

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Brian White presiding.

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Bob Jarvis, Katie Getz, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.
Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, and Administrator Andrew Smallstey.
Residents and others present: Dan Lew of 1764 Hidden Oak Trail and Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

Motion by JARVIS to excuse
Councilman Starr-Jude.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by WISE to approve the minutes
of April 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1 (Gongwer).
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment
for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor White requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

Dan Lew, co-owner of Tito's Restaurant, request to extend Village noise ordinance from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on May 5, 2021 for an outdoor event.

Motion by KEARNS to extend
Noise Ordinance until 10:30 p.m.
on May 5, 2021 for Tito's
restaurant's outdoor event.
Seconded by GETZ.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report. We have a Resolution tonight.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report. I have asked the Administrator to have Mr. Ross research information regarding adding fluoride to our water. Background information, pros and cons from dental insight, etc.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report. We have a Resolution tonight.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Minutes from the April 5, 2021 meeting are approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Motion by LITTLE
to accept April 19th finance report.
Seconded by WISE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

We received a quote from Oyster Paving for the repair of Pembroke Blvd. We will be milling out approximately 1,000 square feet and resurfacing. The quote was favorable and the work will be completed soon, as their schedule allows. This will not be any additional funds, it will come from resurfacing lines.

Baseline Communications will be conducting a directional boring project this summer through the Village along State Route 42. This extensive project is running from Ashland to New Albany. Indications are that this is a fiber/broadband installation. I have requested plans as soon as they become available. Mayor White stated the Village has not received any information regarding this extensive program; makes one wonder if the Village is getting steamrolled. Councilman Kearns reminded Council Members of the mess ODOT sub-contractor created when updating the handicap access ramps. Attorney Studenmund advised the Mayor to send a letter to Baseline requesting to meet with the company.

Since last Council, we had an incident of multiple vehicles entering into the grass area and even parking on the new concrete walking path at Patriot Park. The police department was contacted at the time to have all the vehicles removed. We will be placing signs around the parking lot prohibiting vehicles from entering into the grass and/or accessing the walking path in the future.

The Mayor, Brenda and Administrator Smallstey participated in the Earth Day week information presentation along with Richland County Solid Waste Management for recycle bin users earlier today. The abundance of material collected there is continually an incredible amount. We ask users not to plane any material on the ground and all into the available bins. Pickup days are Mondays and Thursdays, so consider dropping off in conjunction with that schedule. The more material on the ground, the more expensive it is for the program. The goal is to keep the entire area as clean as possible for everyone.

Councilman Little asked about litter at the Dollar General Store. Mr. Smallstey reported the store has cleaned up the back outside area of store and other areas of the property. Mayor White sent an email thanking them for their diligence on keeping the

property clean; adding it is one of the main entries to the Village and it is important to keep clutter free.

Councilman Little noted the salt storage building in losing shingles. Councilman Kearns asked if the ‘found/stolen’ bicycles are still being stored at the salt building. Mr. Smallstey replied negatively.

Mr. Little asked that the Village Hall roof, where the ramp and parking lot meet, are in need of ‘tuck/point’ repair. Also, noted Mr. Little, the seal between the ramp and wall is in need of new seal to keep water from going down between the ramp and wall.

Councilman Little noted the Village cone protecting catch basin in Woodside was stolen; and needs replaced.

Council President Jarvis thanked Mr. Smallstey for the removal of appliances in the Woodside allotment.

MAYOR’S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

To follow up on Administrator’s report, we all met with Richland County Soil & Water as part of the program, “Love Your Drop”. There are 18 locations throughout Richland County. Richland Soil & Water are currently working on new program, “Adopt your Drop” to get help in maintaining the recycling areas. Lexington is still leading in recycling. Big thank you to Brenda, Andy, and Roger Kilgore who all help this afternoon.

Blueberry Festival Committee met last week at the Depot. They are going ahead with plans for 2021 festival to run from August 16th to August 22nd. The festival committee will need to submit requirements/plans for the festival to Ohio Fairs Committee for their approval. After receiving Ohio Fairs approval they will then need to submit their plans to Richland County Health Department.

A renewal for liquor licenses is requested for Lexington Beveridge and Spirits located at 27 Plymouth Street. Chief Pauley reported no dispute.

Motion by LITTLE to renew
Liquor license for Lexington Beveridge
& Spirits and request hearing.
Seconded by JARVIS.
Roll call. Yeas: 0; Nays: 6; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

Councilman Little asked if anything new to report on improving Decker’s lot. Mayor White said CIC has not received any reports per the site survey.

Mayor White reported American Rescue Plan has updated their procedures for the non-entitled. Guidance for government entities will be coming at later date.

Councilman Wise added that he and Councilwoman Getz took tour of the Village and all the land/buildings associated with the Village, including water towers.

Councilman Kearns advised in the past that inspection type tours were made by all Council Members on a volunteer basis with the goal of inspecting all buildings to see what is needed for operational improvements and repair. Mr. Kearns thinks it is time for Council to review this action again.

Council President Jarvis reported the following from Planning Commission meeting on April 15, 2021:

The Village of Lexington Planning Commission has recommended the approval of a lot split of parcel #0482715603000 at 15 East Main Street of approximately .44 acres. This lot split meets all other zoning requirements set forth by the Village of Lexington.

Robert Jarvis
Village Planning Commission Member
President, Village Council

Motion by GONGWER to accept
Planning Commission recommendation
for lot split parcel #0482715603000 of
15 East Main Street.
Seconded by WISE
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Councilman Kearns asked Chief Pauley if the new pickup cruiser is more cost effective than the old cruisers (Ford Explorers). Mr. Kearns noted the public is impressed with the new cruiser. Would the Chief consider purchasing another? ~~Mr. Kearns~~

Chief Pauley noted the pickup cost is just a little more than the Explorers. Chief reported the pickup is little bit larger than other cruisers and therefore have few issues fitting into the Sally port. Some of the officers are not as comfortable with the pickup as they are with the Explorers due to the vehicle size. Chief is not sure if he would purchase another. Mayor White noted there has to be a learning curve when adjusting to new equipment. But also remember this building has restrictive parking, tight corners, and not much space. Something to keep in mind when looking towards the future.

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-10 by Mr. Gongwer

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRING RANGE USE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by GONGWER to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution is read on
two separate occasions.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GONGWER to waive rules of Council
requiring that a Resolution comes from a
standing committee.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by GONGWER to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Motion carried.

Motion by GONGWER to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Attorney Studenmund stated he worked with Brad Copeland from NCTC and they have agreed to include the no indemnity clause.

Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1(Gongwer).

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-12 by Mr. Wise

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on

two separate occasions.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by GONGWER.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by WISE to adopt.

Seconded by GONGWER.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey stated same as last year's agreement. There is still money left in that particular line item.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

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Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor