**Regular Meeting**

January 10, 2023

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on January 10th, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Beech, Collier, Ohashi, Street, and A. Warner. M. Warner was excused delayed. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Street made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes, Collier seconded, all in favor. Ohashi motioned to accept the financials, Beech seconded, all in favor.

**MAYOR:**

Street motioned to accept Resolution 1/10/23(A) Adopting Affordable Gas & Electric’s Opt-Out Electric Aggregation Plan. Beech seconded, all in favor.

Collier motioned to accept Resolution 1/10/23(B) Allowing the administrator to sign Affordable Gas & Electric’s Opt-Out Electric Aggregation Plan rate. Ohashi seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Murphy called for council president nominations. Ohashi nominated Beech who accepted. No other nominations. Voting took place Beech-Abstained, Collier-Yay, Ohashi-Yay, Street- Yay, A. Warner-Yay.

Mayor Murphy presented the 2023 Committee appointments.

Mayor Murphy thanked the village staff, EMA, and residents for their work and dedication during the recent cold, snow, and power outage.

A representative of Jackson’s Landing asked the Village to contract to do their Condo snow plowing. After discussion the Council declined and did not bring the plowing to a vote.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Freyhof made a proposal to the Library to increase the rent by $200 monthly and the Village will then assume mechanical repairs on the interior. The library has agreed to the increase.

Saint Paris provided Administrator Freyhof with contact information for a third party to conduct the LMI survey. It’s forty dollars per hour and takes about 3-4 days, at four hours per day. The individual is a retired detective out of Sidney Ohio and has knowns the process.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

The North Lewisburg Policing Activity Report was given for November. 18 Warnings and 3 Citation were written.

Administrator Freyhof let council know the original negotiations with the Meadows Subdivision included a master meter to be installed by the Developer. This was never installed. The Village suspect they are losing water between the Village main and the Consumers Meter. If we install Master Meters we anticipate the cost will be approximately $50,000 each. We would need two as water is supplied at front and rear of subdivision. We are losing a million gallons per month and we suspect that some of that is flowing through the Meadows, we can hear movement at the fire hydrants from our leak seeker inspection.

Administrator Freyhof informed council that the Logan County Sewer District replied regarding Regionalization. The Logan County Commissioners provided an opinion that they don’t want to offer us less than the $50.50 rate that the consumers of Logan County are paying. We still have to service our current debt on top of that figure. We made an offer to Logan County Sewer of $25.25 per 3000 gallons. This more or less equated to their offer of $50.50 for 6000 gallons per month. The EPA did not fund Our Regionalization for 2023. Engineer Silcott believes with no contract in place with Logan County yet the EPA might not fund until December 2023. We are continuing the Regionalization discussion with Logan County. INI will be a large variable with Regionalization. We need to eliminate all INI prior to Regionalization.

Administrator Freyhof let council know the Wastewater treatment plant is struggling. It received a heavy volume due to consumers running water to prevent freezing. This tripled the wastewater inflow. We had to bypass to the sludge ponds. We are currently working on repairing a mbr pump and the belt press.

Administrator Freyhof sought Councils opinion on leaving the East and South Fencing off at The Castle Ridge Retention Pond, to allow for fishing. The council asked Administrator Freyhof to look into Liability insurance, additional costs, signage, and question the game warden.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Beech motioned to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Street seconded, all in favor. Executive session entered at 7:14pm. Ohashi motioned to exit executive session, A. Warner seconded, all in favor. Executive session ended at 7:25pm.

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:**

**Resolution 1/10/23(C),** Emergency Resolution for Wastewater Treatment Plant Fine Screens. Street motioned, Beech seconded, all in favor.

**Ordinance 222(B),** Tap Fee and consumer responsibility of the Water. 2nd reading

**Ordinance 223(B),** Tap Fee and consumer responsibility of the Sewer. 2nd reading.

**Ordinance 248(B),** Woodstock Sewer Rate. 2nd reading.

Beech motioned to adjourn, Street seconded, all in favor.

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Mayor Fiscal Officer Date