

Council Minutes

April 15, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Dave Heitmeyer, Al Pingle, Rick Recker, Sue Schroeder, Sue Christman and Tony Wobler. Mayor Kevin Benton, Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Neil Goodwin, Ken Maag, and Amy Sealts.

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

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting and accept them was made by Sue Christman and this motion was seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Streets Sidewalks and Buildings Chairman Al Pingle met and talked about the proposal for City Park, the proposal is the sidewalk that comes in on the city property back behind the Viking Korner and then down Werner St. and then back on Sugar St., Mr. Pingle said the reason for the sidewalk is to keep the kids away from the traffic on Main St. and near the Viking Korner entrance. He said it will also include curbs on Main St., Werner St. in front of the park as well as on Sugar St. Estimate at this time is right around \$30,000.00 and for the street curbs it is \$65,000.00 for a grand total of \$95,000.00, he said the committee was in agreement of recommending this project. Mr. Pingle said that to him this will show what the Village is willing to do upgrades. Rick Recker asked if the ball diamond is going to stay and Mr. Pingle said yes at this point yes and he said they wanted some of this to be on the Parks Committee for them to decide on the best place for a basketball court would be or any other idea. Al Pingle made a motion to have the proposal for the Sidewalks and Curbs at City Park Completed and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Neil Goodwin let council know that the final for the first of the new trucks is May 10, 2019 and this is also the preconstruction of the next one. He also mentioned that he had budgeted to have the equipment mounted on the truck. He said hopefully we have it by June 1st and we should defiantly have it before the convention.

Justin Barnhart told council that the planning commission has met and determined that it will be made into a 13 R1-1 neighborhood for zoning, and the 14th lot they want to see as LI-1 so they have an opportunity to change it later, so on May 20th, there will be a public hearing prior to the council meeting and then at the council meeting the council will take action.

RESOLUTION 3098: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT WITH WARD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TENNIS, BASKETBALL AND PICKLEBALL COURTS LOCATED AT BUCKEYE PARK IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC; PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3098 for the third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3098 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3098 and this was seconded by Rick Recker.

Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

RESOLUTION 3099: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE COMPLETION OF A CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH AT THE YELLOW CREEK RESERVOIR IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Justin Barnhart said ODNR is still trying to say it's not handicap accessible and we may need to do some alterations with cost up to another \$3000.00 to get the grant. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3099 for the third-time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea. Resolution 3099 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3099 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Dave Heitmeyer said Chief Goodwin is concerned about water rescue at the reservoir with the installation of the boat ramp, since the Leipsic Fire Department isn't equipped for water rescue. Al Pingle asked if the county has anything for water rescue and Neil Goodwin answered the closest would be continental. Mayor Benton said Gilboa has something too. Mr. Heitmeyer said that if the Fire Department gets a call, they don't have anything for a rescue, Mr. Heitmeyer said he is in favor of the boat ramp, but we need to get something, Gilboa's twenty minutes from here and after that continental is probably forty minutes away. Tony Wobler asked if Neil would expect to take the boat out there, Mr. Barnhart said to Neil when we first talked about this wasn't it supposed to be like \$5000.00 for the right equipment, Mr. Goodwin said no for the boat, trailer, lifejackets and the gumby suits it was like \$13,000.00-\$15,000.00. Neil said he gave Mr. Barnhart a quote and Mr. Barnhart said yes but they wouldn't allow any of this grant money to be spent on fire safety. Mr. Barnhart told council and Neil that the new property tax levy will bring in about \$76,000.00 and he said maybe this can be the first expense we use this money on, so we don't charge the Village of West Leipsic or the townships. Dave Heitmeyer mentioned that the gumby suits are for cold water, so are we going to be allowing ice fishing, Rick Recker said we never have, Mayor Benton said we have never allowed that before, Mr. Heitmeyer said but is it posted. Mayor Benton said no but it should be posted. Tony Wobler asked Neil if there is a water rescue out there, how long would it take to go back and get the boat. Mr. Goodwin said they would dispatch it out as a water rescue, Mr. Goodwin said it would be the first piece of equipment out the door. Mayor Benton asked would that fit in the pump house, because that is the only place that we would ever need a boat. Mr. Barnhart said it could be dispatched for mutual aid, Mr. Goodwin said he doesn't think that is appropriate. Mr. Heitmeyer said you would put it at the station closest to the Reservoir correct Station 2. Mr. Goodwin also said you are going to want that to be accessible to the fire department to check it over the winter months. Sue Schroeder made a motion to purchase the fire rescue equipment for the Reservoir and Tony Wobler seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker abstained.

RESOLUTION 3103: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time. Police Chief Dennis Cupp said he had one of his officers come to him over payroll information that was posted in the Lima News. Mr. Cupp said his most senior officer is making less than the most current hired police officer is making. Mr. Cupp said part of it was when the newer hire police officer was hired it was a lateral movement from North Baltimore but what wasn't taken into effect was, he had a probationary period where after six months he was then given another raise. So, between that and the next yearly raise it took him over the senior officer's pay. So, Mr. Cupp is requesting to get these two officers a little farther apart from where they should be. Mr. Cupp said that Joe has fifteen or maybe seventeen years where Rob has two and five years from his other employment. Mr. Barnhart said this increase would bring Joe and Scott up three percent, so this would make it so that Scott is a step ahead of Fitzgerald the newest officer. Joe would be three steps ahead of Scott and then four steps ahead of the newest officer. Mr. Cupp said he would like to see a way for his officers to get a five percent raise

when they get state certified, this would be like when the water/wastewater guys get a license they get a five percent raise. Mr. Cupp said he doesn't want to take anything away from those guys, but he would like to see something done similar with his officers for an incentive. Dennis said he recently sent Joe out to become our range officer, Mr. Cupp said we would roughly pay out three hundred and some dollars a year to have a range officer qualify them every year, because it is state mandated. Mr. Cupp said he is getting ready to send Scott to be a state certified taser officer, Mr. Cupp said this will save us from having to get someone and pay them to certify the department with their tasers. Al Pingle said, Dennis needs to let Council know when someone passes a certification, he said Council isn't just going to automatically know that. Mr. Pingle also said this would be great to be added to the evaluation sheets so it can be seen by everyone. Mr. Wobler asked how many different certifications are there? Mr. Cupp said police doesn't have a bunch of certifications like that.

RESOLUTION 3104: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN 2019 IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3104 for the second and third-time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Resolution 3104 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Rick Recker to accept Resolution 3104 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3105: A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS TAKEN BY ADMINISTRATOR BARNHART AND MAYOR BENTON FOR THE TIMELY DEMOLITION OF 123. S BELMORE ST. AND 202 E. MAIN ST IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Barnhart told council that Brett Deitering was able to get the insurance for the wall de-marriage, but that his insurance would not approve demolition of a building containing Asbestos. All Demolition was contacted since they were the next best bid. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3105 for the second and third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Resolution 3105 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3105 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3097: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3097 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

ORDINANCE 3101: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIRE EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL FUND (245) TO ACCOUNT FOR MONEYS RECEIVED OR COLLECTED BY THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS OF A VOTER APPROVED 2 MILL PROPERTY LEVY TAKING EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3101 for the third-time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker abstained, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Ordinance 3101 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3101 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker abstained.

ORDINANCE 3106: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE3062 AS THE FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3107: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR THE ENGINEERING OF A LIFT STATION IN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC INDUSTRIAL PARK IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Two years ago, Dave Heitmeyer came to Justin Barnhart wanting to know what the Village of Leipsic could contribute to the track annually, Mr. Barnhart said based on the current spending at that time that a \$10,000.00 commitment a year wouldn't really affect us negatively. Mr. Heitmeyer said the track would be a community track, he said the school board committed \$250,000.00 and the Village's \$100,000.00, Mr. Heitmeyer said he has over \$700,000.00 for the track. Mr. Heitmeyer said Village employees going out and working on things along with Mr. Barnhart this will help knock down the expenses even more. Mr. Heitmeyer said he has been working on contacting business for donations, he said right now he has six lanes sold, \$25,000.00 a lane, and three field events that were sold for \$15,000.00 apiece. Mr. Heitmeyer said the front entrance of the track is paid for, he said he would get a design and bring it to council. He said they are moving right along with people and the commitments for donations. Mr. Heitmeyer said 95% of the work is being done locally. He said he is working with Paulette from Pogemeyer to try and get grant money for the track. Mr. Heitmeyer said they will be selling brick pavers for the community for \$200.00 a brick this will be a hurdle donation. Mr. Heitmeyer said this is a 1.1-Million-dollar project to get everything done, Mr. Heitmeyer said Poggemeyer is laying the track out for free. Al Pingle made a motion to make a commitment of \$10,000.00 annually for ten years to the track and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker abstained, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer abstained, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

Ken Maag from Poggemeyer Design group presented council with information on an AARP Grant, this will not go towards the track, but rather to construct four concrete cornhole boards, purchase and install a fixed cement chess table and chairs, purchase and install a propane fire pit and construct a steel pergola with swings. This is roughly a \$27,000.00 project, with a \$10,000.00 contribution from the Village for a \$17,000.00 grant. He said the kicker is the applications are due Thursday. He said they also make there decisions quite quick also, but they also want it constructed by November 4 of this year. Mr. Heitmeyer said when he spoke with Paulette, she said we could take things out or add, she asked Mr. Heitmeyer if it would be beneficial to have a wood fire place or gas. Mr. Heitmeyer thinks gas but that is up to the whole council. Mr. Maag said we need to know what needs added or taken out before the application is sent out, changes cannot be made afterwards. Tony Wobler made a motion to have Poggemeyer Design Group send the application in for the Village of Leipsic for the AARP Grant and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mr. Barnhart said the OPWC grants are going to be coming due in September/October, so Mr. Barnhart wants to put out an RFP to let everybody have a chance. This will be for the street paving grant and Mr. Barnhart said he thinks there is a park grant as well. Ken Maag said typically when it comes to OPWC Grants the projects are typically small when it comes to fees unless you have a very specific scope and estimate, it is extremely difficult for anybody to price. Mr. Maag said typically RFP's are for projects that are over 50K he said people put a lot of time and money putting those quotes together.

Mr. Heitmeyer said he was out getting his petition signed the other day and someone asked about Mayor Benton's property on Mill St., Mr. Heitmeyer asked what his intentions are on that property. Mr. Heitmeyer asked if he would consider having it torn down. Mayor Benton said he plans on working on the house this year. Sue Christman asked him if he could get the toilet that's on the trailer taken away, Mayor Benton said he would take the toilet away.

There will be a community meeting to discuss the NRG grant on April 25 at 6:30P.M.

Arbor Day will be celebrated at 10:00A.M. at Charlie Bennett Park on April 26th.

At 8:41P.M. Rick Recker made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract issues, purchase or sale of land, and a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

At 9:09P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to come out of executive session and Tony Wobler seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Rick Recker made a motion to have legislation prepared for the next council meeting for raw water rates for PRO-TEC and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Tony Wobler yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:10P.M. The next council meeting will be May 6, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____