VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

August 3rd, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall called the Council meeting to order and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was read and members answered the roll as follows:

Sandra Knott-Present via teleconference call

Melvin Rotroff-Present

Randy Kaehler-Present

Eric Barhorst-Present via teleconference call

Terry Brentlinger-Present

Frank Dietz-Present

Mayor Ryan Shoffstall-Present

Connor Kinsey-Present via teleconference call

Gary Bias-Zoning Officer-Present

Becky Larrabee-Clerk of Council/Fiscal Officer-Present

Dave Scott-Village Administrator-Present

Norm Spring-Fire Chief-Present

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Eric Barhorst and seconded by Frank Dietz. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the financial packet and bank reconciliation for June was made by Randy Kaehler and seconded by Eric Barhorst. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed.

Logan County Deputy Jake was present and handed out the report to council and talked about the speed sign the Sheriff brought down and sat up in front of the Village office and explained it can be moved to other locations if council so chooses. The Mayor asked him to watch truck traffic on US Route 33 with their Jake brakes.

The Mayor then read for the 3rd reading Ordinance 2020-15 for the new development at Lakeview Meadows for their zoning change request. A motion was made to approve the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2020-15 by Terry Brentlinger and seconded by Eric Barhorst. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed. Council thanked Attorney John Monroe for coming to the meeting. We will start the next phase of the project after 30 days which will be an application for a conditional use permit.

Fire Chief Norm Spring was present and reported that the department had problems with the Engine and the air drier. Holt’s is fixing it and it will soon be back in operation. He also reported that there will be driving recertification coming up on August 30th.

Village Administrator Dave Scott reported on the following:

1. Gave a tree trimming update. It had slowed way down due to the heat. He will be in the village tomorrow to take down a tree that was involved in the power outage over the weekend.
2. Gave a United Tool update.
3. Reported that there was a five hour power outage on Sunday.
4. Will give an update on the lineman position in executive session.

Village Solicitor Connor Kinsey had nothing new to report.

Visitor Mr. Kurt Penorwood of Thom-Wood LLC addressed Council about the invoice that he received from the Village in regard to mowing his lot. This matter had been tabled until tonight’s meeting. After discussion in regard to the language on the website, Terry Brentlinger made a motion to amend the bill to $200 with a second made by Randy Kaehler. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-No; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-No; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed. The language on the website will be updated immediately.

Visitors James Shouse and Randy Copus were present again to address Council about the meeting the Utility Commission Committee had with John Courtney of Courtney and Associates stating that they did not know about the meeting. No one from the Village called them even though it was advertised on the website and in the newspaper of general circulation as ORC stipulates. After a short discussion, the Mayor asked the Fiscal Officer to invite Mr. Courtney to a Council meeting along with Mr. Shouse and Mr. Copus so this topic can be dealt with in the presence of all parties. Mr. Dietz announced that he will not be at the next meeting due to his vacation. The Fiscal Officer will arrange for Mr. Courtney to be present at the September 8th meeting.

Under Old Business, Council welcomed Zoning Officer Gary Bias and discussed his salary increase request. After a very lengthy discussion, it was proposed to make his salary $500 per month during the months of May through October and $200 per month during the months of November through April when it is less busy. The Mayor said he would also entertain a $300 payment to him retroactive for July so his July salary was $500 total. Mr. Bias was asked if he would accept this offer. He stated he would. With that, Terry Brentlinger made a motion to increase his salary from $200 per month to $500 per month during May, June, July, August, September, and October. The remainder of the months in the year, his salary was remain $200 per month and to also pay him $300 retroactive to July. Randy Kaehler seconded the motion. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed. Also under Old Business, the Fiscal officer asked if anyone signed an Indemnification Agreement for the last event held at the Park. Terry Brentlinger said he thought one was signed but in the future he will make sure he sends the appropriate individual in to the Village Office to sign the Agreement.

Under committee reports, the Employee Benefit and Handbook Committee met and discussed some changes in the handbook concerning overtime. Committee member Frank Dietz read the proposed change to Council. Councilman Frank Dietz made a motion to make the changes as presented followed by a second Mel Rotroff. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed. Also under Committee reports, the Utility Commission Committee had met and discussed the applicants for the lineman position and will discuss with Council in the Executive Session.

Under New Business, the Fiscal Officer informed Council about receiving several complaints about the words in a window in the downtown bar in Lakeview. There was discussion and the Solicitor was asked to send the business owner a letter asking her to remove the profanity. Also under New Business, a letter was read from the Assistant Prosecutor asking if the Village would be willing to take three parcels of land that did not sell on Sheriff’s Sale on Park and Grove. Discussion was held and it was the Solicitor’s advice that the Village not take these properties. Council agreed. A request was given to Council from Mike Brumfield to vacate part of Lima Street between Grove and the end of Lima by his property. He has been maintaining it and would like to know if the Village would entertain vacating this part of the street. The Mayor said there would have to be a survey done and consolidate the lots so there would be enough road frontage. Council decided we would not pursue this at this time.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the following:

1. Informed Council that the Audit had been completed and we had excellent results. Each member was given a copy.
2. Explained briefly about a utility account involved in the collection process and the Solicitor will help in getting the collection paid as the customer is now deceased and the estate is insolvent.

Mr. Dietz announced he would not be at the next Council meeting due to his vacation. Mr. Brentlinger asked the Village Administrator to check out the thermostat in the building next door to Village office as the heat was running when he went in the day before. Dave will check it out and get it fixed.

At 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Terry Brentlinger and seconded by Mel Rotroff to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22, Section (G) (1) to discuss personnel. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed.

At 8:20 p.m., Council came out of Executive Session and returned to regular session. A motion was made by Terry Brentlinger and seconded by Mel Rotroff to hire Daniel Cline as the Electric Department Supervisor at an annual salary of $83,200, which would be $40 per hour based on a 40 hour week with three weeks vacation and full health insurance benefits upon hire date and the passage of drug testing and a back ground check being completed. The roll call vote is as follows: Barhorst-Yes; Brentlinger-Yes; Rotroff-Yes; Knott-Yes; Dietz-Yes; and Kaehler-Yes. The motion passed.

 A motion to adjourn was made by Mel Rotroff and seconded by Randy Kaehler. The next meeting will be on August 17th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Ryan Shoffstall