

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

1. Mayor Lawhorn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge
2. Linda Allen - Present
Randall Atkins– Present
Dean Evans – Present
Glenn Holloway - Present
Bill Madison – Present
Jeff Sturtevant – Absent
3. Mayor Lawhorn opened the floor to Sheriff Larry Sims. Sheriff Sims stated the department had a 3000 call increase in 2012. He said the detective load was up by 50 and the registered sex offenders stayed the same. He said house burglaries are the most prevalent and they had 347 cases last year and the department's clear rate is 16% and the national average is 14%. Sheriff Sims said they are holding the second citizens academy at Deerfield and it is an opportunity to show what we do. He stated since double bunking in the jail it increased the capacity to 280. He said the commissioners are looking at two paths to look at addition and they have put a committee together to look at the process to see if some can be out in a program, etc. He reported they are engaged in conversation with school system and have always had a good relationship.

Mayor Lawhorn thanked him for his service and the service we get from our department and Sheriff Sims said he appreciates being a partner with South Lebanon.
4. Mayor Lawhorn opened the floor to the public and none approached.
5. Mayor Lawhorn held the second reading of Resolution 2013-07 for Rozzi Inc. to do 4th of July fireworks.
6. Council Member Holloway said after the last meeting and the discussion of planning and bringing things to council he has some concerns. He said council should be aware of what is going on and maybe these people could come before council and get our opinion on things. Gary Vidmar stated per our zoning code it is the authority of the committee but we could do an amendment to the zoning code. Holloway stated Bernie's Place is a prime example. Atkins stated council should have the final say ultimately. He said he has faith in the committees for recommendations but feels council should have the final say. Madison said this came up before and we made amendments to leave the power with the committee and not us. There is a lot of power in that board. Gary said it comes down to do you wish to have the committee or do you want the authority. Holloway said he just wants council

to have input on the final decision and asked Bruce McGary what his thoughts were. Bruce said he and Gary will revisit this and he will look at the ORC and see if there is something to support what he thinks they want. Holloway said the people will come to them and ask why planning is okaying this and we elected you. Madison said the commissions have by-laws and we set those then planning has to follow those. Bernie's Place was reviewed and how it was presented and what it really was and council sent a letter not supporting this to the zoning board and they passed it anyway and council was powerless. So this board should have the final say.

Bruce cautioned that acting in the capacity of the planning commission there are written criteria and that has to be followed with no other reason for denial. He stated he understands the public and you being elected officials but be careful what you wish for. Bruce said it appears council is more concerned zoning and the allowed uses. Gary said it has been 3-5 years since our code has been updated and said sections need revised and need everyone's input but right now you are governed by the code. Mayor Lawhorn said O.T. met the specs for planning to approve this and Alvin did not and received three pages he had to comply with. He said the mayor and one member of council serve on the commission as well. Gary said council will receive the planning and zoning agendas so you will know what is on and can attend if you choose.

7. Mayor Lawhorn said the Hamilton Township suit was moved to U.S. District Court and Catherine is trying to get it moved back.
8. Gary said he has been here six weeks and has a better grasp of the organization. He said Bruce and himself are working on agreements and contracts and he will begin governing this community in a different way. He discussed meeting with Arik Sherk about the TIF and the Milicron property. He stated IRG is partnering and will be the money behind it. Midland Atlantic is going to be the local developer and they are a reputable company. Madison asked that Gary send council emails with the key notes of his discussion concerning the development. Gary said he intends to put out a weekly recap on Fridays to council.
9. Sgt. Boylan said they have one kid that admitted to car vandalism
10. A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel was made at 7:15 p.m. by Holloway, seconded by Atkins, Allen – yea, Atkins-yea, Evans – yea, Holloway- yea, and Madison – yea.
11. A motion to return from executive session was made at 7:49 p.m. by Allen, seconded by Holloway, Allen-yea, Atkins-yea, Evans-yea, Holloway-yea, and Madison-yea.

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:50 p.m. by Allen, seconded by Holloway, all yeas.

Sharon Louallen, Fiscal Officer

Lionel Lawhorn, Mayor