

North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

July 9, 2024

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on July 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order. Roll Call was answered by Mrs. Huffman, Mr. Nobbs, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Warner and Mr. Warner. Ohashi was absent and excused. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Street made a motion to accept the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes and the July 2, 2024 Special Meeting minutes, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Warner made a motion to accept the financials, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Mrs. Street Made a motion to approve the 2025 Tax Budget, Mr. Warner seconded, all in favor

MAYOR:

Mayor Murphy addressed the group with potential ways to increase revenue for the village. One being a .5% Income Tax increase to go towards Parks, Land and Building Maintenance. This would be for improvements to buildings, such as, a new roof at the library, or improvements to the park. This would have to be put on the ballot for the voters to decide, but could potentially free up some money to be utilized elsewhere. We will discuss this option further.

There is a .6 inside millage on the property tax that is available and with the vote of the council Administrator Freyhof can ask the county for approval. Mr. Warner made a motion to enact the .6 inside millage for the Village of North Lewisburg, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

The third being an increase to the Water/Sewer Rates for the village. RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Partnership) is completing a Rate analysis for the Village to see where our rates for water and sewer should be. Currently our rates fall below the average.

Mayor Murphy also reminded those in attendance to watch out for kids on bikes, especially at stop signs and traffic lights.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Freyhof read the second reading of the Potential East End Zoning changes, changing the zoning from a R2 to a B2 district from Cherry St East to the Dollar General on the South side and to the East Corporate limit on the North Side. The LUC's recommendation is to change 500 East Maple (Melissa's Hair and Tanning), 510 East Maple (vacant lot beside Melissa's) and 505 East Maple (Dollar General) to B2 and leave all other properties involved as they are currently.

Update on Codification process. Administrator Freyhof reported that he and Attorney Zook are through the preliminary reviews and we have a lot of 30+ year old fine amounts, missing date several missing ordinances and some ordinances that are not legible. This will be up to the Village and Legal Counsel to resolve.

Administrator Freyhof presented two candidates for Village Solicitor to replace Attorney Zook. The first one is from Attorney Anthony Will with Schulze, Cox & Will Law Offices. Attorney Will is asking for \$250.00 Per hour. The Second one is from Attorney Matthew Watson with Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger. Attorney Watson is asking for \$18,000.00 annually and payment into OPERS or \$14,440.00 and payment into OPERS and any time

above 50 hours would be billed at \$225.00 per hour. Discussion was held. Mr. Warner made a motion to hire Attorney Will after completion of a background check, Mrs. Street seconded, roll call; Mrs. Huffman yes, Mr. Nobbs abstain, Mrs. Street yes, Mrs. Warner yes and Mr. Warner yes. Motion passed 4 yes and 1 abstained.

Administrator Freyhof presented changes to Section 4.07 Paragraph A of the Personnel Policy Manual third sentence on to state "Any non-exempt employee required to work the weekend will be paid at 1.5 times their hourly rate. Any Non-exempt employee required to work an emergency situation out side of normal working hours shall be compensated at 1.5 times their hourly rate. Overtime earned during after hour emergency situations and weekends will require Village Administrator Approval." Mrs. Street motioned to approve the overtime policy, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof asked for approval of the overtime hours paid 6/16-6/31/2024. Mrs. Warner mad a motion to approve overtime hours paid for the period of 6/16-6/31/2024, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

The Monthly Police report was presented by Chief Bodey. For the period of June 10th - July 7th 2024 there were 23 Warnings and 4 Citations for Traffic Violations.

Chief Bodey reported that we are not having as many issues with kids being out past curfew.

There are 2 open cases still under investigation, one suspicious death and one sexual offense.

Water/Sewer:

Administrator Freyhof presented design loan for waterline improvement project.

We did not receive funding on the last request. We have received a request from DLZ to resubmit for this year. The project would include replacing water lines on Rt 559 north to South and RT 245 from West St to the East and Tallman Street.

We accepted a bid from Moody's of Dayton to refurbish wells one and two and a new well (labeled well 4). We are still obtaining quotes on the aerator and are hopeful to move forward on its repair. We have found an interested contractor but the aeration portion of the project must go back to bid.

We contracted with PH'D Thomas Marshall to research bridge and Wastewater Treatment Plant funding and a solid path forward. Administrator Freyhof feels that Mr. Marshall has already made progress and he feels that we can scale the bridge back to a box culvert.

Other:

Administrator Freyhof ask council for a decision on Paternity leave, to offer or not offer. Mrs. Warner made a motion to not offer Paternity Leave. Mr. Nobbs, seconded, all in favor.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

Resolution 7-9-2024 Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of North Lewisburg to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public works commission State Capital Improvements and or Local transportation Programs and to execute contracts as required.

Mrs. Huffman moved to approve Resolution 7-9-2024, Mrs. Street Seconded, all approved.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

One Citizen asked why do the zoning changes. Administrator Freyhof explained that it could attract more business and increase the business district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Street made a motion to enter in to Executive Session for the consideration of the compensation of a public employee or official, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor. Executive Session entered at 7:39 PM

Mrs. Warner made a motion to move out of Executive Session, Mr. Warner seconded, all in favor. Executive Session ended at 7:49 PM.

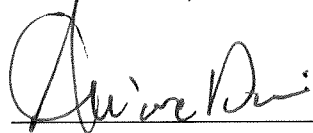
Mr. Nobbs made a motion to pay employee Marc Bailey sick pay for 8/29-9/12/2024, Mrs. Street seconded, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

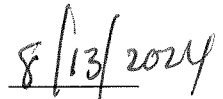
Mrs. Warner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Street seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk



Date

