

Council Minutes

January 21, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, and Sue Christman. Mayor Kevin Benton, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Dennis Cupp, Neil Goodwin, Kyle Stechschulte, Curt Croy and Steven Coburn Griffith from the Putnam County Sentinel. Village Administrator Justin Barnhart was absent.

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

Electing a council president Al Pingle made a motion to elect Dave Heitmeyer as the Council President and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll Call on the motion Dave Heitmeyer abstained, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting and accept them was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

Mayor Benton told council he will give his Village address at the next council meeting he was having printing problems.

Mayor Kevin Benton announced the committee will stay the same as last year. Al Pingle asked that once the new council member is appointed can we relook at committees Mayor said sure.

Security of Persons committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss the purchase of new tasers for the Police Department. Police Chief Dennis Cupp was present and told the committee that the current tasers the department are using are 13 to 15 years old. Total cost for the new tasers will be \$4833.00.

Property Review Board met prior to the meeting tonight and decided to add the following addresses to the blighted properties list 123 S Belmore St., 220 W Main St., and 712 W Sugar St. These addresses along with the building that had the fire will be notified of a hearing that will be held before the next council meeting.

Personnel & Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting and reviewed the names of the people that are interested in being appointed to the empty council seat. They are going to wait till the next meeting and see if anyone else is going to apply and then the committee will make a recommendation to council for who they would like to have in that position.

Curt Croy was present to present the opportunities for the Village regarding Hancock Wood Electric Cooperative and explain an Ordinance that will be presented to council at the next council meeting. He talked about their service territory and eventually look at a franchise agreement, the franchise agreement just protects Hancock Woods Boundaries. He said as the Village of Leipsic grows and annexes per the territorial law then Hancock-Wood loses that ground unless they have a franchise agreement to protect it. He said they have a substation that sits on Pro-Tec's property which serves the Northern part of Leipsic and the Shaw Town substation back feeds into the area. So, Curt just wants to protect what they currently have.

Fire Chief Neil Goodwin was present he informed council that when the bid opening for the new fire truck happened, he had opened two bids up at 9: 00A.M and then the other two when they brought them in with them at the 3:00P.M. bid opening. Chief Goodwin notified each bidder of the way the bids were opened so they were all aware of it. The bid they are choosing is from Sutphen and it was for \$320,325.00. Mr. Goodwin said the new truck will look like the truck they are building right now.

RESOLUTION 3076: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF STUPHEN FOR A PUMPER TANKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3076 for the second- and third-time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Resolution 3076 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3076 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker abstained, Sue Schroeder yea.

Mayor Kevin Benton appointed Justin Barnhart and Renee Spangler to the Tax Incentive Review Council and Roll call for approval of council, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3073: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3062 AS THE FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3073 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, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Ordinance 3073 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3073 and this was seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker abstained, Sue Schroeder yea.

Fiscal Officer Renee Spangler brought it to council's attention that two meetings ago council had a customer come in that was being charge for two minimum usage charges when it is only a single resident home. Council decided to go back to when the bill was put in her name to five credit for the second minimum usage charge. After looking over her bills she would then need to be charged back the 300 cubic feet she got with the second minimum usage charge so, then this would lower the amount refunded to her. Mayor Benton asked what the amount would be after everything is said and done. \$4740.44. Rick Recker made a motion to pay the \$4740.44 to Rosalinda Arreola and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

ORDINANCE 3074: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO OPERATE THE LEIPSIC WALKS GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LEIPSIC WALKS BOARD TO BE CREATED HEREIN IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY OHIO. Was read for the first time.

Kyle Stecschulte said the Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Department Reverse drawing is February 23, 2019 if anyone wants tickets contact a fireman. He also stated they have submitted the forms to the NFVPA for approval so they can start sending them out to people, he said they were told they are way ahead of schedule.

Fiscal Officer Renee Spangler brought to council's attention another indigent funeral cost that the village will need to pay. Solicitor Barry Schroeder said this doesn't need to be

brought to council unless it would have been over \$3000.00 and then it would have needed council's approval.

Sue Christman said she reviewed the report for the sidewalks, she said it has the sidewalk specs in it, but she didn't see anything in it for the case by case. Mrs. Christman thinks this needs to be discussed more, Al Pingle told Mrs. Christman that may be some hard circumstances. We also said we need a set of standards first, that is what this is. Mrs. Christman asked if there was a case by case procedure, Mr. Pingle said yes, it's in the thick booklet. Mr. Pingle also said there are going to be several instances where things will be varied. He also added the board makes the recommendations and council is the final vote on the variations. Renee Spangler told Mrs. Christman she will have Justin Barnhart e-mail her a copy of the big booklet.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on the motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:22P.M. The next council meeting will be February 4, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

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ATTEST: _____