

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

1. Mayor Lawhorn opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
2. Linda Allen - Present Dean Evans - Present
Randall Atkins – Absent Bill Madison – Present
Jim Boerio – Present Jeff Sturtevant – Absent
3. Mayor Lawhorn opened the floor to the public:

Maxine Fisher – representing Friends of the Little Miami – I am a member and the bike trail is 53 miles of State Park. She said 80% of the workers are volunteers. We have 75 people who volunteer on the trail and we have it divided into 21 sections and call it adopt a trail. The only section not adopted is between Main St. and Stubbsmill. We get together and clean out culverts or pick up trash and take out weeds. She said two years ago 40 trees were down and our group including me got the 40 trees removed in one day. She said she puts 2000 miles a year on her bike and on her 70th birthday she put 70 miles on her bike. Maxine said it is the second largest paved trail in the U.S. She said it will cost \$50,000 per mile to repave the trail and we are getting grants and trying to extend the life by by crack filling and last year we spent \$12,000 on 1/3 of the trail. If you are familiar with Loveland and how they utilize the trail, I am hoping with South Lebanon and our group working together we can make this trail work for you. Maybe we could get a bathroom and our group could go in halves with you. Our group could redo the sign and turn it the other direction and have a map. She said we have 500,000 people use that trail a year, we have them from all over the world. Madison asked who some of their corporate sponsors are and she stated the grant they got last year was from Cincinnati Health Foundation. Maxine said they have a meeting Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the Loveland City Hall. She said you can go on their web site and be a member for \$20.00 for a year.

Mayor Lawhorn said he thought we talked about that sign before and council agreed. He said he thinks council would agree for them to redo that sign and all of council agreed. Madison said looking at the paperwork they passed out, they have a patron's level and he asked for Bruce to look into if there would be any objections to the village becoming a member.

Joe Johnson – on the other corner I have a duplex and the trees are so high they are rubbing my siding and water puddles and ruining the sidewalk and I would like you to look at it. Gary said he would look into it.

4. Minutes presented for approval:

Workshop – August 1, 2013 – motion to approve made by Allen, seconded by Evans, all yeas.

Regular – August 15, 2013 – motion to approve made by Evans, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

5. Resolution 2013-29 was presented accepting the 2014 rates for budget. Sharon stated that this is the budget from the county and this is what they are telling us we are going to get for the local government portion. She stated once this is accepted then we begin the process for the temporary budget for 2014. A motion to suspend the reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Allen, all yeas. A motion to adopt Resolution 2013-29 was made by Madison, seconded by Evans, all yeas.
6. Ordinance 2013-12 was presented for the third reading which establishes meeting dates and times. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-12 was made by Allen, seconded by Evans, all yeas.
7. Administrator Vidmar stated in past meetings council has asked about progress on St. Rt. 48 and the developers progress concerning the development. He said he has addressed these in his memo. He reviewed his memo information with council. Madison stated what we have listed as the West land site is a sweet spot for South Lebanon and I see we have a strip mall development there. He said this is where developers like to be, five miles or less off a major highway. He said he thinks we need to apply pressure to IRG to really think this through before any residential use is put in this future development. He stated a village cannot sustain itself off a residential base. It is industrial and retail that we need and the West side development is key to South Lebanon's future. I realize IRG is an industrial based company and this is their first retail and I think we need to apply all the pressure we can to see that they do their homework and we get this right. Evans stated he agrees with Bill 100%. He said there is other land for acquisition there. Gary said he will take that message to them and they also control the Siemens property now and that has been identified for commercial use. Gary said IRG has more confidence in that site because of its uniqueness as a campus setting. Madison stated before he agrees to vote on something he would hope this is not piece mealed and that IRG comes back and uses every bit of this acreage and has a complete plan to present to us and if it is done in phases that is fine but if they put

out lots out there I think is the cheap way to use the area and put some residential behind and be done with it and to me that is just not acceptable. Mayor Lawhorn said he can tell you that the other land he is referring to is not for sale any longer. Oeders have said they are not interested and they have the money to say that with.

Allen asked about the Speedway and where it is to be located and Gary said it would be lot #2. Gary stated he will be giving regular updates to council. Allen asked about what is going in between Target and Kohl's and Gary said they will not release that info until completed.

Gary said there are still issues funding all the improvements and everyone is working hard to ensure we find ways to finance that is not going to cost this village money. Boerio asked about a Starbucks and Gary said if they do the Starbucks deal it would go in a similar deal as where Aspen Dental is or to the west of Kohl's.

8. Mayor Lawhorn informed council that there will be an open house Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center and that Village Community Church has spent about \$100,000 on that building. Gary asked who from council can attend because they want to recognize those in attendance.
9. Mayor Lawhorn stated at the workshop it was discussed about Bruce filing the motion for Kilburn collection and Bruce said it would cost more for him to try to collect than if the village just pays the bill and we could not vote on it then. We would like to vote to go ahead and pay that invoice for \$224.87. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Allen, seconded by Evans, Madison – nay all others yea.
10. Mayor Lawhorn said if you have not noticed the lobby, Dean did an excellent job and made a huge difference and Dean said he was glad to do it, everybody likes it.
11. Sgt. Boylan reported on the burglaries and that they are confident that they have been apprehended.

12. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:06 p.m. by Evans, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

Sharon Louallen, Fiscal Officer

Lionel Lawhorn, Mayor