

## Council Minutes

August 6, 2018

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, Sue Christman, and Brian Reynolds. Mayor Kevin Benton, Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Village Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Steven Coburn Griffith from the Putnam County Sentinel, Russ Teders and Mike from Chevrolet of Ottawa.

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

A motion to name Rick Recker as acting Council President was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker abstained, Sue Schroeder absent.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the July 2 and July 16, 2018 meeting and accept them as written was made Brian Reynolds and this motion was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

The sidewalk study committee had a meeting tonight Al Pingle said this is still on going and they are hoping to wrap it up in the next month or two and present to council for a vote.

Streets, Sidewalks and Buildings Committee met prior to council chairman Al Pingle said there will be six streets that will be paved this year and there's still ongoing discussions on this due to changes being made.

Personnel Committee Meeting Council Chairman Rick Recker said possible six-month probation wage increase for a couple employees that took on another job role. He also mentioned there will be a personnel matter that will need to go into executive session.

Justin Barnhart told council that the lift station out at Mars failed on July 26 and we discovered it on July 29 and by August 1 the Village staff, Fire Department and Contractors collaborated with Mars staff and the situation was completed resolved and cleaned up. He said it was fully monitored by the Ohio EPA. Russ Teders was present at council he was the acting operator since Tony Schroeder was on vacation, he can answer any questions council might have. Mr. Barnhart said this will be something the Village of Leipsic will be paying 100% of the cost which was \$7500.00. Al Pingle said correct me if I'm wrong when the lift station has a fault it simply goes from a green light to a red light, there's no other alarm. Russ said there's not even a green light on it, it's just a red light. Al Pingle asked does it really get monitored, not like there's a scheduled drive by. Al Pingle also said so we are depending on a Mars employee to tell us when there is something wrong with the lift station or a passer-by. Mayor Benton asked Al Pingle is this has ever happened before, Al said I know there has been red lights out there but nothing this severe. Russ said he got a quote for a cell-based system for an alert system for the lift stations. It's about \$2500.00 per lift station plus a year cell subscription fee. Al Pingle asked what is the guarantee that you wouldn't get a phone call each night, Russ said it would depend all on how its set up. Mayor Benton said it's good for us to look into this. Justin said there are proposals in councils' packets, and we should see more information on this matter before the end of the year.

Justin Barnhart said Russ Teders is also present at council tonight for a purchase of a mini excavator. We were planning on getting a backhoe, but all the guys have agreed the way the new work structure is with the main uses being Tucker, Leo, Nick and Russ. They have

all agreed that a mini serves a very good purpose and that we would replace the backhoe that Leo uses on a daily basis in the winter, so he does have a decent backhoe and the budget would allow for that based on the five-year plan. Russ presented council with two different options. He had a Kobelco is from Southeastern Equipment he said the machines are basically the same, but their price came to \$63,545.00. The John Deere was \$63,110.91. Russ said the Kobelco is a little more but if we go with the John Deere then we won't get it till the beginning of February or March of next year. The Kobelco we could have as soon as September 6 of this year. Rus said he ran both machines himself and he feels the Kobelco is just a little bit more-stronger and it's a nice machine. The rep for Kobelco said we could use a different mini for right now until this one comes in free of charge. We are going to need one for the Orchard Drive storm sewer project. Mayor Benton asked if we were going to need a trailer for this. Russ responded we have a trailer. Dave Heitmeyer asked about trading in the back hoe. Russ said the only one that gave him a price on the backhoe trade in was John Deere and it was \$9,500.00, it's not worth trading it. Rick Recker said we could sell it on gov deals. Russ said yes it would be better to sell it that way. Al Pingle asked how much it costs to rent a mini excavator, Justin said \$3000.00 a month. Brian Reynolds made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kobelco Mini Excavator and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Justin Barnhart said he has been working on purchasing a pickup truck he looked at purchasing one from Ottawa Chevy and at Reinke Ford. Reinke Ford had a silver truck for \$28,000.00 and the white truck that Ottawa Chevy has white truck that was \$29,000.00 is a good deal that the Chevy dealership has before us tonight. Mr. Barnhart said he trying to keep our fleet all the silver color. Mr. Barnhart if council wants to listen to Mike tonight and purchase this White truck that would be great. Mike said he knows he can't beat the Ford price, he said he got closer today than what he did last month. He told council that the Village of Leipsic will not be happy with the Ford pick up truck because of the aluminum truck bed. Not trying to put Chevy against Ford but he said Chevy is way better. He said the quote he is giving us tonight that is \$3,000.00 less than what he originally quoted Mr. Barnhart. Mayor Benton asked if we bought the Ford and Justin said yes last week for \$28,000.00. Mayor Benton asked Al Pingle is he was aware of this purchase, he said he was aware that they were going to buy a new pick up truck. Mayor Benton said Ok. Brian Reynolds asked so are we buying another one tonight. Mr. Barnhart said no Mike wanted to sell us this truck, so this is his last-minute effort. Mike said he was under the impression that it had to be voted on here and that's where we kind of butted heads. Brian Reynolds asked did we pay for it already. Justin said the truck we are getting is \$28,000.00 the truck he had was \$31,000.00 and his other one was \$32,000.00. Mr. Barnhart said his spending authority is \$50,000.00 and it was in the budget. Al Pingle said everyone is going to need to start paying closer attention to the budget, he said because the \$50,000.00 allowance is for emergencies only. Mr. Barnhart said no it isn't since when. Pingle said that's why is was ever put in place if you ever couldn't get ahold of council. Mr. Barnhart said no it's Ohio Revised Code Al, that's why you have a Village Administrator.

**RESOLUTION 3038: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.** Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3038 for the third time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent. Resolution 3038 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3038 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

**RESOLUTION 3039: A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.** Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3039 for the third time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent. Resolution 3039 was read for the third time. A motion was made

by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3039 and this was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

RESOLUTION 3041: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3042: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC FISCAL OFFICER YO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3042 for the second and third time tonight was made by Rick Recker and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent. Resolution 3042 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3042 and this was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

ORDINANCE 3043: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3009 AS THE FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3043 for the second and third time tonight was made by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent. Ordinance 3043 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3043 and this was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Mr. Barnhart asked council to consider the purchase of an F550 ton and half dump truck with a stainless-steel dump bed. This is more versatile model requested by employees. It will have a plow and salt spreader for winter operations. To ensure delivery by winter. Mr. Barnhart said he looked into a Chevy but the 2019's aren't ready till next year. He said the reason we are doing this is cause coons truck's gauges are bad. This would be a \$85,438.00 purchase. Mr. Barnhart said the salesman called today and said it is important to him that we purchase this truck, so he took another \$200.00 of the price. If we were to order a truck that is silver, we would be waiting a long time. Brian Reynolds asked so we are going to keep the one that is going to blow up, Russ said it's a gauge thing. Brian asked why a V plow compared to a regular plow. Mr. Barnhart said it allows the driver to control where the snow goes. Sue Christman asked so they will use two different trucks on the size of the roads. Mr. Barnhart said no we would use the F550 in town and the larger truck on the East side of town since road 5 is on that side of town. Al Pingle made a motion to table this purchase, and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

RESOLUTION 3044: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSAL FROM AMERESCO, INC. TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLANCHARD RIVER PUMP STATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK ENGINEERING ADVISE AS IT RELATES TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USE AT THE SITE. Was read for the first time. This Resolution would allow Mr. Barnhart to contract with Ameresco for up to \$5,000.00.

Church of the Nazarene wants to put in sidewalks, Mr. Barnhart wants to know if we can their sidewalk grant money from last year in the amount of \$1500.00 that they never used. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the awarding of there sidewalk grant money from last year and Al Pingle seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea,

Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Mayor Benton said he is going to be putting sidewalks in at one of his properties how do I know where to put it, Mr. Barnhart said there is no current standards. The recommendations would be a four-foot wide sidewalk, but Mr. Benton asked where. Justin said he could come down and take a look at it if he wants.

Nick Myers is requesting the use of the Backhoe for moving mulch. Rick Recker made a motion to allow this use and Al Pingle seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Barry Schroeder said OWDA Loan Closed on Friday. So those monies are now available for us to use.

Al Pingle thanked the Village employees on behalf of Mars for the fast clean up at the lift station.

At 8:29P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss purchase or sale of land, personnel matter or a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development. Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

At 8:56P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion come out of executive session and Al Pingle seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Brian Reynolds made a motion, so employees can no longer use Village property, and this includes the use approved earlier in the minutes and Al Pingle seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker no, Sue Schroeder absent.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:58P.M. The next council meeting will be August 20, 2018 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_