

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 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 by teleconference

Maryan Harrison – Present

Bill Madison – Present

Rolin Spicer – Present

3. Mayor introduced his granddaughter as a special guest at the meeting.

4. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

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5. ORDINANCE 2021-12 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Fiscal Officer explained that an increase in appropriations was needed in response to Resolution 2021-15 that was passed at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The resolution repealed previous legislation that had originally created the Property Assessed Clean Energy financing for the new GE Credit Union. The resolution also authorized the Fiscal Officer to refund any special assessments that had been collected. The amount to be refunded is \$24,507.40. An appropriation increase for refunds is necessary to allow for the refund to be issued.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2021-12, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

6. ORDINANCE 2021-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-24 REGARDING SECTION 5.03 OF THE VILLAGE'S PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Fiscal Officer explained the ordinance will allow us to change our pay period from weekly to biweekly and to change our pay date from Monday to Friday in preparation for implementing payroll direct deposit.

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

7. RESOLUTION 2021-18, FIRST READING, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
8. RESOLUTION 2021-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE POWER SALES FOR SERVICING THE VILLAGE'S LIFT STATION GENERATORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Smith reported that we recently had a generator fail and this agreement is to ensure that our generators are on a regular maintenance schedule.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-19, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

9. RESOLUTION 2021-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WOODKNOLL HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION RELATIVE TO ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING IN THE WOODKNOLL SECTION 3 SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-20, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

10. RESOLUTION 2021-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING IN THE WOODKNOLL SECTION 3 SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-21, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

11. RESOLUTION 2021-22 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE SOUTH LEBANON MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 15.7.7 FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE INITIAL ZONING UPON 5379 ZOAR ROAD CONTAINED IN THE CREEDON ANNEXATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.7.13, AND PUBLISHING NOTICE OF THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-22, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

12. RESOLUTION 2021-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A GRANT FOR THE FORREST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PHASE ONE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-23, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

13. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$93,779.85) was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

14. Mayor Smith reported that McDonald's grand opening is set for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with a ribbon cutting ceremony. He stated the owner of the new location is also the owner of the location located by Kings Island.

15. Mayor Smith commented that the Memorial Day parade went well.

16. Mayor Smith stated that the new lighting on the Municipal Building is now working and that it really lights up the building and plaza at night.

17. Mayor Smith remarked that we are just waiting on the stone cap to come in for the new Municipal Building sign before it can be installed, he further stated that the new sign will also have emergency warning alerts.

18. Jerry Haddix reported that the Fosters viaduct bridge will be closing June 7<sup>th</sup>. He handed out a map to Council showing the detour routes and discussion was had on the traffic patterns.

19. Haddix reported that due to the holidays, the street sweeping schedule has changed for June and July from the normal 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and Wednesday of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and Wednesday.

20. Haddix reminded Council that the Municipal League dinner is coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup> and asked for any new reservations.

21. Haddix mentioned that we have a link on our website for the FEMA flood risk informational open house that is being held online on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30.

22. Haddix reported that the boy scouts have a multi-day canoe trip down the Little Miami and on June 11<sup>th</sup> will be camping overnight at Roger's Park.

23. Haddix reported that June 29<sup>th</sup> is the Purple Heart Ceremony at the Community Center.

24. Haddix reported that work has started on Auburn Grove on Cochran Road as well as on the Waffle House. Mayor Smith inquired about a completion date for the Waffle House and Haddix stated a date has not been given.
25. Haddix reported on the status of the items that will be provided by the Village for the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> festival. He stated that the stage has been reserved and arrangements are being made for portable restrooms.
26. Mayor Smith commented that we have had multiple uses for the bucket truck that we recently rented, including hanging of the Veteran banners throughout town. Jeff Boylan, Assistant Village Administrator, stated that the truck will be used next week for tree trimming.
27. Sergeant Cory Adams reported that Deputy Troy Black was injured, and Deputy Smith has been temporarily assigned to the Village to help with coverage.
28. Burke expressed an interest in having Council meetings open with a prayer and inviting ministers from the community to lead the prayer. She asked the Village Solicitor if this is something that would be allowed. The Village Solicitor stated that the only qualification would be that Council could not limit the prayer to one denomination and the floor would be open to all. Madison clarified that open to all would mean any religion outside traditional Christianity.

Corcoran inquired whether Council could appoint a Chaplin to open every Council meeting with an ecumenical type of prayer. Mayor Smith stated that we have had a Chaplin in the past. The Village Solicitor stated he would look into it further and report back at the next Council meeting.

29. Council members thanked our law enforcement and voiced their support.
30. Spicer voiced his support for the City of Lebanon and the passing of legislation to become a sanctuary to the unborn, further stating he would like the Village to adopt the same legislation.

Burke expressed her support and stated that she has the legislation language and the contact information for the organization that is supporting this legislation and she would provide that information to Council and the Village Solicitor. Burke further commented that there are 29 cities that have adopted this type of legislation with several lawsuits that have all been dismissed. Burke stated that this organization would represent the Village at no cost if the Village was sued. Mayor Smith asked the Village Solicitor to further research.

31. Haddix reported that the bids were opened on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for the CDBG Lebanon Road project. He stated that Barrett Paving was the low bidder, and the pre-construction meeting should be held within the next couple of weeks with construction completed late summer or early fall.

32. Burke asked if Haddix had contacted the County in regard to the speed limit on Lebanon Road being reduced from 35mph to 25mph. Haddix will contact the County and report back to Council. Mayor Smith stated that the Village maintains the road, but the road is located within the township.
33. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

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Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer

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James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the June 3, 2021 minutes of the Village of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at [twilliams@southlebanonohio.org](mailto:twilliams@southlebanonohio.org).