

Council Minutes

March 4, 2019

Council Members in attendance: Council President Dave Heitmeyer, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Sue Schroeder, and Tony Wobler. Mayor Kevin Benton, Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Jack Jones, Mike Katherine, Ken Maag, Al Schweke, and Gail Hoffman. Sue Christman was absent.

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 February 18, 2019 meeting and accept them was made by Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

The Utility Committee met prior to the council meeting and chairman Tony Wobler asked Justin Barnhart to speak on his behalf. Mr. Barnhart said the committee met prior to council and discussed the EPA's request of us to do a general plan for source water capacity to answer about our short-term and long-term plans. The committee decided to go above and beyond what the EPA is requesting. Mr. Barnhart said a major part of the study will be, do we renovate the existing water plant that we have, or do we build a new one out next to the reservoir, the RFP will provide engineering firms a chance to also indicate their interest in preparing a preliminary engineering report.

Property Review Board met at 7:15P.M. Mayor Benton said Ronald Sanchez was in attendance and said that within three months he would have a reasonably good start for the rehab of his property. So, Mr. Benton said the 1st meeting in May we will review this property again. Mr. Benton said there were no other attendees for the other properties. Mr. Benton said the Property Review Board will meet again on the remaining properties prior to the next meeting.

Poggemeyer Design Group was present and presented to council for the engineering of a fix to the Mars lift station

Al Schweke with Precision Concrete Cutting Inc was present and presented about his company that addresses the common problem of trip hazards in sidewalks. He has a demonstration cut for councils viewing in front of the Veterinary office.

Jones Henry Engineering Firm was present and presented to council a concept for the engineering of a fix to the Mars lift station.

RESOLUTION 3077: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTRACT WITH WATCH TV FOR INTERNET SERVICE AND THE USE OF A WATER TOWER IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Rick Recker to accept Resolution 3077 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 absent, Tony Wobler yea.

ORDINANCE 3075: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL MANUAL IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. Dave Heitmeyer asked would this be the

repositioning of Eric's job. Justin said the repositioning would be this Spring, if the council was OK with this and having it wait for six months and do it next winter but pass it now, so we know what the future was. Al Pingle said so at this time these job positions will be set but not necessarily filled? Mr. Barnhart said if the support of council was there, he feels that would be a wise move for the community so that the future is outlined but with broad support. Al Pingle restated his question, he said if this gets passed there is no changing of anyone's job, Mr. Barnhart said the plan originally was to do that but that can be delayed. Mr. Heitmeyer has an issue with reducing a job responsibility of a current supervisor and he stays at the same pay grade, but we reduce what his job responsibilities are Mr. Heitmeyer doesn't agree with that. He said he can't see how we can justify that. Now if we switch direction in the next few years and the goal is to get Russ on board and have him take over Mr. Heitmeyer is one hundred percent behind that. Mr. Heitmeyer said he assumes that with this Russ will take a pay increase, Mr. Barnhart said not initially but in six months, Mr. Barnhart will be coming to discuss that, Mr. Heitmeyer asked if it would be the same equivalent of what Eric is getting. Mr. Barnhart said no it would be a five percent increase. Al Pingle said but at the same time once he gets his licensing, he would also get a raise, Mr. Barnhart said Russ already has his licensing. Mr. Pingle said oh I wasn't aware of that. Tony Wobler asked what is the reason that Eric's job duties are being reduced which would result in a pay deduction? Mr. Barnhart said the proposal is that he would keep his pay grade, but his job duties would be changed, the reason for the change is to prepare for the future. Mr. Barnhart said with our aging water plant and having some of those changes going into place now then it will be the next generations responsibility. Al Pingle said Eric is the superintendent of the Water Department currently, so he would be taking a step down in this new position. Sue Schroeder asked will his job description change, Mr. Barnhart said his job description will change. Al Pingle said he will not be a Superintendent or department head correct, Mr. Barnhart said correct. Rick Recker said Russ will become the Water Superintendent and then Eric will be put into the parks and Distribution staff. Mr. Barnhart said that Leo always needs help in the Distribution department and there are somethings that are distribution that Eric currently does handle that should be in distribution that he will take over with him. Sue Schroeder, Eric is OK with the moving of position, but we aren't changing his pay and we don't intend to correct. Rick Recker said correct. Sue Schroeder said but there is contention with the pay grade for some people. Mayor Benton said the same thing happened with Larry Engard he was moved from being police chief to the Village garage. Mr. Heitmeyer said when he spoke with Eric, he was told he was for the change unless it would be a pay decrease then No. Mr. Heitmeyer said I know our guys have earned their pay especially with getting their licenses. This is nothing to do with Eric, but if he is taking a cut down on duties is where Mr. Heitmeyer has a problem. Mr. Barnhart said if we were to delay the move of Eric's position of Superintendent, Mr. Barnhart feels it would be a very good policy decision to put Russ there now and start working with Eric so there is very long-term training in place. Mr. Heitmeyer said but we are still going back to the fact that he will reduce job responsibilities but keep the same pay, correct so it doesn't matter if you go six months or a year. Al Pingle asked if passing this Ordinance says he decreases job responsibilities but stays with his current pay, Mr. Barnhart said No. Tony Wobler asked so if we pass this Ordinance and next year council gives everyone but Eric a raise is that going to be OK with Eric. Mr. Barnhart said he can't speak for Eric, but Eric had previously indicated that would be OK with him. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to table the Ordinance till council talks to Eric and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

ORDINANCE 3079: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS THROUGH INTERNET AUCTION. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3079 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Rick Recker yea, Al Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Tony Wobler yea.

RESOLUTION 3080: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK QUALIFICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE 2019 VILLAGE OF LEIPSIK BUDGET IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIK, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made

by Rick Recker to accept Resolution 3080 and this was seconded by Tony Wobler. Roll call on this motion, Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

RESOLUTION 3081: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE \$23,292.00 WORTH OF PLASTIC REPAIR PARTS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Tony Wobler to accept Resolution 3081 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 absent, Tony Wobler yea.

RESOLUTION 3083: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A STUDY OF RAIL STORAGE FEES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3088: AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE VILLAGE TREE ORDINANCE 1332 TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3089: AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO MAINTAIN ALLEYS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3090: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3062 AS THE SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2019 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3091: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS ITEMS THROUGH THE PUTNAM COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION MAY EIGHTEENTH TWO-THOUSAND-NINETEEN IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3092: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SELL TWO FIRE APPARATUS NO LONGER NEEDED AND VALUED AT OVER ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3093: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE PUTNAM COUNTY YMCA FOR OPERATIONS OF THE LEIPSIC COMMUNITY POOL IN TWO-THOUSAND-NINETEEN IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time. The YMCA is doing a 2% increase this year so the amount would be \$32,500.00, and they plan to do the increase annually. The YMCA also is asking that the village to pay for half the chemicals this year. Mr. Barnhart said he does know that these fees are still cheaper than us operating the pool ourselves. Al Pingle asked how much the chemicals cost for the year, Mr. Barnhart said \$7500.00 so between \$3000.00 and \$4000.00.

RESOLUTION 3094: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PROPOSE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER THE COSTS OF REPAIR TO A STORM WATER TILE, THE WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL IN REGARDS TO THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time. Mr. Barnhart said out in the back of the hardware is a detention pond, that leads over to a storm sewer on the Patrick's property and that storm sewer is not installed properly to work for that detention pond. So, Kevin Evers is interested in paving the Hardware's driveway. As a result, he needs somewhere to go with that storm water and its either going to go to the detention pond or we need to extend the storm sewer in front of the business. So it makes more sense to send it to the detention pond that already has problems, and fix the problem, he said it could be up to \$20,000.00 if we have an outside firm do the job verses if we do it, it will cost around

\$10,000.00. Mayor Benton said he was told by Kevin Evers he would like to hook into the storm sewer in the front of the business instead of going back to the pond. Mr. Barnhart said if we hook upfront, we still must fix the pond issue and that's why we are asking him to go to the detention pond. Dave Heitmeyer asked so the first one wasn't put in correct, yes there is something wrong, it isn't on his end. Rick Recker said before Patrick's did their expansion and put that four foot tile through town and all the way through there, well four or five years before that when Mr. Evers put his business in, they ran a twenty four inch tile to the ditch in the opposite direction well they never tied that in, so it doesn't drain correctly. So, Mr. Recker said is what he thinks they want to do is go from the pond to the four-foot tile. Al Pingle asked so Road 7/Werner St. will be getting dug up. Mr. Barnhart said that is correct and we will be repaving it immediately.

Elevate will be here on March 19, 2019 for a job fair at the community center, it's open to the public but mainly for high school students. So as the schools come, they are going to pick up the students on Cherry St., the road won't be closed but it could affect some traffic patterns. The drop off will be on Main St. and the parking spaces in front of the community center will be blocked off with cones, no road closures. Al Pingle asked how long this will be, Mr. Barnhart said during school hours.

At 9:01P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract issues or a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea.

At 9:12P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion come out of executive session and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Schroeder yea, Sue Christman absent, Tony Wobler yea.

Dave Heitmeyer wanted to congratulate Carley Siefker she got 1st Place in the long jump and triple jump. He also congratulated Ella Riegel she got 3rd in the Shot Put. Mr. Heitmeyer asked about getting a sign put up in town to recognize these athletes for their accomplishments. Mayor Benton said he thought we had already talked about doing this in the past.

Fiscal Officer Renee Spangler informed council and the Mayor that the 2018 Financial Report is complete and submitted to the State of Ohio.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Tony Wobler and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on the motion Tony Wobler yea, Sue Christman absent, Sue Schroeder yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:15P.M. The next council meeting will be March 18, 2019 at 7:30 P.M

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