

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 5, 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. GUESTS

Joseph Tungate, Boy Scout with Troop 21, presented his Eagle Scout project proposal for Rogers Park. Tungate would like to add two concrete parking stops and two signs with the name of the ramp by the boat ramp; one of the signs, a 36 x 18 aluminum composite sign, will be affixed to the concrete wall of the boat ramp while the other, a 18 x 24 aluminum sign, will be in front of the boat ramp on a post with a concrete base. Fastsigns will be creating the graphics and the signs after Village review. Tungate stated that all of the labor will be supplied by Troop 21, the concrete parking stops and other supplies will be funded by a Go Fund Me page, and he asked the Village to fund the \$365 for the graphics and signs.

Corcoran made a motion to approve up to \$365 for the purposes of this project, Madison seconded, all yeas.

4. Mayor Smith opened the floor to the public.

Brenda Combs, South Lebanon Historical Society, reported that a resident had reached out to her with a question. Does the Village of South Lebanon allow bonfires or open fires as this resident is having ash from a neighbor's bonfire fall into her pool? Administrator Jerry Haddix stated that they need to contact the Union or Hamilton Township Fire Departments. Burke added that there is no open burning aloud within the Village limits. Mayor Smith responded that someone would go over and look at it.

Mayor Smith closed the floor to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

5. ORDINANCE 2021-22, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AND RECORDING OF OFFICIAL VILLAGE BUSINESS DURING MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON, 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 2021-22, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Allen, all yeas.

6. ORDINANCE 2021-23, AN ORDINANCE FIXING RESIDENTIAL RATES FOR SOLID WASTE REMOVAL EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Ordinance 2021-23, a motion to adopt was made by Burke, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

7. RESOLUTION 2021-34, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH 1770 MMM, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Smith discussed the planned developments to go in along MMM and discussions that had been had with the county, individuals, and local business owners to realign the road and prepare the utilities. It was discovered that one of the businesses does not currently have utilities and wants to annex into the Village of South Lebanon.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Allen, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-34, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas.

8. RESOLUTION 2021-35, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #2 TO AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LEBANON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Burke, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas. By title only, Resolution 2021-35, a motion to adopt was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

9. ORDINANCE 2021-24, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021, NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO SIGN THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION FORM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Solicitor Andrew Meier spoke on the opioid crisis and the litigation that has been taking place the last couple of years. As part of that litigation, they are close to reaching a settlement with a large payout by large drug distributors. There is a potential settlement that can be reached based upon complicated, complex formulas. The State of Ohio and all the government municipalities within the state are participating through the actions of the Ohio Attorney General and others. If this is approved the Village of South Lebanon will participate in that settlement process and according to some of the documentation that has been provided in order to work through the settlement process certain thresholds must be met, meaning that a certain percentage of municipalities have to approve and participate in the settlement process. If all goes through the Village of South Lebanon could on initial basis get the amount of \$8,269.07, that is if the first threshold under the formula is satisfied for governmental entity participation. If the second threshold is satisfied, 100% participation, then the Village could receive \$11,812.95.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Madison, seconded by Corcoran, all yeas. By title only, Ordinance 2021-24, a motion to adopt was made by Corcoran, seconded by Madison, all yeas.

Madison requested that any settlement money received be used on the Veterans Park as it would not be taxpayer money. Meier responded that would be a good use of funds however there are specific requirements on spending the money.

10. A motion to authorize the Fiscal Office to send an Amended Certificate to the Warren County Auditor was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

11. AUTHORIZATION OF INVOICES

A motion to authorize the invoices for payment (\$63,439.92) was made by Madison, seconded by Burke, all yeas.

12. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – April 1, 2021
- Regular Meeting – April 15, 2021
- Regular Meeting – May 6, 2021
- Regular Meeting – May 20, 2021
- Regular Meeting – June 17, 2021

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

13. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Smith

- Waffle House is not moving forward as quickly as they'd like because of the logistics of materials. The Village is even having to wait on a radiator for a backhoe.
- We have a new 450 dump truck with a stainless-steel bed that is currently getting lettered.
- The G. E. Credit Union is moving forward. There is no date yet, however they will want a ribbon cutting.
- The owner of the annexation may want to address the council as he is excited to be coming in.

Fiscal Officer Tina Williams

- Thanked the Council for approving Ordinance 2021-22 as minutes will now be timelier to the Council.

Administrator Jerry Haddix

- The Village has hired for five new positions: one internal and four from the outside.
- Soil & Water Conservation District had a grant application for a raingarden project with reimbursement up to \$10,000. We submitted for the stormwater project at the park, the plans are ready, and we should be able to move forward this fall. The project will be a bioswale with perennials and rocks and it will take care of all the stormwater heading off the parking lot.
- The Public Meeting for the SR 48 Corridor Improvements will be August 10th at the Hamilton Twp. Administration Building. Discussion ensued between Madison, Mayor Smith, Burke, and Haddix regarding where the improvements are happening, if grants were involved and why they are not coming further north to include the Village of South Lebanon. Haddix will follow up on this with the TID Director.
- The Bicycle Rodeo for children ages 5 – 12 is August 10th from 5 – 7:30 PM in the parking lot and will be hosted by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. New helmets and refurbished bikes will be provided to the children as well as food and drinks courtesy of McDonald's.

- The County Commissioners at their July 27, 2021, meeting approved the Archdiocese Annexation.
- The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce information has been added to the board in front of the Municipal Building and stickers have been placed on the front doors however we still need to add the information to our website.
- The Washington DC Fly In will be in October. The Village cannot pay to send Rich Bertagna as a non-employee however Mayor Smith would be a great representative.
- **A motion to send Mayor Smith to Washington DC to represent the Village of South Lebanon at the Washington DC Fly In was made by Burke, seconded by Harrison, all yeas.**
- There will be a Warren County Municipal League dinner in August at the Golden Lamb. The speakers for this event will be Scott Lipps and Steve Wilson. Those interested in attending were to notify Haddix.

Assistant Administrator Jeff Boylan

- Reviewing how other areas maintain their equipment, including desalting equipment to make sure our equipment lasts. Lebanon gave some ideas on rust proofing that they use when they bring their trucks in once a year; it's a greasy item but it works very well. It is a rust inhibitor that you apply in the summertime.
- Parts are hard to get right now but they should be out tomorrow to repair the backhoe.
- It has been hard to get anything finished as we have been very short handed. Donnie Justison has been trying to fill in with the Water Department. Once we get a full staff, we will be able to get some work done.
- Our insurance company went around and did a risk assessment of everything; looking at the playgrounds, buildings, equipment, how we do things. There were a lot of good ideas, a full report should be sent on what was discovered.
- We will be short a truck this winter however we have another one coming, but we don't know when as they are to begin building again in August; we do not have a confirmation on when we will be able to see it. Next year we are looking at either buying a bigger truck or another snowplow truck and probably another pickup truck. Discussion ensued between Mayor Smith and Boylan regarding the effects of salt on the vehicles.

Bill Madison

- There is a water control panel for Cincinnati Water Works on Mason Morrow Millgrove when you come into the Village. Because of the improvements on the road the offset has been decreased to less than 6' from the roadside. There is concern of what the impact would be for the Village's water source if someone took that panel out. There is nothing to protect it from the traffic, maybe a guard rail or something could be placed there.
- If you are in the Business District you cannot hear the weather alert siren here in town. We should have a second siren in that area, SR 48 and Corwin Nixon Blvd.
- Discussed the Village's salt capacity to which Mayor Smith remarked that Boylan is working on one of the buildings in town that will have four times our capacity to which Boylan commented that he hopes to have it ready by winter. Madison also commented on the need for larger capacity trucks to distribute the salt.

Linda Burke

- Shared an email from a resident of the Village regarding Century Link cable issues. Century Link had been contacted and still has not come out to fix the low cables. Burke would like for Century Link to fix this so that our Village has a good reputation for responding to citizen's needs. Haddix shared multiple issues around the Village over time involving low hanging wires, poles, etc. Mayor Smith requested that Meier investigate this matter. Corcoran shared that there is a link on the Century Link website where you can get them to elevate a complaint.

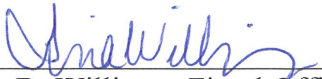
Maryan Harrison

- Notified the Council that this is the 20th anniversary of 9/11. There will be a candlelight vigil "The Towers of Light" on Friday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. and then the solemn remembrance will be Saturday, September 11, at 8:45 a.m. at the Warren County campus. There has been a request for a proclamation to mirror the one from the County from each city/village and if we could share that with other mayors that would be helpful. Harrison also asked if there was any way to get the word out to all the churches in the Village. The plan is to have all of the bells ringing throughout Warren County at the time that the first tower fell.

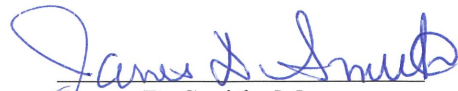
Rolin Spicer

- Enquired as to why construction on the Waffle House has slowed down to which Mayor Smith stated that they currently cannot get the specialized red brick that they use on their buildings.

14. Mayor Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. A motion was made by Allen, seconded by Burke, all yeas.



Petrina D. Williams, Fiscal Officer



James D. Smith, Mayor

For an audio copy of the August 5, 2021 minutes of the Village of South Lebanon Council regular meeting, please contact Fiscal Officer at twilliams@southlebanonohio.org.