

Council Minutes

May 7, 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, Miriam Gibson, Richard Kirk, Jerry Meyer, Keith Mickens from the Leipsic Messenger, and Steven Coburn Griffith from the Putnam County Sentinel. Police Chief Dennis Cupp was absent

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

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

Sidewalk Study Committee- Al Pingle said nothing major to report they are still having a discussion on accessing residents for sidewalks and possibly getting grant money. There are a lot of different ideas it may take us a couple months, but the result will be good.

Miriam Gibson was present and showed council and Mayor the flag the village was awarded along with the plaque for being tree city USA for 37 years. Miriam said she attended tree academy and graduates May 9th.

Pastor Jerry Meyer from Break Through Harvest Church is requesting the use of Buckeye Park for an event July 8th from 4 to 9P.M. He is requesting council's permission because they want to have inflatables and other activities. He told council they have insurance and it would cover this event. He also said this event is open to everyone not just their church members. Brian Reynolds made a motion to allow the use of the park and for them to use inflatables and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea. Justin Barnhart asked Mr. Meyer to bring a copy of the insurance policy to the Village offices prior to the event.

Nate Mangas is requesting council's approval to use the truck tap to fill his water tanks he uses for his landscaping business and he is a resident in Leipsic. He had approached Eric about it but hasn't been given approval to use it yet. Brian Reynolds asked does he want un restricted use. Mr. Barnhart said you can put any kind of restrictions on it that you want. Rick Recker made a motion to allow him to use the truck tap, Brian Reynolds said but he doesn't want him to have use of it for the whole summer. Justin asked was the motion for the use of it only if its in town. Al Pingle said you can't police it. Rick Recker made a motion to allow Nate Mangas to use the truck tap and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle no, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

Justin Barnhart told council that Norfolk Southern needed water today and he authorized that use for today. Rick Recker asked if this was for their hotel train. Mr. Barnhart said no this is, so they can work along the tracks for emergencies. Rick Recker made a motion to allow them use of the water and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle no, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

Mr. Barnhart said he had put some notices up for running the concession stand. The Midget cheerleaders are interested in running the concession stand at Bennett Park. He said an adult would be present while running the stand. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the midget cheerleaders to run the concession stand at Bennett park during committee league games. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3022: 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 3022 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

ORDINANCE 3023: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GIFT OF WATER TO THE LEIPSIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2949. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3023 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3024: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUTNAM COUNTY YMCA TO PROVIDE FOR OPERATION OF THE LEIPSIC MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Resolution 3024 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 and Sue Schroeder yea.

ORDINANCE 3025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3009 AS THE THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. This Ordinance additional line items added, so it was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3025 for the second and third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and 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 yea. Ordinance 3025 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Ordinance 3025 and this was seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3026: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM, COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE BID CONDITIONALLY OF KIRK BROS. CO. INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMP STATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Richard Kirk was present at council if council had any questions about the bids. Dave Heitmeyer asked with the bid, how much more overage or contingencies will there be. Mr. Kirk said they have done a lot of pump stations and work with the Blanchard River, so they are comfortable with the bid, Mr. Kirk said if it's between first and second, they aren't worried about that because they have a lot of experience on building pump stations than what the second builder has. Brian Reynolds asked so he is comfortable with the bid and not building a ten percent overage. Mr. Kirk said yes, they are comfortable with the bid and they don't plan on any overages. Justin asked him what kind of timeline we are looking at, Mr. Kirk asked when the contracts would be signed. Justin said probably in their hands in six weeks. Mr. Kirk said a bunch of the work will get done this fall, they would like to be done before the rainy season hits the winter. So defiantly the inlet and the pump station done and then hopefully masonry that fall. Al Pingle asked if they would have it done by the completion date, Mr. Kirk asked when the completion date was, Mr. Barnhart said March 30, 2019, yes it will be substantially done but maybe landscaping and asphalt and stuff like that.

RESOLUTION 3027: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO ACCEPTING THE BID CONDITIONALLY OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATERLINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart is asking council to hire a Seasonal Part-time Employee whether it's a high school student, college student or retiree. Sue Schroeder asked, would we advertise for the position, Justin said yes, we would. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow Justin Barnhart to hire a part-time seasonal employee and Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea and Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3028: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE PUTNAM COUNTY AUDITOR TO TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION THAT WOULD BE GENERATED ON ONE POINT SIX MILLS. Was read for the first time.

RESOLUTION 3029: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM THE PUTNAM COUNTY AUDITOR TO TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION THAT WOULD BE GENERATED ON TWO MILLS. Was read for the first time.

Mr. Barnhart told council that Watch TV has telecommunications on the tower by IAMS and Bright.net has their stuff on the tower by the water plant. So as a result, both of those companies give the village free internet. So, the problem will be with the height of the new Pro- Tec building. It is going to block Watch's signal to a large portion or folks between Leipsic and Gilboa. So, what they want to do is put equipment on the wastewater tower but last year we had signed a deal with Bright net to go up on the tower at the wastewater plant and they want exclusive access, but the reason is because they don't want their equipment to be screwed up. Watch Tv says their equipment will get along together. Justin is just waiting on Bright net to confirm that. But Watch is worried about getting all the state and federal approvals and getting power extended to the tower at the wastewater plant and this will slow them down to become operational. So is what they are asking is a deal from the village where they get the power from the wastewater plant and put a separate device that will have its own separate disconnect. So, we would build in what their operational cost would be for this device and they will exchange us for something like internet at the Gilboa water pump station. Justin told Council that currently the Pump station plans don't have internet in them and by getting internet this will allow for all our SCADA systems onto the web which makes it much easier to manage. Dave Heitmeyer asked would this only be during building or permanently. Justin said permanently so a monthly power bill. Mr. Heitmeyer also asked if Mr. Barnhart signed an exclusive with Brightnet, Justin said yes, he did, Dave asked why would you do that. Mr. Barnhart said he didn't understand that he should have brought that to council. Justin doesn't think that brightnet will have a problem allowing it, Mr. Heitmeyer said it's their competitor, Mr. Barnhart said true. Mr. Heitmeyer said he is all for it if they are going to allow them to do and it will benefit the Village long term down the road. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow Watch Tv to put their equipment on the tower and then allowing the use and allowing us to work out a deal on the power situation and it must be economically equal and in addition Watch Tv Provides internet to the Gilboa pump station 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 and Sue Schroeder yea.

Rick Recker asked about the I & O railroad crossing, Justin said he has been in contact they supposed to be getting back with him. Al Pingle said have them do Sugar St. as well. Mr. Heitmeyer said you might as well have them do Oak St. too cause that one isn't the best either.

Brian Reynolds said there's a trailer on Sugar St. with a lot of trash outside and it needs to get some attention. Mr. Barnhart said he spoke with Bob Alt and was told the resident was moving and it would be getting cleaned up.

Sue Christman said for the Pickle ball court you don't have to get a special net we would just need a Velcro piece and it makes the net go down. She also said people are asking

when it will be completed. Justin said the guys were out cold patching it, and Mr. Barnhart contacted Motes to try and speed it up, but it looks like it will be next year because we must go out to bid on it. Mr. Barnhart said it should get done right away next year.

Dave Heitmeyer said he had a few people call him and want to know if the police officer could patrol more and not just sit at the light. Since Dennis wasn't present he couldn't address this matter with him. Dave also asked about the press box at Bennett Park. Justin said he talked to Greg and he said since we signed off on the design of it he thought that we didn't have any options there.

At 8:12P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss purchase or sale of land and a contractual issue and a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development. Sue Schroeder 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 yea.

At 8:37P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to come out of executive session and Rick Recker 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 yea.

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, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:38P.M. The next council meeting will be May 21, 2018 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____