

Council Minutes

December 3, 2018

Council Members in attendance: Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, and Brian Reynolds. Mayor Kevin Benton, Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Dennis Cupp Neil Goodwin, Matt Shaver, Robert Alt Jr. and Thomas Liebrecht. Council President Sue Schroeder and Sue Christman were absent.

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

Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to appoint Al Pingle as Acting Council President and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman absent, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle abstained, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting and accept them was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman absent, Brian Reynolds yea, Sue Schroeder absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mayor Benton said the Property Review Board met prior to the meeting those present were Mayor Benton and Village Administrator Justin Barnhart. Mayor Benton said they went out and looked at three properties. He said we can't take any action at this time but hopefully by the next meeting we can. He said for the building that had the fire we are just waiting on the building owners to find out what they are going to do. Mayor Benton said we will probably just let them clean up the property. Al Pingle asked if we can put any time restraints on them. Mayor Benton said we can put any restraint on them we want but it doesn't mean it's going to be followed.

Robert Alt Jr. was present wanting to know about the water rate increases and how that would be affecting West Leipsic. Mr. Alt says the water rates makes it hard to keep people living in West Leipsic. Mayor Benton said there will be a small reduction for some and increase for the heavy users.

Thomas Liebrecht was present, and he told council that he has been managing our website for the last eight years. He said he is present tonight with regards to November 19, 2018 minutes where they stated Council authorized Mr. Barnhart to work with Tom Liebrecht on the website and Tom still hasn't done it. Mr. Liebrecht said that within the last two years he hasn't been instructed or asked to provide you with any type of website design. So, he said he is present to see what is going on. Mr. Benton said he spoke to Justin about it today, he said it was erroneous on our part. Mr. Liebrecht asked if the minutes could be amended, Mayor Benton said we would just put a note in the minutes for tonight's meeting that we made an error on that. Mr. Liebrecht then said the Village of Leipsic can choose whoever they want. Mr. Benton told council that since there was no PO to design this site and this is what Mr. Liebrecht was referring to, it would have been hard for him to go and do what he needed to do without the go ahead from the Village. Mr. Barnhart said he and Mr. Liebrecht had started discussions and there was a memo from Liebrecht stating what was wrong with our original website and we started working on it, that's where you saw that logo go through and that was October of last year. He added that he and Tom were working on some personal things at that time and Mr. Barnhart feels that their discussion broke down and they never did revisit as per say the website. But Mr. Barnhart indicated that there were discussions with Mr. Liebrecht

about getting new imagery including drone footage and a logo for the upcoming website that never materialized. Mr. Leibracht asked what that has to do with the Leipsic website. Mr. Barnhart said he doesn't know why but their communications since that time has been certainly less. Mayor Benton thanked Tom Leibracht for his last eight years of service with the Village. Mr. Leibracht said thank you it has been a pleasure.

Mr. Barnhart said the Water and Sewer rate changes and new Ordinances are in council's packets and asked that they look them over in the next two weeks.

RESOLUTION 3060: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILALGE OF LEIPSIC FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3061: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC FISCAL OFFICER TO CREATE A THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDER TO PAY THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3062 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3063: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE FIRE CHIEF TO CREATE A POLICY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC AND FURTHER APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHANGE OF POLICY MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3064: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES INREGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart said the Health Insurance renewal would be for a 5% decrease from Anthem. He said we could save money with the other plans but not nearly the savings we have looked at in the past, but this is a reduction from Anthem.

RESOLUTION 3065: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF PNEU-MATIC ENGINEERING, INC, FOR A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR INREGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Fire Chief Neil Goodwin said the bid chosen by the committee for the Compressor was the highest bid, but they were the only one that met our bid specification exactly.

RESOLUTION 3066: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS FOR SCBA DEVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INREGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Fire Chief Neil Goodwin said the bid chosen by the committee for the SCBA Devices bid was the lowest at \$110,000.00. Mr. Goodwin said every fireman would have their own mask now.

The CRA Housing Council meets Annually, Mr. Barnhart said he put a list of ideal people based on their involvement in the community. Mr. Barnhart said the Council and the Mayor has two appointments. The school has one appointment which they have already appointed Dave Miller. The Housing Council also appoints two. This committee only meets once a year to review tax abatements on homes. These need to be appointed on December 17th.

Mr. Barnhart said Poggemeyer is wanting the Village to pick out colors for the new pump station. Several Council members agreed on the color matching the Reservoir.

RESOLUTION 3067: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Matt Shaver was present, and he does the railroad crossing inspection for the Village of Leipsic. He also talked about wanting to utilize the rail spur more if council has the interest. He said he also sprays the track with herbicide once a year. He said he walks the tracks twice a year and gives Mr. Barnhart a recommendation, if there is anything needing addressed.

The alley way going by the Methodist church, a couple of years ago the church took ownership of it. Residents that live right there wanted to take ownership of that and get half from the church. Kind of like what the church just got with the school. Troy Gillispie asked if they could put some changes up to simulate the traffic patterns if more portions of the alley were vacated. Mr. Barnhart said he isn't sure if the Altman's that live next to the Methodist Church took that as their go ahead, because there are now chains up. Mr. Barnhart wants to know council's preference on the chain that has been put up and if another chain should go up for the full simulation. Mayor Benton said his problem with chains is, they can decapitate people. Mr. Benton said he would prefer to see some sort of a gate. Mr. Heitmeyer was asked where the location of the gate would be, he is trying figure out where this is located. Mr. Barnhart asked if we simulate it with orange snow fence, Brian Reynolds said he doesn't like the orange snow fence idea. Rick Recker said he would rather see cones, Mr. Barnhart said we could put some of our two by four barricades that way we aren't out much. Several council members were in agreeance with the barricades.

Mr. Barnhart said in the past Council and the Mayor at times provide the employees with a half a day off on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. He wanted to see if council and the mayor wish to provide anytime off on these days. Rick Recker made a motion to give employees the day off on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and Mr. Barnhart will have the office open and running it on New Year's Eve for the morning, so people can come in and pay their water bills and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman absent, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yes, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

Al Pingle said the guys have been doing a great job on cleaning up the leaves around town.

Village's Christmas Party will be December 7, 2018 at Liberty Lanes, supper at 6:30P.M.

Putnam County CIC Christmas Party is Thursday December 13, 2018 at the Schnipke Inn in Ottawa from 5:00-8:30P.M.

Record Committee needs to meet either before or after the next council meeting.

Mr. Barnhart said he received a letter from the EPA and they want us to come up with a long term and short-term water solution plan. He said it kind of sounds like findings and orders, but it's not. He said he is going to send them a letter requesting a thirty-day extension, so we can take care of it after the first of the year.

Barry Schroeder asked if we have heard anything on that lot the school wants. Mr. Barnhart said their lawyer Lee Schroeder is handling it.

Dave Heitmeyer asked Fire Chief Neil Goodwin if he has had the chance to talk with his firemen the ones about retirement. Neil said he has tried contacting them, but he hasn't received any response back yet. Dave Heitmeyer asked are we waiting on the verbiage, so you can proceed on that. Barry said he told Neil that they can be dismissed before the personnel manual update. Mr. Heitmeyer asked how many firemen you are looking at. Mr. Goodwin said two no doubt that are so far behind. He said there are two more not

getting the training but showing up for the fires. He said once this gets passed through then he is going to send the new policy out to all the firemen and say this is the new policy so then the officers can help notify the firemen when they are low on hours. Mr. Heitmeyer asked if he has a handful of guys with applications ready to go, Mr. Goodwin said he currently has four people with applications turned in.

Police Chief Dennis Cupp commended Fire Chief Neil Goodwin on how well he did on the Building fire here in Leipsic.

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 on the motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder absent, Brian Reynolds yea, Sue Christman absent, Dave Heitmeyer yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:27P.M. The next council meeting will be December 17, 2018 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____