**VILLAGE OF LOCKBOURNE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 9, 2020

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Christie Ward called to order the Regular Council Meeting, of November 9, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. at the Lockbourne Village Hall, 85 Commerce Street, Lockbourne, Ohio. Attending were Village Administrator Elizabeth Jane McJunkin, Fiscal Officer Wendy Hastings, Deputy Administrator Rachel Ricker, Parks Maintenance Jeff Ricker and guest John McJunkin.

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ward led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3) ROLL CALL**

Bobbi Crouse P

Tony Grandstaff P

Susan Grandstaff P

Tammy Langley P

Mary Petty P

James Tiller P

**4) APPROVE AGENDA** – **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2020 AND WORKING COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2020**

Council Member Petty made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Langley, Roll Call was conducted, and Council voted with 6 yes votes, motion was carried.

**5) PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL GUESTS**

**a. Franklin County Sheriff Report**

Although the Sheriff was not there, Mayor Ward informed Council that the former owner sold it to someone who lived there previously. They were unaware of the condition of the house, or that there were people living there. The current owner is considering demolishing everything and putting another home up. The current owner wants to go after the owner whom we have been citing. He wants evidence that Joe Virgin knew all that was going on.

Mayor Ward will check with our Solicitor. Council Member T. Grandstaff shared his concerns about the property. Fiscal Officer Hastings asked if they have the title. Council Member T. Grandstaff wants proof of the property being transferred.

**b. Hamilton Twp. Fire Department Report**

None, as the Fire Department was not present. The Fire Department was down last week and gave a maximum occupancy for the 1st floor of the Old Schoolhouse at 78 people.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

**a. ADMINISTRATIVE**

A discussion took place on having the Council meeting going online again. Council decided to continue having them in the Council house until further notice.

**i. Christmas Hop**

There will just be some caroling for the tree lighting instead of having the churches and the Old Schoolhouse Open.

**ii. AA Meetings at Village Office**

Mayor Ward informed Council that Solicitor Comek advises not to rent the second floor while it is under construction.

The Village will have to make a rental agreement for the room in the municipal building – this would include price, and specific parameters.

Council agreed that with a proper rental agreement, and sanitation, the room could be rented.

Fiscal Officer Hastings suggested that the charge for rental cover all the supplies necessary for clean-up.

John McJunkin suggested that most AA groups would not be able to afford $25 to rent.

A discussion took place on changing the Old Schoolhouse rental to per hour instead of a daily rate.

**iii. Renaming of Vause Street – Methodist Church Response**

The Village asked the pastor of the Methodist Church about renaming Vause Street. They would prefer it remains what it is. The Village will not pursue.

**iv. OML Report**

Mayor Ward shared a special bulletin the Ohio Supreme Court ruled the state can collect income tax money but cannot charge municipalities a fee for it.

**b. VILLAGE REPORTS**

**i. MAYOR’S REPORT**

(See Mayor’s Report)

Mayor Ward shared with Council that the sewer project coming through town will be going under the railroad. She also shared that she sent an email to Columbus Water and Sewer to set up a meeting for them to take over water and sewer, and that they give the Village permission to annex.

**ii. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

(See Administrator’s Report)

Administrator McJunkin informed Council that someone came to do an estimate for vents to be cleaned at the Old Schoolhouse. Deputy Administrator Ricker shared that she has applied for the Village to become a Tree City, USA community.

**iii. FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT**

Fiscal Officer Hastings went through the Fund Status. She has finished working on the temporary budget for 2021, and Committees and Commissions need to send her an email for their budget requests.

She is still working through the social security and OPERS changes for some Council Members. Council is still unsure paying for the trash for all the residents.

Fiscal Officer Hastings suggested Council needs to think carefully on how much they want to spend of the Old Schoolhouse next year. Many projects are wanting funding to be completed.

An issue took place concerning a rental deposit being sent to the wrong address and being cashed by someone it should not have been. Fiscal Officer Hastings is working with the State Auditor’s to figure out the best legal solution. The woman is filing charges against the one who cashed it. Council will need to pass a resolution to issue correct check to the correct address.

**iv. MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Parks Maintenance Ricker informed Council he has mowed everything and will put up Christmas lights soon and get his budget requests to Fiscal Officer Hastings. He will investigate a storm drain in town and a camera in the park.

Need to do Camera in park and storm drain.

**v. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Deputy Administrator Ricker went through the impending and current violations.

**c. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**i. Economic Development Committee**

Mayor Ward informed Council that the Committee did not meet.

**ii. Planning Commission**

Council Member Tiller informed Council that they are going through the Code Enforcement Ordinance.

**iii. Safety Committee**

Council Member Grandstaff informed Council that the Committee did not meet.

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John McJunkin stated that the Village has done an excellent job of cleaning up the town, but there is a semi-truck that is an eyesore. Administrator McJunkin shared minutes from July, 2015. The Ordinance was 07-2015 but it was not passed.

Council Member Tiller informed Council the Planning Commission discussed it and that Council could create an ordinance addressing the issue.

Council Member T. Grandstaff wants to make sure the law is clear and specific.

Administrator McJunkin checked with Obetz and was waiting on a response.

Fiscal Officer Hastings will look into Commercial Point’s code to see how they address it.

**8) READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**a. First Reading**

1. There was no legislation in the first reading.

**b. Second Reading**

i. Resolution 23-2020 authorizing temporary 2021 appropriations.

**c. Third Reading**

i. There was no legislation in the third reading.

**d. Tabled Legislation**

i. There was no tabled legislation.

**9) OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**10) UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Mayor Ward presented the upcoming meetings and events.

**11) ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member S. Grandstaff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Crouse, Roll Call was conducted, and Council voted with 6 yes votes, motion was carried.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

All formal actions of the Councilperson of the VILLAGE COUNCIL OF LOCKBOURNE, OH concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Christie Ward, Mayor

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Rachel Ricker, Deputy Administrator

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