

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

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

2. ATTENDANCE

Linda Allen – Present
Linda Burke – Present
Bryan Corcoran – Present

Maryan Harrison – Present
Bill Madison – Present by phone
Rolin Spicer – Present

3. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

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4. ORDINANCE 2021-4 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING “PERMANENT” APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2021-4, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

5. ORDINANCE 2021-5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING COMPENSATION OF THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR TO SPECIFIC VILLAGE FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Spicer, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2021-5, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Spicer, all yeas.

6. RESOLUTION 2021-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY RELATING TO THE ZOAR ROAD AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Allen, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-10, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

7. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$234,380.75) was made by Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.

8. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Allen, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

9. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – February 4, 2021
Workshop Meeting – February 4, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Burke, seconded by Spicer, all yeas.

10. ORDINANCE 2021-1, THIRD READING, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 29.2093 ACRES IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1 was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

11. Mayor Smith updated the council on Boylan's new position.

12. Mayor Smith stated that there should be some good ribbon cuttings this year along with new jobs.

13. Mayor Smith discussed the Village Clean-Up and the positive comments he has been receiving as well as comments regarding all the debris that is still out there. Mayor Smith is looking forward to hearing Corcoran's future report regarding the clean-up.

14. Mayor Smith remarked that Chipotle is getting very close to opening; no ribbon cutting has been set yet.

15. Andrew Meier stated that regarding the Knecht Property, Mr. Knecht's lawyer has provided some information that needs to be reviewed and analyzed and then there will be a full report for the Council in two weeks.

16. Haddix pointed out to the Council that numerous Village employees were here this evening, including Dee Haltman who just hit her seventh month and received her Notary and Sally Mangas, the newest Utility Clerk. He also stated that they have advertised the position for Fiscal Officer and have received a few responses.

17. Haddix mentioned the Village Clean-Up and stated that there would be more details forthcoming.

18. Haddix informed the Council that Lowe's is planning on expanding and adding on a tool rental and plans should be coming in any time. This addition should add approximately 3,000 square feet to the building and multiple jobs.

19. Haddix stated that Clark Brown of 95 McKinley St. has requested an adjustment on his water bill. He had a running toilet which caused the bill to be high for two months. Haddix is recommending that payment arrangements be made as there was no leak on the Village side and the meter was tested and was reading accurately.
20. Mayor Smith discussed the set up in the water garage for testing meters that Phil has developed.
21. Haddix discussed the Lebanon Road project and the upcoming meeting with the Township on Monday. It should be clarified, and the County will get it out to bid soon so that work will begin this spring.
22. Boylan stated he has had a busy week just learning what all the guys do.
23. Corcoran spoke on the Village Clean-Up set for April 10 from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Rogers Park. Some areas will require individuals to disperse and clean up the 6 various zones that have been created around the Village. Donations have been made by Lowe's and Target has inquired as to what they could donate as well. Corcoran will get a zone map to Haddix soon to be posted on the website. No rain date had been chosen; this will be a rain or shine event due to the contract with Rumpke. Mayor Smith discussed the clean-up needed on the bike trail.
24. Burke discussed trash problems in her neighborhood and stated that she would give Haddix more information on it.
25. Burke also inquired as to if anyone had been hired to take Boylan's prior position. Per Boylan, nothing official has been released but the individual should be starting next week.
26. Burke thanked the staff for all their hard work.
27. Allen inquired as to if we had anything on the signs coming into South Lebanon to which Mayor Smith stated we do not, but we will, as they are currently working on it.
28. Allen went on to ask about the concession stand, Mayor Smith stated there was money put into appropriations so once the weather breaks it will depend on how the Council wants to go forward with it; the parking lot piece can be completed once the weather allows.
29. Allen asked if there was any news regarding the meeting with FEMA. Haddix replied that he was still waiting to hear back from FEMA in order to get a meeting scheduled and the effective date is still unknown. Mayor Smith discussed what the change will mean for the Village.

30. Harrison mentioned the Village Easter Egg Hunt and asked Brenda Combs with the Historical Society to give the Council some information on it. Combs stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 29, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be 5,000 candy filled eggs and 500 gold Sacagawea dollar filled “prize” eggs at Rogers Park. Combs also stated that the first Food Truck Rally will be May 15, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Historical Society. Combs went on to inform the Council that the music, live bands, and food trucks for July 4th have been scheduled. Combs continued stating that all they need from the Village is the stage and the fireworks.
31. Harrison asked Phil Kaufman if there was anything that could be shared with homeowners to help them prevent having high water bills caused by leaks. A discussion ensued mentioning adding helpful tips to the social media platforms.
32. Harrison too thanked everyone for working so hard.
33. Mayor Smith discussed the Village Clean-Up and the reusable items that have been donated by Lowe’s and could be reused in the future for this possible annual event.
34. Spicer asked who owns the bridge on Corwin Nixon Blvd. that leads into the Country Attic and the apartment complex to which Mayor Smith remarked that the developer put it in and should be taking care of it. Spicer went on to state that the owner of the Country Attic had contacted him regarding a desire to paint a mural on the side of the bridge for their 5-year anniversary. Mayor Smith stated that that would not be a problem with Haddix adding that he would need to see whatever they were wanting to do. Mayor Smith gave a brief history of the bridge location.
35. Burke asked about the Lebanon Road project and if there had been any word on lowering the speed limit in the residential area from 35 mph to 25 mph. Haddix stated it was under the County Engineer’s Office, as the Village does not own it, however he would check.
36. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer

James D. Smith, Mayor

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