

## Council Minutes

November 19, 2018

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, and Sue Christman. Mayor Kevin Benton, Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Zelig Lindeman, Dennis Cupp and Troy Herring.

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 November 5, 2018 meeting and accept them was made by Rick Recker and this motion 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.

The Public Utilities Committee met prior to the council meeting, Chairman Brian Reynolds was absent so Al Pingle spoke on his behalf. Mr. Pingle said we are looking at a 20% increase for large users and most residents should see a slight decrease on the average if they do not use large amounts of water since the minimum usage is 300 cubic feet, we are changing that to 400 cubic feet which will cause some residents to pay less than they did in previous years. So, this should give a slight decrease for most residential users. He said two people or less in a house not exceeding the max will most likely see the decrease.

ORDINANCE 3057: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 2946 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE WASTEWATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3058: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2945 ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, OHIO AND DETERMINING TAP FEES FOR NEW WATER SERVICE. Was read for the second time.

ORDINANCE 3059: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3009 AS THE EIGHTTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the second time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3059 for the third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Ordinance 3059 was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Ordinance 3059 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

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 first 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 first 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 first time.

The Meadows of Leipsic is requesting permission to use Village streets for the annual 5K on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the same route as last year which uses St. Rt. 613. The fire department has agreed to assist with traffic. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to allow the Meadows to use Village streets for the Jingle Bell 5K on December 1<sup>st</sup> and Rick Recker seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Justin Barnhart provided council with bids for a furnace at the water plant. Dave Heitmeyer asked is this needed or is this a wish list. Mr. Barnhart said the boiler system is outdated and it could be something that is needed yet this winter, but it is currently operational. Rick Recker made a motion to go with Knueve and Sons Bid for the furnace at the water plant and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds absent, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Village's Christmas Party will be December 7, 2018 at Liberty Lanes, supper at 6:30P.M. please R.S.V.P. by November 27, 2018.

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

Mr. Barnhart reminded council that last year a motion was made to not pay charges to Rail Management which has been billing the Village in excess of the contracted amount. Mr. Barnhart said that last year the company was offered an opportunity to seek a new contract with the Village and the refused to discuss reasonable amounts. The Village never paid anything on the bills. This year the same bills are coming seeking payment and to-date Mr. Barnhart has not taken any action. He asked if the council was okay with this approach moving forward. Members of council shook their head and indicated they were in preference of not communicating with Rail Management and that Mr. Barnhart should not pay them any further funds.

Mr. Barnhart presented council with a mock up for the Villages website if James Bohrer would build the website for us. He would be \$400.00 more than what Tom was saying. Mr. Barnhart said two years ago, council authorized Mr. Barnhart to work with Tom Leibrecht on a new website and Tom still hasn't done anything. Mr. Barnhart said Tom has done a good job on the website as far as keeping it updated for us. But as we are moving towards posting the public notices to the website, we must have a way to update those more regularly. This website will have ways for Mr. Barnhart to go in and put the information up. It will also be tied directly into our Facebook page so when something is posted to the site it gets posted on Facebook too. Mr. Barnhart said James is also doing some work for our water towers, this is a video of the inside of the tank. So, the video can be sent out with the bid, so they can see what the paint job looks like, also so council can review it as well. No objections to working with him.

Mr. Barnhart said the Village is paying a phone bill for every phone line we have set up. Which is a substantially old way of doing it. Mr. Barnhart has spoken with several vendors about phones and he has also talked with FairPoint. Mr. Barnhart said at the time FairPoint was offering models that were two to three years old. Plus, we would have a \$6000.00 Capital Input. But the Revere Phone System operates without a capital input, there is no capital up-front and then we are just charged a monthly phone bill. Mr. Barnhart said the bill will be half of what we are paying with FairPoint and that includes the phones. This would take us from a \$600.00 bill to a \$250.00 bill. Sue Christman asked how long the contract is for, Mr. Barnhart said it would be a two-year contract if they try to increase the rate obviously, we will have to renegotiate the rate. Mr. Barnhart said he has already signed a contract with Revere but wanted to bring this to councils attention.

Rick Recker asked about the building that had the fire, Mr. Barnhart said he is talking to the bank on whether we can take possession of that property for \$1.00 and still get their money. Then to get the other properties in town included we need to have a property review board meeting together.

Al Pingle asked if the pump station in Gilboa is back on schedule, Mr. Barnhart said he would know more next Wednesday. Mr. Barnhart said the waterline itself is ahead substantially.

Sue Schroeder asked about getting stone in an alley, if they have big pot holes. Mr. Barnhart said he knew of an alley that had gotten stone today but didn't know why he didn't get any in the summer.

At 7:57 P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and security issues that would be to the disadvantage of the village if it were to be public and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion Rick Recker yea, Alan Pingle yea, Brian Reynolds absent, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea.

At 8:31P.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, Brian Reynolds absent, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea.

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, Brian Reynolds absent, Sue Christman yea, Dave Heitmeyer yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:32P.M. The next council meeting will be December 3, 2018 at 7:30 P.M

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

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