

North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

March, 11, 2025

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on March 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Village Community Room.

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

Mrs. Warner moved to accept the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Mrs. Warner moved to accept the financials, Mr. Burden seconded, all in favor.

MAYOR:

Mayor Murphy asked the council to set a date for Spring Clean-up and Community Yard Sales. We are looking at May 16-17 or May 23-25. After some discussion it was decided to look at May 16-17 as May 23-25 is Memorial Day Weekend. Mrs. Warner is checking with Triad Jr. Baseball to see if there would be any conflict with May 16-17 for the dumpsters to be at the park.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Freyhof reminded those in attendance that we are still looking for input for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG) and that Mary Richards Oakley will be at the meeting next month.

Administrator Freyhof stated that Bicentennial Planning Committee will meet in the Community Room on April 26, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Cooper Vue Events is planning a Spring Fling Event in May and would like to use some space around the Municipal building for overflow vendors. Mrs. Warner moved to approve the use of greenspace around the Municipal building for the Cooper Vue Event, Mr. Warner seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof presented a letter regarding a price increase for Clemans and Nelson (HR Attorney) from \$137.50 per month to \$250.00 per month. Mrs. Huffman moved to accept the rate increase for Clemans and Nelson to \$250.00 per month, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

The Monthly Police report was presented by Chief Bodey. For the period of February 10-March 7, 2025. There were 7 Warnings, 3 Citations and 2 Felony Indictments.

Water/Sewer:

Administrator Freyhof asked the council for a Then and Now Certificate for the 12.20.24 Invoices from Advanced Controls, Inc for technical services provided on the Water Towers and Plant for the SCADA system in the amount of \$34687.47. This will be split into 6 monthly payments. Mrs. Huffman moved to approve the Then and Now Certificate for Advanced Controls, Inc, Mr. Nobbs seconded all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof informed the group that the first step to replacing the 1950's concrete water lines would be a Design by DLZ in the amount of \$150,000.00. To do this, we would need a loan to cover the cost. The loan would be through OWDA with a payment in the amount of \$3750.00 twice a year for years 1-4 and on year 5 the balance would be rolled over into the EPA loan. Mr. Nobbs moved to approve the Water line Design loan with OWDA for \$150,000.00 with payments at \$3750.00 twice a year for years 1-4 and the balance to rollover into the construction loan on year 5, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor.

Administrator Freyhof informed the council that emergency membrane replacement is needed at the Wastewater Plant. The Membranes are failing, and we are being advised that deep cleaning and replacement of a minimum of one membrane is needed. We are estimating \$500,000.00. We were denied OPWC for emergency funding. We are currently applying for an OWDA loan to address the problem. I anticipate presenting a resolution at April's meeting. The Membranes are only processing 150,000 gallons of wastewater.

Streets:

Brightspeed installation of fiber optic lines will begin mid-April. 65% will be overhead and 35% will be in ground.

The Republic Waste contract expires May 31, 2025. Administrator Freyhof will be looking at options.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

Resolution 3-11-2025 For EMA Mitigation Plan Adoption was read. Mr. Warner moved to adopt Resolution 3-11-2025 EMA Mitigation Plan, Mrs. Warner seconded. Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Ordinance 293 Cannabis Prohibition third reading.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Murphy opened the floor to the citizens and reminded those in attendance that the procedure for speaking at the meetings is to notify the administrator 2 days prior to the scheduled meeting to ask to be added to the agenda. Mayor Murphy opened the floor to the citizens for discussion and asked that only one person speak at a time and to please not talk while someone else is talking. With a group of over 30 citizens in attendance we will try to let everyone speak who wants to.

One Citizen addressed the group regarding the Ordinance Prohibiting state authorized cannabis: cultivators, dispensaries and processors. This citizen is for having a dispensary. The discussion continued from person to person some for the prohibition, many against the prohibition and some stating that it is a personal choice.

Many of those against the prohibition shared their experiences with the group and their reason for obtaining a medical card for Cannabis. Some due to PTSD, some for chronic pain, some for arthritis. Other uses were for epileptic seizures, sleep disorder, and cancer. One Citizen also stated that this could provide tax income for the village and another citizen reminded the group that the money is currently being held by the state.

Other Citizens expressed their opinions as to why they are for the prohibition, such as, increased traffic, possible crime, property values and personal experiences.

With each Citizen who chose to speak was given a chance to do so Mayor Murphy asked for a motion on Ordinance 293 Cannabis Prohibition. Mr. Warner moved to adopt Ordinance 293 Prohibiting Cannabis

Dispensaries, Cultivators and Processors; Mr. Nobbs Seconded. Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, no; Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, no; Mrs. Warner, no; Mr. Warner, yes. With a vote of 2 yes and 3 no, the motion does not have a majority vote. Motion did not pass.

Executive Session

Mayor Muphy asked for a motion to move into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion of compensation of a public employee or official. Mrs. Warner moved to enter into executive session, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor. The public was dismissed from the meeting room. Council entered into executive session at 7:56PM

The council moved out of executive session at 8:40 PM. The public was informed that they could return.

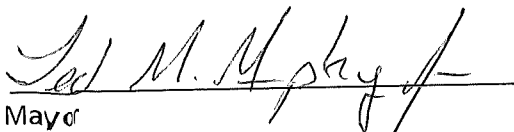
Mrs. Warner moved to hire Stephen Rhodes as a civilian employee for the Police Department at \$20.00 per hour as a part-time employee, Mrs. Huffman seconded, Roll Call, Mrs. Huffman, yes; Mr. Nobbs, Abstain; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes. Approved.

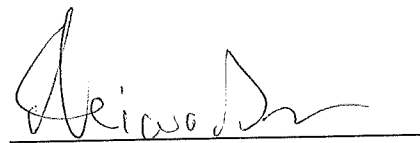
Mrs. Huffman moved to Increase Administrator Freyhof's Salary to \$74,900.00 per year with 6 weeks vacation effective 3.20.2025, Mrs. Warner seconded, all in favor. Approved

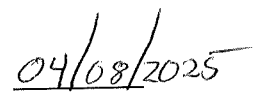
Mrs. Warner heard back from Triad Jr. Baseball and there would be no conflict for May 16- 17 for spring cleanup. Mrs. Warner moved to have Spring cleanup on May 16th and 17th and Community Yard Sales May 16-18, 2025, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor. Approved

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mrs. Warner moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Huffman seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk


Date