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The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:40 p.m. with Vice Mayor Carol Macmann presiding. Present were Municipal Manager Madden, Law Director Ronald Keener, Police Chief Curtis Hensley, Fire Chief J.C. Keyser and Clerk of Council Sandy Wright. Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Pastor Stephen Betts from the First Baptist Church of New Lebanon.

ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call of Council Members present at meeting for the record. The following members present were Nicole Adkins, Gale Joy, Tammy Loch, Carol Macmann Lyndon Perkins, Christopher Sands. Ray Arriola was absent.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE CURTIS O. HENSLEY

Police Chief Hensley stated I have two (2) pieces of good news today. Kelly asked that I pass on to everyone that Wendy Belcher one of the worse alleged tax offenders with five (5) outstanding warrants in the Village of New Lebanon was recently apprehended by Officer Gingry who works midnights. She was taken to the Montgomery County Jail with about \$20,000.00 worth of bond.

I have decided who the Officer of the Year 2021 is going to be. Sergeant Wortman would you come up here please. This is for Sergeant Wortman's work during the last 11 months that the Police Department has been without a chief. Captain Chambers did a fantastic job keeping this department running but that is what I would expect. Sergeant Wortman in having been a sergeant before really stepped up to the plate and really did us proud. I came to this job to be successful in the things that I am doing. The officer's are successful in the things they are doing. I really appreciate all of your hard work and the effort. Thank you, I certainly hope you will keep it up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Mayor Macmann stated next is the approval of the January 18, 2022 Regular Council Minutes.

Vice Mayor Macmann asked are there any corrections or changes that need to be made to these minutes? None voiced.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated all in favor of these minutes please signify by saying aye, all opposed same sign.

VOICE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor stated there is no old business tonight.

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NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Macmann stated next is **RESOLUTION 2022-02. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.057 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BLOSSER STREET FOR THE WIDENING OF BLOSSER STREET AT MAIN STREET AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE AND SURVEY OF SAID PROPERTY.**

Vice Mayor Macmann stated any questions.

Council Member Joy asked how many feet are we talking about?

Municipal Manager Madden stated most of it is from that corner in and tapers down toward the street. One of the things that will need to be fixed is that there is a telephone pole in the road that will have to be moved.

Council Member Joy stated so we are looking at about six (6) feet or so.

Municipal Manager Madden stated this says about four and one half feet (4.50).

Council Member Perkins asked who are we purchasing it from?

Municipal Manager Madden stated the First Baptist Church. I usually meet with the Trustees of the Church so I have not really met with Pastor Betts.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated any other questions. None voiced.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02.

Motion by Council Member Sands, seconded by Council Member Loch to adopt Resolution 2022-02.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Adkins, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; 6 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments or Questions

Vice Mayor Macmann we have Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood Street. Ms. Bemis stated I would like to thank you guys for finishing the walking track. It is really nice, soft, and smooth. Are there plans to do the outside track?

Municipal Manager Madden replied yes.

Ms. Bemis asked when are we going to let the natural prairie grow back?

Municipal Manager Madden replied our plans are not to let it grow back up.

Ms. Bemis asked why not?

Municipal Manager Madden replied because of the problem with the homeless people living in there, the breeding ground of mosquitoes and other bugs. Our goal is to grass

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it at some point and level it out. It will green space still but it will not be that prairie land.

Ms. Bemis stated my Dad walks over there twice a day and he said the butterflies and the birds are gone.

Municipal Manager Madden stated our goal is to plant flowers on the outside of the outside track that attract butterflies and bees. At some point we like to put some beehives there also.

Ms. Bemis asked when will the water tower be cleaned? (Static from hand on microphone)

Municipal Manager Madden stated we just completed the bids for that project. We are working on it.

Ms. Bemis stated I have a random question. Has the village ever thought about carrying narcan on the medic?

Fire Chief Keyser replied the Police do not carry but we do.

Ms. Bemis asked why don't the officer's have narcan? (static from hand on microphone)

Fire Chief Keyser stated there are a lot of restrictions and paperwork to complete and the vast majority of time we are within a minute of each other.

Ms. Bemis stated it brought me back to the incident that happened at Kari Nicoles and nobody had narcan. It was too long of a wait for narcan on these people. If my kid was in that situation and was somehow exposed I would think first responders would carry that. The schools have it now. Just a thought. (a lot of static from hand on microphone)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Police Chief Hensley.

Police Chief Hensley stated I would like to remind everyone that during a snow emergency with 3 inches or greater you are required to move your vehicles off of the roadway. Please let your friends and family know we are expecting a snow emergency beginning tomorrow so if you can move the vehicle, move it. The street department will appreciate it and you will appreciate it when they don't plow you into your parking spot. I would just encourage everyone to get the vehicles off the roadway. When the snow comes in like this a lot of people increase their heat usage which at times can cause a structure fire somewhere nearby. If that should happen we would like the fire trucks to have easy access to the area.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated any questions for Chief Hensley. Nothing voiced.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser stated I am deferring tonight.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated any questions for Fire Chief Keyser. Nothing was heard.

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Vice Mayor Macmann stated Zoning Compliance Officer Melody is not with us. Does she have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated she does not have anything tonight.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated any questions for Melody. Nothing was heard.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock. Does he have anything for us?

Municipal Manager Madden stated he is preparing for the snow and ice.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated anything to pass on to Scott. Nothing voiced.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated I would like to piggyback to what Curtis said and to say get your vehicles off of the street. This Ordinance was recently passed and you will be cited. I assume they will be lenient since this is the first time but make sure your vehicles are removed off the street. This also includes an ice covering of 2 to 3 inches.

We do not know what to expect with this storm. We have generators in some of our buildings so we will open up warming stations as needed if people lose power. We will also be working with the food pantry so people will have food and shelter for anyone who would need it if the worse storm of the century happens.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Nicole.

Council Member Adkins stated I have had a lot of people comment about us being more transparent. I suggested to Glenna to post information on our website so people know what will be discussed at our meetings. A lot of people don't know about the zoning meetings or what it is all about. I had no clue until someone sent me the copy of the letter for the zoning meeting. It is basically trying to be more transparent so the community can get involved if they want to be involved. If it is out there they can read the content before the meeting; at least they have the opportunity to know beforehand what the meetings are going to be about.

Council Member Sands stated you are talking about the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. I did not know what it was about until I saw it out there on social media. Melody sent an email asking if we would be available. It would have been nice if Melody had said what it was about.

Municipal Manager Madden stated she did not have all of the information for the packet.

Council Member Sands stated I knew there was a meeting but I did not know what it was about.

Municipal Manager Madden stated anyone can call in to the office to get the information rather than posting it on social media.

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Council Member Sands stated I agree with that but it would have still been nice to have the information included in the email.

Council Member Perkins asked is the code about no parking on the streets during the snow emergency on the website?

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is on the website and it is also in the ordinances we have passed.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated congratulations Sergeant Wortman on the good work. Captain Chambers you did a great job.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Tammy.

Council Member Loch stated congratulations Sergeant Wortman. It is really nice to see some faces in the audience tonight. Thanks for coming.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I have nothing this evening.

Vice Mayor Macmann stated Lyndon.

Council Member Perkins stated I am good.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Macmann stated I am really proud of you guys. I think you do an awesome job for the Village. We really do need the community to be involved and we need them to tell us how you feel about things.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Macmann stated do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Sands, second by Council Member Joy to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL OF ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Loch, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Adkins, yes; 6 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Approved:

Ray Plumb 2/15/2022
Mayor Date

Abigail J. Wright 2/15/2022
Clerk of Council Date