

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

1. Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge.

2. ATTENDANCE

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| Linda Allen – Present | Bryan Corcoran - Present |
| Jim Boerio – Present  | Bill Madison – Present   |
| Linda Burke – Present | Rolin Spicer - Present   |

3. Joy Van Patten sang “America the Beautiful”.
4. Mayor Smith along with Village Council presented Mr. Duvall with a Mayoral Proclamation declaring September 22, 2019 as “Robert E. Duvall Day” on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mr. Duvall served his Country during World War II in the United States Army. He served in Italy during World War II as a rifleman and light motor section leader reaching the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Duvall received many awards for his service including the Bronze Star. He has been a resident of South Lebanon for over 50 years and served the community on the Village Planning Commission. Mr. Duvall stated, “The best people I’ve ever met are in South Lebanon, Ohio”.

Brenda Combs, South Lebanon Historical Society, presented a flag quilt to Mr. Duvall in honor of his service and character.

5. Guests: Joy Van Patten, 2936 Pine Grove Ln., Kim Brant, 3927 Timberwoods Ct., and Dorette Landis, 7735 Kings Mills Rd – Vote No Group on the Kings Local School Levy. The group discussed the need for a better plan and one that is fiscally responsible to protect King’s education dollars.
6. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

Mary Scherle, Kings Local Food Pantry, Director – Ms. Scherle stated that she was notified that a new bid was placed to lease the old municipal administration. She stated that they were not made aware of the prior two bids if accepted or not. The Food Pantry bid was based on the fact that we currently occupy 1800 sq. ft. or two small classrooms in the Community Center and need the space. We were delighted when the building came available and for the opportunity to place a bid. We would need the entire space to grow with the needs of the community. If in the next twenty-four months that we can’t find a larger facility, then we will probably need to close. Ms. Scherle stated that if we can’t obtain the building and would understand this then we need to find something else in the area to give us



that space that is needed. Our staff is all volunteer, except one person. Ms. Scherle thanked Council for their time. Burke asked if they would have to close their doors if they can't locate a space. Ms. Scherle said yes, at some point in time and doesn't see that they could stay there longer than twenty four months. Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Scherle for her presentation. Mayor Smith said Council voted several years ago to turn over a 18,000 sq. ft. facility for community services and The Food Pantry was included in that. Mayor Smith stated that if something grows to where you have too many customers but quit servicing, he doesn't understand that concept. Ms. Scherle said that we occupy two rooms of the facility and those rooms may be needed in the future because Joshua's Place is growing leap and bounds. Ms. Scherle said the former Municipal Building is the first space that came available that would allow us to continue to grow and provide the room for additional services. Allen said that the Food Pantry, Health Continuum, and others did bid on the entire building and asked Ms. Scherle if Solicitor Revelson offered the entire building or was it presented as half. Ms. Scherle said the bid was for the entire building. Allen clarified when you were offered the building was it all or half. Ms. Scherle read the original ad that was placed. Allen said at one meeting we asked Solicitor Revelson to talk to you about that. Solicitor Revelson said he believes that the Kings Local Food Pantry met with Haddix to look at the building. Ms. Scherle said she stated they wanted the whole building. At that time, Solicitor Revelson said it was brought back to Council that they needed the entire building for space and to securely store the food. Allen said she doesn't think it was presented to Council in that manner. Solicitor Revelson said he specifically remembers presenting that to Council. Allen said no, but maybe she misunderstood. Mayor Smith said to Allen that you definitely misunderstood. Allen said that could be but what she understood was that they couldn't use half the building. Solicitor Revelson said we are saying the same thing. When they were asked if they wanted the entire building or half of the building, the Food Pantry said they needed the entire building. Solicitor Revelson said that was presented to Council and Council made the decision to reject all bids at that meeting or the following meeting. Solicitor Revelson said it was then voted to rebid as a split space in which the Village would occupy the other half. Allen said that was because they were not able to take half the building because the Historical Society wanted the other half. Solicitor Revelson said he believes we are saying the same thing.

Jahn Gazder, Kings Local Food Pantry, Board Member – Mr. Gazder first wanted to thank Mr. Duvall for his service. Mr. Gazder said there are a few points that Council needs to know. Each year, more people ask for assistance from the Food Pantry. We currently occupy two rooms. In the winter it is too cold, in the summer it is too hot, and the roof leaks. We have outgrown the space. Mr. Gazder stated that the Village has a space, so Council needs to ask themselves what the best use of this space is for the greatest amount of people. Mr. Gazder challenged Council to ask the basic question of how many of my constituents benefited from my decision. Mr. Gazder said he respects the South Lebanon Historical Society, however, if you spent some time at the Food Pantry and saw



the number of your constituents who are coming and benefiting from Ms. Scherle working 40 – 60 hours a week then you will come to the conclusion that the best use of the space is to help the poorest of the poor that live in this community. Mr. Gazder begged Council to think through their decision but he feels the best use of the space is trying to help the poorest of the poor. Mr. Gazder thanked Council for their time.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

7. RESOLUTION 2019-40 A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT DETAILED IN THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Boerio said that according to this document the bridge will be closed for 90 days. Boerio stated he believes in the past Mayor Smith said that there are roughly 20,000 cars per day that go through that area and asked Mayor Smith what the detour will be. Mayor Smith stated that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working on multiple detours. It is necessary in order to fix the decking on bridge. Mayor Smith said that Haddix has the particulars, but the road closure will be an inconvenience. Madison asked Mayor Smith if the Sheriff Department can provide assistance to help regulate the additional traffic that will come through town. Burke asked Mayor Smith when this project will take place. Burke said we need to ask the question about widening the bridge and not just repairing it. Madison agreed with Burke. Burke said we already have considerable traffic congestion from I-71 coming into South Lebanon on SR 48. Madison asked Mayor Smith what happens if we don't authorize this resolution. Mayor Smith said that the State can close the bridge. Solicitor Revelson said to answer Burke's question this project is to take place spring 2020. He believes that ODOT received funding through the gas tax which is why this project has been moved up. Burke asked why we are voting on this now if it's not going to take place until spring 2020. Solicitor Revelson read the email from ODOT. Corcoran said he remembers when Kurt Weber addressed Council and stated that both bridges were structurally sound. Corcoran asked Mayor Smith if we should ask these questions to Kurt Weber or the appropriate person. His concern is if we shut down the bridge for 90 days to do these patch repairs aren't we pushing the real problem down the road further. Allen and Burke agreed with Corcoran. Boerio said 90 days to patch and upgrade expansion joints seems like a great deal of time. Corcoran feels that Kurt Weber would be the right person to come up with a plan on how we are going to deal with the additional traffic mentioned by Boerio. Mayor Smith stated that this legislation was generated from the State. Mayor Smith said that we can do three readings to enable us to get someone here to discuss the issues with. Corcoran and Boerio agreed so that we can keep this moving. Boerio stated that we should hear what the plan is rather than proceeding without the information. Madison feels that this is an opportunity for them to listen to us.



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Mayor Smith stated that he will speak with Haddix to get the appropriate representatives here to address council.

8. RESOLUTION 2019-41 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Boerio stated the Spicer's name is misspelled on the resolution. Fiscal Officer said that she will make the change.

A motion to waive the three reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Allen, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2019-41, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

9. RESOLUTION 2019-42 FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF 706 CORWIN NIXON BLVD. FROM MAINEVILLE HOLDINGS, LLC

Solicitor Revelson asked if Council received Exhibit A. Solicitor Revelson said Exhibit A is the deed and it is important that Council reads it. The proposed deed is stating that we build a sign or monument. Solicitor Revelson recommended this legislation as first reading and a copy of the deed will be provided to Council. No objections made by Council.

10. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices was made by Boerio, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

11. APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion to approve was made by Madison, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

12. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES PENDING NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS:

Regular Meeting – May 2, 2019. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas

Workshop Meeting – May 2, 2019. A motion was made by Boerio, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

Regular Meeting – May 15, 2019. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

Special Meeting – May 30, 2019. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

13. Mayor Smith reported that our portion of the Lebanon Road (Punkin Brown Hill) repaving is complete. The Township portion that the County is repaving will hopefully be done soon.

The Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road Phase I Project is moving faster than anticipated due to the good weather.

Firestone Tire is anticipating an October grand opening.

A company came out to look at the roof for water issues at the Community Center and our Municipal Building. They scanned the buildings using thermal technology. They isolated some areas in the Community Center, and we are now getting quotes for the repairs.

We are addressing recent issues with some landlords of excessive trash being dumped and will be citing people into court.

The sidewalk repair on Mary Ellen is prepped and the concrete will be poured on Saturday.

14. Sgt. Boylan reported about recent thefts on N. Section, Shepherds Way, and asked that residents remember to remove valuables from cars and keep doors locked.

Sgt. Boylan spoke to Burke's email regarding Opioid addiction. Burke feels that additional deputies are needed to help. Allen thanked Sargent Boylan for his and his deputy's work.

15. Madison asked the status of the positions we are creating. Armstrong stated it is almost finished. There are three pieces to the process and the last piece is the compensation study.

Madison asked about the lighting issue on Zoar Road. Mayor Smith stated that when the lift station is abandoned on Zoar Road, we will have electric power for some streetlighting.

Madison asked Mayor Smith if Council can create a new subcommittee. Mayor Smith said he believes that he has the authority to do so. Madison said he would



like to do so in order to raise awareness on widening SR48. He would like to see Burke and Corcoran serve on the committee.

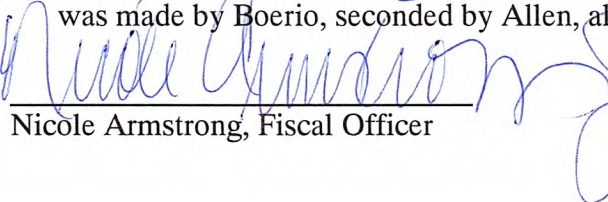
16. Burke congratulated Armstrong on her “no finding” audit.

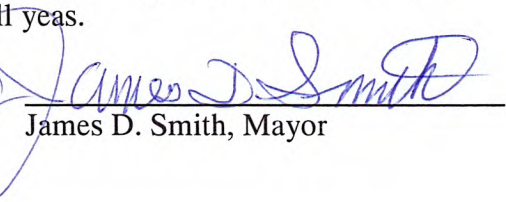
Burke said she had a constituent say that they tried to leave a message at the Sheriff Post but couldn’t and asked Sgt. Boylan if they need a new phone system. Sgt. Boylan said there are new phones in the new municipal building but there are problems with their current system. Burke said this needs to be looked into.

17. Allen thanked the Food Pantry for their presentation and stated that we are aware of your needs. Allen stated we are elected to be good stewards and make good decision for our residents. Allen challenged Council and understands the needs of the Historical Society but after the bid process is completed it is going to land on our desk and as Councilmembers elected to serve the community to search your heart and figure out that decision when it hits this desk. Do not be clouded by issues, politics, and anything else. We need to make good decisions.

18. Boerio asked Mayor Smith now that Lebanon Road (Punkin Brown Hill) is complete can we cut back some of the trees hanging over the road. If we do this, we can prevent deterioration during the winter and help increase the lifetime of our nice new road. Mayor Smith some trimming is currently underway. Boerio said this isn’t trimming the trees need cut back greatly to open that area up.

19. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. A motion was made by Boerio, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

  
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Nicole Armstrong, Fiscal Officer

  
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James D. Smith, Mayor