67,000.00 B. Hill’z, $68,000.00 All Purpose Contracting, Inc. This is for a low volume pump out at the reservoir, this is used to pump into the reservoir.

Mayor Benton said we received a legal opinion from our solicitor that the council could award the bid to the lowest and best bid. The opinion advised of matters that could be considered to determine the best bid. One of those determining factors is past experience, he noted that Leipsic had a poor past experience with Kirk Bros. Kevin Lammon said the engineers recommended Kirk Bros. which is the lowest bid but council will ultimately determine who to award the bid to based on their consideration of the lowest and best qualifications. Council vocalized an interest
in considering legislation to award the contract with Peterson Construction at the next council meeting. The Peterson Construction bid was $56,000.00.

Kyle Stechschule was present and asked council if the park could be used for the site for the Fall Fest September 16, 2016 to set up and September 17, 2016 for the Fall Fest. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the use of the park for the Fall Fest and setup the day before and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea. He also asked if they could apply for a liquor permit for that day. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to permit the alcohol and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea. Mr. Stechschulte also requested that Orchard Drive be closed near the park for activities that would take place at the Fest. Dave Heitmeyer asked will that affect parking. Mr. Stechschulte said that they have been using the grass in the back of the park as the parking lot. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the road to be closed and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea. Mr. Stechschulte also asked if they could put the tent on the black top parking lot at the pool and if the tent company can drive stakes into the black top, the company said they will repair the holes from the stakes. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the tent to be set up and the tent company to drive the stakes into the black top as long as they repair the holes from the stakes and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea. Mr. Stechschulte said they were trying to get a water ball as one of the activities and would need help anchoring. He asked if they could use Village dump trucks fully loaded to hold the wire tight. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the use of two village dump trucks and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion, all voted yea. Mr. Stechschulte also asked about the use of portable stop signs to keep stakes in the ground for the beer garden. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the use of the portable stop signs and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion, all voted yea. Sue Christman asked how much profit is made from the Fall Fest. Kyle Stechschulte said all funds received are invested back into the event to help the community.

Dave Heitmeyer will not be at the next council meeting.

Mayor Benton thanked Troy Herring for being our representative for the water sewer district, Mr. Herring said he didn’t make it to the last meeting he was out of town but plans to be at the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call, all voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M. The next council meeting will be July 18, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED: _____________________________

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