

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 15, 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

Rolin Spicer – Present

3. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

Rich Bertagna stated that he has been looking into the background of the Chamber of Commerce for the Village. While conducting research Corcoran let him know about a meeting between the Springboro, Little Miami, and Maineville Chamber of Commerce's. Bertagna further stated that he did meet with them, and they answered all of his questions. Bertagna learned that to start a Chamber from scratch would take years but there is the possibility of merging with one of the current Chambers. Bertagna did not feel this would be the best option for South Lebanon. Bertagna reached out to Angie and Scott in Lebanon and asked about merging with them and changing the name to include both localities and having someone on the board from South Lebanon. Angie and Scott did like the idea but must go back to their Chamber Board to get approval. Bertagna's recommended the Village merge with Lebanon, if they approve it, have the name changed, and have someone from the Council be on the board to represent South Lebanon. Angie and Scott should get back with Bertagna later this week regarding the thoughts of the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. Bertagna also remarked on the benefits with being a part of the Chamber, such as insurance.

A motion was made for Bertagna to talk on the behalf of the Council to the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce by Madison, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

Discussion ensued regarding the name "South Lebanon" and the confusion in the business community regarding Lebanon and how years ago the name had been changed from the Village of Deerfield.

Mayor Smith remarked that the Lebanon Public Library does receive some funding from the Village of South Lebanon, and it would be good to have a satellite location in the Village or at least acknowledgement.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

4. RESOLUTION 2021-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES IN 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-13, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

5. RESOLUTION 2021-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SR 48 & CORWIN NIXON BLVD. INTERSECTION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Jerry Haddix stated that the intersection improvements which include the pedestrian crossings, new signal heads, and refuge island. The design is underway with the consultant that ODOT hired. The design should be done this year with construction to begin next spring. The design money is state money, and the construction money will be federal, this will be in the budget for the 2022 calendar year. The total grant is around \$562,000.00.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-14, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$52,335.67) was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

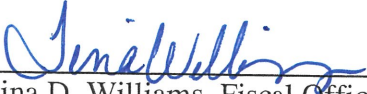
8. Mayor Smith stated that Chipotle would like to obtain a spirit's permit. The Council can either do nothing and let it go through or have public hearings. Mayor Smith commented that he suggests they just pass it. Mayor Smith restated that if the Council takes no action, they will continue as they are. Chipotle does have a permit but because of the Prohibition Rules the Council can still look it; if they take no action Chipotle can still operate their business.

No action taken.

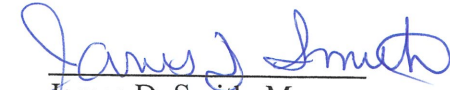
9. Mayor Smith stated that he and Jeff Boylan have been taking tours of the new developments. McDonald's is saying they could be open by May 18th and they want to have a nice ribbon cutting, G.E. Credit Union could be held up until August because of lack of materials. Mayor Smith continued saying that he had spoken with the Powder Plant and Cartridge Brewing is doing well and the plant is 76% full, roughly 100 units with people living in them, no kids. Mayor Smith added that they are going to start working on the language for the dedication plaque, get all the approvals and then have the dedication this summer.
10. Mayor Smith spoke about the signage coming into the Village, he remarked that they are going to have to revisit the logo and make some changes. Some of the signs will need to be exchanged and some new signs added.
11. Haddix spoke on the Village Clean-Up last weekend, stating that it was a success. Haddix remarked that Rumpke will be getting us the tonnage for how much trash was picked up.
12. Haddix stated that we are in the final design portion of the Lebanon Road project, and it should be going out to bid and then hopefully get the sidewalks going this summer.
13. Haddix remarked that the first street sweeping will be May 4th & 5th, the signs will go out on the 3rd. Haddix further commented that it will be posted on the website and possibly on the water bills.
14. Haddix commented that this will be Nicole Armstrong's last regular meeting.
15. Mayor Smith stated that the woman that the council approved will be here tomorrow. He went on to say that Claremont County, her present employer, has agreed to let her come over here a few days in exchange for extending her last day with them by a few days.
16. Haddix stated that next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. FEMA is having a webinar on the new flood insurance rate maps.
17. Jeff Boylan reported that there are several storm water projects going on. He further commented that the guys have been going around with one of the new pressure washers and cleaning up the gazebos and swing sets.
18. Mayor Smith remarked that Boylan is also looking to install water to any of the lift stations so that meters can be added that way when we clean something we have access to use it on site for a hot pressure washer that we have too.
19. Sgt. Adams shared that this is his first week back in the Village since 2004.
20. Madison stated he wanted to recognize Corcoran on the record for the exceptional job on the Village Clean-Up. Madison also wanted to thank Haddix and Chris Batchelder for their time.

21. Madison asked about the logo/city branding and what the next step should be, Haddix commented that he could reach out to some design companies. Madison asked if it could be something done professionally stating that in the past they have done it in house; possible have a couple of renderings that the Council could officially approve. Mayor Smith remarked that that is what they would do; they are looking for something unique.
22. Madison asked Haddix if he would provide some zoning enforcement data to the Council. Madison stated that he is looking for a list of pending offenses; those who have been officially contacted, those going through the process, and a list of those considered remedied. Haddix remarked that Boylan would be putting more focus on this area.
23. Mayor Smith spoke on the Purple Heart City ceremony set for June 15; it will be a Special Meeting. Haddix added that it will be in the old gymnasium. Mayor Smith went on to discuss that there will be signage options that the council will have to choose from that will be on our signs as you enter the Village noting that we are a Purple Heart Community.
24. Corcoran thanked the Mayor and Council for coming out and helping with the Village Clean-Up. Mayor Smith stated that any time after April 10 on a clean-up would be pushing for vegetation. Mayor Smith also informed the Council of how his clean-up time went, from how much his crew on the bike trail collected to how helpful the youth were. Burke stated that there were 38 high school students who were working for community service hours. Burke remarked that she and Corcoran had spoken about having a clean-up in the spring and in the fall after the vegetation has died off.
25. Burke stated that she wanted to thank Corcoran and welcome Adams. Burke went on to comment that she was on a Zoom call with the Warren County Planning Commission on Tuesday and one of the things that came up was the South Lebanon Comprehensive Plan, they are tweaking it now and then it will come back to us for review. Burke added that she did volunteer to be on the Sub Committee for subdivisions.
26. Harrison remarked that the clean-up was fun and as they were walking along picking things up residents were offering water and thanking them. Harrison went on to update the Council on some of the things she did encounter while participating in the clean-up. Mayor Smith remarked on how they are sanitizing with the new pressure washer.
27. Haddix mentioned that the County is rolling out a new Rental and Utilities Assistance Program that will be helping people countywide. Haddix continued stating that information has been added to our website.

28. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

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