

7/10/24 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Iudiciani

James Iudiciani Sr.
Gina Hart

Roll call:

Bob Coppola, Don D'Onofrio, Joe Donatelli, Keith McCaughtry, Ryan McNicholas, Ron Rotunno

Motion to excuse solicitor – Don D'Onofrio 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll Call – All yes

Minutes from previous meeting – Moved by Bob Coppola to suspend the reading of minutes 2nd Ron Rotunno

Roll Call – All yes

Claims committee – Mayor, Motion to send claims to claims committee for approval Moved by Joe Donatelli 2nd Don D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All yes

Bob Coppola moved that claims be approved and placed on pay ordinance by claims committee 2nd Don D'Onofrio

Comments – Mayor wanted clarification of pay “ordinance” term since different terms used. Fiscal calls it the “payment listing”.

Roll Call – All yes

Mayor – request to go out of regular order of business Moved by Joe Donatelli 2nd Joe D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All yes

Police Chief Alli –

- attending meetings regarding festival
- parking issues being addressed
- McGaffney dumpster
- budget issue-money not allocated for dues & software, what was there was used to pay 2023 invoice that came in 2024, no new monies set aside for year 2024. Requesting budget committee to address. Fund #391 dues & dispatch.
- Had meeting with prosecutor, other townships regarding garbage trucks coming through the village. They have stopped corporation trucking companies; the issue now is these drivers are independents using phone GPS instead of commercial GPS.
- They are talking with Republic about putting up signs in Struthers and 616. Still have to have meeting with Struthers to get permission to put up signs. Chief also requested Republic change the physical address on the BOL to not say Lowellville. When drivers use Lowellville with their GPS it takes them into the village. A lot of the drivers do not speak English which makes it hard to communicate.

- Chief was asked about wages and OT, he has looked over the appropriation report and states they are at 57% and he is watching OT.
- Council let Chief know that last year after the festival fireworks people used the bike trail in cars to leave and almost hit people. Requesting that we block somehow that a car can not get through.
- Chief was asked about rumors regarding car break-ins, says they are rumors, he is not aware of this.
- Asked about the golf cart inspections/ordinance, he says all paperwork at this point is outdated and needs updated stickers and such, will work with fiscal officer. Will need posted on the message board that inspections will need done.

Atty. Lanzo arrived while Chief was speaking.

Fire Chief Boggia

- Meeting with neighboring fire chiefs to tighten up EMS and working on festival stuff now.
- Mayor sent letter to county about CIC and waiting to hear back requesting money for NS Fire Station.

Zac – Engineer Report

- Working with OEPA on findings and orders
- Working on Fire Station Design
- MS Consultants provided total estimate cost list from bank – Joann read questions, needs answer on #5 max annual debt service village is looking to obtain \$12K debit limit.
- Survey team to start by next week. Final report by EOM
- Reviewed the estimates that were received.
- OPWC (Howard, Monroe, Smith)– needs to include alleys. Reviewed the estimates. Will need to discuss more in the future.
- OPWC Application (Parsons) – have grant already – approx. start Fall 2024
- Baseball field grant application – school wants fields back w/ grant money (ODNR Grant)
- MS Consultants does not have copy of ODNR Grant for fields
- Lowellville Riverfront Park – Per Mayor allow to use our money for this project. Concrete & pavement.

Zoning – Nick Ruozzo

- Resolutions requested – grass cutting collection
- Letter to Chief Alli regarding parked, unmoved cars in yards
- Nick mentioned the speeders on Wood St.
- Joann suggested 2-way stop be added to stop signs on Park & Walnut. Also, Jaric & Quisner

Motion by Keith & 2nd by McNicholas to return to regular order of business

Roll Call – All yes

Reading of correspondence

Quotes for generator – Received 2 requested 3

- Generator Specialist \$91,850.00
- Generator Systems \$128,000.00
- Joann will check if finance available

Committee Reports:

Improvements Ron Rotunno

- Gazebo update – maybe grant to help with gazebo

Finance Committee – Joe Donatelli

- Appropriation Report – Budget needs to look at any lines over 50%

Safety Committee – Keith McCaughtry – nothing to report

Utilities Committee – Ryan McNicholas – nothing to report

Ordinances Committee – Bob Coppola – nothing to report

Claims Committee – Don D’Onofrio – nothing to report

Solicitor Report – James Lanzo

- Resolution/Ordinance provided for Grass cutting
- Resolution/Ordinance provided for Bee’s

Mayor Report – James Iudiciani

- Pending court case – class to take – waiting for update from Atty.
- Discussion regarding what was proposed

Motion to go into executive session to discuss court case by Bob Coppola 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll call - yes

Back to regular order – motion Bob Coppola 2nd Don D’Onofrio

Roll Call - yes

Motion by Keith McCaughtry for Mayor, Village Admin, & Zoning to attend class @ \$195 suggested by Atty. 2nd Bob Coppola

Roll Call

Bob Coppola - yes

Don D’Onofrio - no

Joe Donatelli - no

Keith McCaughtry - yes

Ryan McNicholas - No

Ron Rotunno – No

Legislation Report – Solicitor James Lanzo

- Resolution (#4124) for unpaid grass cutting - to send to Mahoning County Auditor for collection declaring emergency. Move on suspension – Keith McCaughtry – 2nd Joe Donatelli
- Comments – Mayor – property lien, want to lift lien for Propest at W Wood & Watson
- Solicitor – fiscal officer – send with amounts owed to Auditor (Nick will provide information)

Roll Call – Yes

Moved for passage by Keith McCaughtry 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll Call – Yes

Bob Coppola – are we repelling existing bee ordinance or what (Solicitor will check)

Mayor Report

- Baby doll storage area, no alcohol in garage while baby doll present – have someone man the door
- Sign for track team championship, location, CASTLO giving \$950, Bob Ballone want to participate. Names of who placed 1st & 2nd will be listed.
- East Ohio Gas – informed of upcoming festival, to put up cones for safety measures where ground dug up. Talk regarding the damage of the sidewalks being done. They will be responsible.
- Yon texted Mayor – people parking on their property, mayor informed them it's their responsible to protect their property and maintain it, maybe once pavement done on road it will eliminate this issue. Suggested they put out no parking signs, fence it.
- Bike trail project moved to next year
- Sobe in talks with Gennaro regarding land
- Electric Aggregate – only 13 opt out
- School property – moving forward

Fiscal officer requesting approval of money for the following changes (copies provided)

Motion by Bob Coppola 2nd Keith McCaughtry to approve Revenue Supplemental

Roll Call – Yes

Motion by Keith McCaughtry 2nd Bob Coppola to approve Appropriation Supplemental

Roll Call - Yes

Motion by Bob Coppola 2nd Keith McCaughtry to approve Interfund Advance – General to Senior Citizen Transport

Roll Call – Yes

Motion for executive session regarding personal Bob Coppola 2nd Keith McCaughtry

Roll Call -Yes

Motion Return to regular session by Bob Coppola – 2nd Keith McCaughtry

Roll Call -Yes

Old Business –

Fiscal Officer asked for follow up from Atty Lanzo regarding the tree service invoices. Ex-Wife is calling me looking for payment. No payment until estate set up from their atty. (Townsend Cutting Edge) Once their atty sets up estate and informs us then we pay estate.

New Business –

Atty states New Liabile contract needs addressed

Motion made to authorize Village Administrator to enter into contract with Ohio Plan for Liability Insurance Moved by Joe Donatelli – 2nd Keith McCaughtry

Roll Call – yes

Bees ordinance – motion to suspend the rules & repeal and replace bee ordinance Moved by Ryan McNicholas 2nd Bob Coppola (old 505.16) Ordinance #4125 & 4126

Roll Call – Yes

Ruled on passaged – moved by bob Coppola 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll call – yes

Adjourn – motion Bob Coppola 2nd Keith McCaughtry

Roll call - yes

Resolution 4124

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UNPAID GRASS CUTTING TO THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Lowellville, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the Ordinances of the Village of Lowellville Ohio, it is hereby determined and declared that the list of grass cutting charges attached hereto, which list is hereby incorporated herein by reference, is delinquent and unpaid. The Village Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to do all things necessary to cause said unpaid grass cutting charges to be certified to the Mahoning County Auditor for collection as other taxes, and the Auditor is hereby requested pursuant to statute, to cause said charges to be extended on the 2024 tax duplicate for collection in semi-annual installments.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committee that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

James Indriscioni Sr.

Mayor

Lisa Strait

Fiscal Officer

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Mayor/ James Iudiciani Sr.
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Fiscal Officer/Christina Strait
Tax Commissioner / Tom Collins

The following is a list of unpaid grass cutting

305 Jackson St. 40-010-0-024.00-0 \$750.00
509 Jackson St. 40-010-0-016.00-0 \$150.00
321 Wood St. 40-006-0-051.00-0 \$900.00
436 Wood St. 40-006-0-126.00-0 \$600.00
128 Walnut St. 40-008-0-012.00-0 \$600.00
237 Watson 40-008-0-066.00-0 \$300.00

Any questions, please reach out to Nick Ruozzo, our zoning inspector at 330-536-6415 ext 103

Thank you,
Tina Strait

Village of Lowellville
Ordinance No. 4125

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR AND REGULATING THE KEEPING OF
BEES IN THE VILLAGE OF LOWELLVILLE OHIO.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village
of Lowellville, Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto
concurring:**

The keeping of bees, and associated beehives, shall be governed by the following regulations.

(1) Residential Districts. In Residential Districts, the following regulations shall apply:

A. No lot of less than 8,000 square feet shall have any colonies a lot of 8000 feet or may contain up to two (2) colonies. One additional colony is permitted per additional 3,200 square feet with a maximum of six (6) colonies per lot.

B. Location and Setbacks. No beehive shall be kept closer than fifty (50) feet to any lot line and one hundred (100) feet to a dwelling or the permitted placement of a dwelling on another parcel, and no bee hive shall be kept in a front yard or side street yard. The front of any beehive shall face away from the property line of the Residential property closest to the beehive.

C. Fences and Hedges. A solid fence or dense hedge, known as a "flyway barrier," at least six (6) feet in height, shall be placed along the side of the beehive that contains the entrance to the hive, and shall be located within five (5) feet of the colony and shall extend at least ten (10) feet on either side of the hive. No such flyway barrier shall be required if all beehives are located.

D. Water Supply. A supply of fresh water shall be maintained in a location readily accessible to all bee colonies on the site throughout the day to prevent bees from congregating at neighboring swimming pools or other sources of water on nearby properties.

E. Prohibitions. No Africanized bees may be kept on a property under the regulations of this Section.

(2) Non-Residential Districts. In zoning districts other than Residential Districts, all regulations applicable in Residential Districts shall apply except that the number of beehives shall be limited to one (1) for each 8,000 square feet of lot area.

(3) Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter, for which another penalty is not already provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the Fourth Degree.

Village of Lowellville
Ordinance No. 4126

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Village
of Lowellville, Ohio, three-fourths of all members elected thereto
concurring:**

Section 1: Current Village Ordinance 505.16 is hereby repealed and the following is enacted:

Section 2: The keeping of bees, and associated beehives, shall be governed by the following regulations.

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Section 3: The resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lowellville. As such, this resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage.

Passed in council this 10th day of July, 2024.

James Indrisciani Sr.

Mayor

Lina Street

Clerk -- Treasurer