

December 21,

2021

The regular meeting of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio was called to order on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Arriola presiding. Present were Municipal Manager Madden, Law Director Ronald Keener, Fire Chief J.C. Keyser, and Clerk of Council Sandy Wright. Police Captain James Chambers, Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Ray Arriola.

ROLL CALL

A verbal roll call of Council Members present at meeting for the record. The following members present were Ray Arriola, Gale Joy, Carol Macmann, Susan Nickerson, Lyndon Perkins, Christopher Sands, and Douglas Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arriola stated next is the approval of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

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

Mayor Arriola 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

Mayor Arriola stated first is a discussion about the Community Cat Program.

Municipal Manager Madden asked do we still want to participate in the Community Cat Program? Last year and the year before they did not charge us anything but this time it will be \$40.00 a cat to have them spayed or neutered. They did 23 cats in 2021 and 13 cats in 2020.

Council Member Sands stated that would have been \$920.00.

Vice Mayor Nickerson asked they are giving us a discount so could they pass the cost on the person who brings the cat in?

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is just a blanket agreement with the Humane Society.

Council Member Joy stated if they say they are from New Lebanon then it will charged to New Lebanon. The cat comes back to New Lebanon no longer able to reproduce.

Council Member Thompson stated I will say that when I walk the community I see very few cats. I think it is a great thing. If they put a cap on it I will support it.

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Municipal Manager Madden stated I can go back to see if they will cap it at a \$1,000.00. Once we hit that number we will no longer participate.

Everyone was in agreement

Mayor Arriola stated next is the **THIRD READING ORDINANCE 2021-16. AN ORDINANCE ADDING §73.15 TO CHAPTER 73: PARKING IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-16.

Motion by Council Member Macmann, second by Council Member Nickerson to adopt Ordinance 2021-16.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Mayor Arriola stated next under new business is **RESOLUTION 2021-19. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (NEW LEBANON PATROL OFFICERS/SERGEANT) FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions.

Council Member Joy asked is the usual?

Municipal Manager Madden stated yes.

Council Member Joy asked do you anticipate any issues?

Municipal Manager Madden stated I do not. We are actually almost done. It has taken longer because we are cleaning a lot of the language that was in there that referenced 2016 and 2018. They have just been left there so we have cleaned up a lot of that language. At this point it is pretty much complete but has to be retyped and then it will go on Ron. Then it will be signed and it will be done.

Mayor Arriola stated anything else. Nothing heard.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-19.

Motion by Council Member Joy, second by Council Member Macmann to adopt Resolution 2021-19.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes;

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Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated next is **RESOLUTION 2021-20. A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID TO MILLER PIPELINE LLC, 8850 CRAWFORDSVILLE ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46234 FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 18, OPWC ISSUE 2 GRANT/LOAN PROJECT NUMBER CD10Y IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,793.65 AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-20.

Motion by Council Member Thompson, second by Council Member Sands to adopt Resolution 2021-20.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated next is **RESOLUTION 2021-21. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS, PURSUANT TO CHARTER §6.07 AUTHORIZING INCREASES, TRANSFERS AND REDUCTIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS.**

Mayor Arriola stated any questions.

Vice Mayor Nickerson stated in looking at it, is it coming out of another fund and going into payroll.

Municipal Manager Madden stated it is in the same grouping. Let me say this correctly. AO14X are the same we just did not appropriate enough for payroll. We had to pay out Brenda; she left and we paid her out and she comes out of multiple funds.

Mayor Arriola stated anything else. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-21.

Motion by Council Member Sands, second by Council Member Macmann to adopt Resolution 2021-21.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

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Public Comments

Mayor Arriola stated we have no public comments.

Administrative Staff Comments

Mayor Arriola stated anything from Police Captain Chambers.

Municipal Manager Madden stated he does have anything tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for Police Captain Chambers. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Fire Chief Keyser.

Fire Chief Keyser stated I would like to thank the citizens who came out to meet Santa, have pictures taken, and decorate cookies with the police officers at the fire house. We had a good turnout. Everyone seemed to really enjoy it.

Mayor Arriola stated any questions for the Fire Chief. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Code Enforcement Administrator. Anything from Melody?

Municipal Manager Madden stated she has nothing this evening.

Mayor Arriola state anything to pass on to Melody. None voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Chief Financial Officer.

Municipal Manager Madden stated just the motion.

Mayor Arriola stated do I have a motion to adopt the November 2021 Financial Report.

Motion by Council Member Nickerson, second by Council Member Sands to adopt November 2021 Financial Report.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Arriola stated Service Department Superintendent Scott. Anything from Scott?

Municipal Manager Madden stated nothing from him tonight.

Mayor Arriola stated anything to pass on to Scott. Nothing voiced.

Mayor Arriola stated Municipal Managers comments.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Municipal Manager Madden stated we did have the first annual Decorate a Cookie with a Cop and meet Santa and just so you know it will be happening again. The firehouse is still decorated if you would like to go over and have pictures made. The

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Cookie with a Cop was a huge success. The turnout was good and well received. If you go to our webpage you can watch the video of the kids as they decorate the cookies. The police officer's actually had a good time. Santa also went out on the Fire truck and drove all over town waving at the children. It was good and well received.

I would like to thank Susan and Doug for the commitment to the Community by their time sitting on the council. Susan managed to sit here through covid and all kinds of crazy and I appreciate that. Doug has been here a little longer. I do understand that sometimes this is a thankless thing you do. You get yelled at and beat up at the grocery store at times but thank you guys for your time and patience with us.

Mayor Arriola asked anything else for the Manager?

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated Gale.

Council Member Joy stated I would like to reiterate what you said about Doug and Susan. It was nice to work with you guys.

Mayor Arriola stated Chris.

Council Member Sands stated I will ditto that. I look forward to working with the new members.

Mayor Arriola stated Carol.

Council Member Macmann stated ditto.

Mayor Arriola stated Doug.

Council Member Thompson stated I would like to say thank you to all of you. I think this is a first class group here; we don't always agree. We do agree this is a great community. I have enjoyed serving with all of you but I am still in town so on a Friday or Saturday night call me and come over and get a cold drink. I think the community needs to understand that they need to be appreciative of all the elected officials and all of our staff. You are hearing so many issues across the country about the police safety and fire. We take it really seriously here. New Lebanon, Jackson Township, and Perry Township are part of a family out there. I raised a family here and as most of all of you know I have a 32 year old detective with the Dayton Police and I have a daughter that is finishing her master's in Indiana, and I have a daughter who is a senior in college. They all came from Dixie High School which says a lot about our community and the education system here. I am going to miss Sandy who does a great job with the minutes, keeps me out of trouble and I appreciate that Sandy. For the staff to keep up doing the great job on the police and fire; I wish we could have gotten the levy and hope you can bring that back because without our first responders we do not have a community. We always have their backs as first responders. Thank you for what you do for our community. I have had to use the New Lebanon Fire Department once for my wife and they took her to Kettering Hospital. That has been many years ago but they were always there. Montgomery County Sheriff's Department has been here also. I do not want to date myself but I have lived here a long time. I grew up in the Valley View School District and my wife attended Dixie. We bought a home here and love it here. We travel 20 minutes to get some of the fine dining. At times that can be a hassle but it is nice to know that when you come home it is safe. It is a caring community and you are all caring people.

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Again we have not always agreed but we do the Pledge of Allegiance. I would also like to thank you Mr. Keener. I have known you a long time through the Rotary and the car shows. I am going to be looking for another way to get involved. I have to get myself healthier in 2022. By the way this guy right here, I don't know if he remembers, we worked security together back in 1988. I was in college and we both worked for Dayton Power and Light at the little gate on Dryden Road.

Mayor Arriola stated Lyndon.

Council Member Perkins stated any update on the water meter thing.

Municipal Manager Madden stated I don't have that information in front of me.

Council Member Perkins asked have you hired a new financial person?

Municipal Manager Madden stated we are currently using Shared Resource Center.

Mayor Arriola stated Susan.

VICE MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Nickerson stated thank you for putting up with me. I wish I had more time. Family comes first. I want be a stranger. I will still come up.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Arriola stated ditto to everything everybody has said. Thank you. I really appreciate having both of you serve on council. It has been tough because of Covid, Zoom meetings and we did not to spend as much time together, but it has been fun. It was great having you all here. I am going to miss you.

Oh, I went out to the walking track the other night. What a nice track. I wish it was a little wider but it is nice. I can't wait until we get it all done and when it gets warm I can stop by Doug's to get a cold drink. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion by Council Member Thompson, second by Council Member Nickerson to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL ON ABOVE MOTION: Council Member Thompson, yes; Council Member Joy, yes; Council Member Macmann, yes; Council Member Nickerson, yes; Council Member Perkins, yes; Council Member Sands, yes; Council Member Arriola, yes; 7 yes 0 no

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

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Meeting was adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Approved:

Raymond Ricca January 4, 2022
Mayor Date

Ann L. Waple January 4, 2022
Clerk of Council Date