**Regular Meeting**

August 15th, 2023

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on August 15th, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

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

Ohashi made a motion to accept the previous meeting minute, Nobbs seconded, all in favor. M. Warner motioned to accept the financials, A. Warner seconded, all in favor.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Bob Smith of Legacy Pipeline offered a presentation on natural gas availability timeline.

**FISCAL:**

Fiscal Officer McCombs presented a list of uncollectable water and sewer debts. Multiple attempts have been made to collect these debts and most were accrued during the Covid-19 shut down. M. Warner motioned to write off the uncollectable debts, Ohashi seconded, all in favor.

Fiscal Officer McCombs asked council to approve moving the police to a 2 week paycheck period to match their 2 week schedules effective August 20th as the first day of their new paycheck period. Beech motioned to approve, A. Warner seconded, all in favor.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Murphy reminded council and citizens to pick up after their dog on public and private property.

Mayor Murphy asked council about Fall Garage Sales. M. Warner motioned to have Fall Community Garage Sales that needed no permit October 13, 14, and 15, Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Freyhof let council and residents know there is a Scrap Tire Recycling September 9, 2023 at the Champaign County Fairgrounds.

Administrator Freyhof also informed council that we hired the lowest quote for the library bat removal. The bat valves are installed. The cleanup and insulation removal and reinstall will take place around the end of August or early September.

Administrator Freyhof attended a Floodplain training. The Village is not significantly in the floodplain and all structures have been properly zoned.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

The North Lewisburg Policing Activity Report was given for July. 10 Warnings, 24 Citations, 34 Total stops. One stop resulted in felony drug charges.

Administrator Freyhof let council know the west water tower painting project is complete and back online.

Administrator Freyhof informed council that the East Tank Valve Project is nearly complete. The Village employees framed a building over the east vault. This will allow for the final installation of the controls.

Administrator Freyhof informed council that the Castle Ridge catch basin fix will require more effort. In order to repair properly there are sheds in the way and black plastic piping sump pump line in the tile. Residents have been informed to remedy their portion of the repair.

Administrator Freyhof has created a spreadsheet in order to schedule and budget future road work. We will begin to look 10-12 years out. We have sealed N. Gregory, young St, East St, and Winder St using Village labor. We are hopeful to seal Townsend St and Chip and Seal Gunn St in 2023 with contracted labor. Gunn St is scheduled to be chip and fog sealed Tuesday August 15th or shortly after.

Administrator Freyhof asked if the Village wanted to gravel the Abbey Lane retention pond to ease maintenance of it for an estimated $12,000- $14,000. After discussion it was decided to revisit graveling the retention pond next year.

Administrator presented council with a warranty and service agreement for the Case backhoe purchased last year. Nobbs motioned to accept the agreements, M. Warner seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof and Mayor Murphy brought to council’s attention the potential complications with the police department certifying golf carts and ATV classifications. They asked council to look into additional complications and come with informed opinions to the next council meeting.

**RESOLUTION/ ORDINANCE:**

Resolution 8/15/2023 Social Media Policy mowing rate increase: A. Warner motioned, Ohashi seconded, all in favor

Ordinance 241(E) Utility Rates 1st reading

Ordinance 269(C) Natural Gas Pipeline 1st reading

Ordinance 146(B) Park Board. 3rd reading. Ohashi motioned, Beech seconded, all in favor

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Alishia Bailey would like village approval to start a Farmers Market in town. Street motioned to accept the Farmers Market pending insurance and location, M. Warner seconded, all in favor.

**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. Nobbs seconded, all in favor. Executive session entered at 7:51pm. Beech motioned to exit executive session, A. Warner seconded, all in favor. Executive session ended at 8:07pm.

Beech motioned to to pay out Stephen Rhodes vacation accrued while he was employed full time. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

A. Warner motioned to give Kevin Cox a $2.00 an hour merit raise. Beech seconded, all in favor.

M. Warner motioned to adjourn, Ohashi seconded, all in favor.

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