

North Lewisburg Village Council Regular Meeting

February 11, 2025

The Village of North Lewisburg Council met on February 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. Street, Mr. Burden and Mrs. Warner. Mrs. Huffman was absent and excused. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Street moved to accept the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, Mr. Warner seconded, all in favor.

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

MAYOR:

Mayor Murphy informed the group that we will be addressing items for Executive Session first due to Mrs. Street needing to be excused from the meeting around 7:10 PM. Mrs. Street moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee of official, Mr. Nobbs seconded, all in favor. Entered into Executive Session at 6:32 PM. Moved out of Executive Session at 6:41PM. Public invited to return to the meeting. Mrs. Street moved to offer \$34.00 per hour for Water Operator, Mr. Nobbs seconded. Roll call Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, Abstain; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes; Mr. Warner, yes.

Mayor Murphy introduced Sarah Ferguson from Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for Logan and Champaign Counties. Sarah presented Officer Trent Davis with the Champaign County Small Department Crisis Intervention Team Officer of the Year Award. Officer Davis receives this award for his dedication to connecting those experiencing a behavioral health crisis by completed the most mental health referrals of all Champaign County small departments. All in attendance congratulated Officer Davis with a round of applause.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Freyhof reminded those in attendance that we are still looking for input for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG) and that he only has 6 surveys that have been turned into him. The surveys are available at the Utility Window.

Administrator Freyhof stated that we will be setting a date for the Bicentennial Celebration Committee meeting in April. Those on the committee are Darlena Huffman, Max Coates, Virginia Clemons, and Kristen Freyhof.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

The Monthly Police report was presented by Chief Bodey. For the period of January 13-February 8, 2025. There were 12 Warnings, 8 Citations and 1 Felony Domestic and Strangulation Case set to go to Grand Jury on September 3, 2025. Chief Bodey reported that Officer Davis Deploys on February 21, 2025 and will be away on

Military Leave. Chief Bodey reported that the North Lewisburg Police Department is looking to hire full time and part time officers.

Water/Sewer:

Administrator Freyhof reported that the culvert to the Wastewater Plant is in and usable as a base of gravel was placed on the surface until we have a break in the weather to allow for the concrete to be poured.

Administrator Freyhof and Plant Operator Kevin Cox will be meeting with the EPA tomorrow, February 12, 2025 at the Waste Water Plant.

Contractors are currently working on the Well Project. They are 60 Ft down on the new well. They are working on getting Well 2 back online and will then take Well 1 down for deep cleaning and maintenance.

Administrator Freyhof reported that we are looking at working with DLZ to complete a Design for water line replacement and looking for funding through EPA and OWDA, some of which may be principal forgiveness. We will revisit this next month.

Streets:

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

Resolution 2-11-2025 For a Cash Advance from the General Fund to the Other Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$27038.00 was read. Mr. Warner moved to approve Resolution 2-11-2025, Mr. Nobbs seconded, Roll call Mr, Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Street, yes; Mrs. Warner, yes and Mr. Warner, yes.

Mrs. Street was excused from the meeting.

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.

One Citizen addressed the group regarding the Ordinance Prohibiting state authorized cannabis; cultivators, dispensaries and processors. He presented his opinion against the prohibition and asked council why they would prohibit and throw out the tax dollars.

Another citizen spoke asked to address the council. She, also presented her case against the prohibition of the dispensary. She stated that she had her medical card to help with chronic pain. She presented information on a small low income village in Michigan that is now increased business in the village in part to allowing a dispensary. She also stated that 36 % of the 10% tax in the state of Ohio goes back to the host city/village.

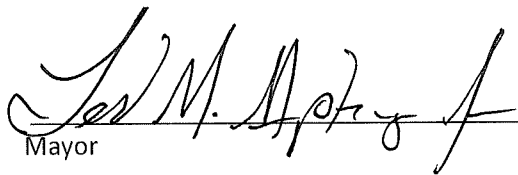
A representative from the Veterans Service Project in Woodstock addressed the group asking if there is any decision on moving forward with adding sewer lines to their project for tiny homes for homeless veterans.

Mayor Murphy informed the representative that we are still in litigation with Woodstock on the Waste Water matter and he was unable to discuss other than to say that council approved and adopted the settlement agreement between North Lewisburg and Woodstock.


With no further discussion, Administrator Freyhof asked council for a motion on Ordinance 293 Cannabis Prohibition. Mr. Warner moved to adopt Ordinance 293 prohibiting state authorized cannabis; cultivators, dispensaries and processors, Mr. Nobbs seconded. Roll call Mr. Nobbs, yes; Mr. Burden, yes; Mrs. Warner, No; Mr. Warner, Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Mayor



Clerk

3-11-2025
Date