

## North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

November 12, 2024

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mr. Warner, Mrs. Street and Mrs. Warner. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Huffman made a motion to accept the October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, Mrs. Street seconded, all in favor.

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

### **MAYOR:**

Mayor Murphy stated that we are still looking at a potential .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. We will discuss this further in the future.

Mayor Murphy invited Tyler Burden to come forward. Tyler Burden was sworn in as newly appointed Council Member by Mayor Murphy. Tyler will be filling and completing the term for the vacated council seat.

Mayor Murphy asked for a motion for no pay no penalty for Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Village employees. Employees can work if desired or request vacation pay. Mrs. Street made a motion to make Friday, November 29, 2024 a no pay, no penalty day for Village employees, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Freyhof asked Madison Wells to come forward. Madison has been working on her Eagle Scout Project and has been installing new playground equipment at the Village Park. Madison also donated a new handicap swing for the Park. Administrator Freyhof presented Madison with a plaque in appreciation for all of her work and also thanked the other Scouts in attendance. A round of applause was given to Madison.

Administrator Freyhof introduced Mary Richards Oakley, grant to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG). Mary thanked the Council and Administration for inviting her to speak. Mary explained that she helps procure grant funds and with our LMI study showing that the Village is a Low to Moderate Income community, we should apply for as many grants as we can. The LMI determination is good for 5 years. Mary is working with Champaign County for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant which could award up to \$750,000.00 to make improvements to our community. This Grant does require input from the community as to what projects the community would like to see done. We will be having meetings throughout the process with the final meeting in May of 2025 and decision on the grant will be made around September 2025. Mary encouraged all to pick up a survey to complete and return to the Village Office. Administrator Freyhof thanked Mary for attending the meeting and for all she has done.

Administrator Freyhof talked briefly about the Electric Aggregation and that there are comparison numbers on PUCO website.

Administrator Freyhof asked for a motion to approve payment of overages of the Pavilion construction totaling approximately \$15,000.00 Mr. Warner moved to approve payment of the overages, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof also asked the Council to think about a rental policy for the Pavilion.

Administrator Freyhof stated that he has been working on gathering quotes for Medical Insurance for Village Employees. He has two and is waiting on a third. He will present the quotes at the December Meeting.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **Police:**

The Monthly Police report was presented by Chief Bodey. For the period of October 6, 2024-November 8, 2024. There were 9 Warnings and 6 Citations. Chief Bodey reported that they are working on getting information out to the community for the Angel Tree.

##### **Water/Sewer:**

Administrator Freyhof reported that the RCAP Sewer Rate Study is complete and we are looking at the Sewer Rate increasing to \$ 50.52 base rate for 2025 and \$ 67.29 base rate for 2026.

Administrator Freyhof shared the LUC Marijuana Zoning Text. We have several options. 1. We can zone to prohibit marijuana cultivators, dispensaries and processors. 2. We can zone to allow with specifications such as zoning district, etc. 3. We can prohibit through an ordinance. This is a simpler process than zoning changes. 4. We do nothing. Council members discussed their views. Administrator Freyhof asked for a motion for which option council would like to proceed with. Mr. Warner moved to create an Ordinance to Prohibit Marijuana cultivators, dispensaries and processors, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof presented information for inspection service on the WWTP Access Road project. TruInspection Service would provide inspection of the project and monitor prevailing wage. This would cost \$22,038.00 and would be reimbursed by the Grant. Mrs. Huffman moved to approve the inspection service by TruInspection Service for the WWTP Access Road Project in the amount of 22,038.00, Mrs Street seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof presented information for inspection service of the Bike Path Pavement Project by TruInspections in the amount of \$11,019.00. Mrs. Street moved to approve the inspection service by TruInspections for the Bike Path Pavement Project in the amount of \$11,019.00, Mrs Warner seconded, All in favor.

Administrator Freyhof presented information by UP Ahead to provide a one call system for the Village to send out emergency messages/phone calls. This would cost \$1999.00 start-up fee and \$224.00 Monthly. We currently use code red for emergency messages and there is no charge for this service. Council discussed and feels that the code red is working for now and will table this for now.

##### **Streets:**

Administrator Freyhof stated that leaf collection started on October 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue through November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Freyhof asked council if they would like to move forward with eliminating parking at the SE corner of Sycamore/Maple and SW corner of Sycamore/Maple for tractor trailer turning. Council discussed and decided to table this item.

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:**

Resolution 10-8-2024 Right-of-Way Permit second of three readings.

Resolution 11-12-2024 North Lewisburg Trail Paving Contractor was presented and read. This is the first of three readings.

Resolution 11-12-2024(A) Approve Amended Budget & Appropriations was presented and read as an emergency. Mr. Warner moved approve Resolution 11-12-2024 (A) , Mrs. Warner seconded. Roll call was answered with 6 yeas and 0 nays.

Ordinance 292 Zoning Service Fees was presented and read. This is the first of three readings.

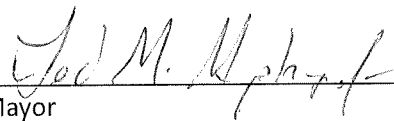
**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

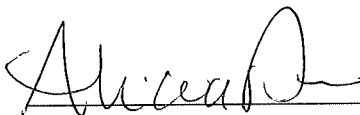
Jacob Warner informed the group that the North Lewisburg Firemen's Association will have Christmas in the Village on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> with the Parade beginning at 5:30 PM and Santa will be in the Community Room immediately following. They will also be serving hot dogs, chili and will have a cake walk.

Marc Bailey thanked the council for allowing him to take time off for the birth of his son.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

12.16-2024  
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