

5/5/25 Mailed to Council

Regular Council Meeting 4/9/25 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Called to order by Mayor Iudiciani

Roll Call – Keith McCaughtry, Ron Rotunno, Bob Coppola, Don D’Onofrio, Joe Donatelli

Moment of Silence for Mayor Tedesco

Motion to excuse Ryan McNicholas and Solicitor Lanzo by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Donatelli (Solicitor and McNicholas will be arriving late)

Roll Call – Yes

Go out of regular order of business – Motion McCaughtry 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call - Yes

Zach – MS Consultants

- Meeting coming up with EPA with findings and orders on Friday 4/11/25 at WWTP and another meeting on 4/17/25 at 11:00 am at WWTP
- Zach spoke with administrator regarding CCTV & manholes
- Zach not sure if the OEPA meeting at the WWTP is with technical team or legal team
- EPA did invite Republic
- Northside Fire Station to meet with Enbridge and Aqua
- Finalizing evaluation of utilities & cost from pre-engineer metal bldg. for fire station
- W Water St – finalized latest draft, hope to have this week, the specifications will be the same as the Riverfront Park project.
- Proposed bid date 4/16 & 4/23 would be due 5/2. Bid opening 5/9/25 at City Hall
- Administrator spoke with Eastgate regarding WiFi/camera’s, they didn’t realize it was part of the estimate. Putting together a sub recipient agreement.
- Zach still waiting to hear back from Geo tech. Will then know if any changes need done for W Water St project
- Able to avoid telephone pole issue
- Riverfront Park – Mahoning County permit has been approved. Inspection will need done.
- Youngstown-Lowellville Rd – Zach walked it, if any concerns, please let them know now. Aware of some manhole and evaluation issues. Modifications will be made. Hoping to modify what’s on site.
- Mayor requested Rudzik to give as builds plans.

Legislation:

Fiscal Officer requested legislation to allow moving of money for the 2025 year with the agreement all fiscal moves will be presented to council monthly. Granted.

Fiscal Officer notified council of changes made to permanent budget while entering into UAN. (All changes provided to council) Council was fine with changes.

Requested to move money from the general fund to the WWTP to cover telephone expenses for the year. We over appropriated on the estimate for general telephone and under estimated for WWTP telephone. Council APPROVED

Requested to move money from the general fund to the WWTP to cover life insurance expenses for the year. We over appropriated on the estimate for general life insurance and under estimated for the WWTP BUT we are still short for the WWTP Life Insurance line. \$421.00 short. Keith suggested to take \$150.00 from new equipment in general – fire, police, street. Bob suggest we move within the sewer fund and not take anything from general. Final decision was to move from OPERS in WWTP to WWTP life insurance-do NOT adjust from general funds.

Requested ordinance for employee clothing payouts be changed from January to starting April 30 due to lack of funds in January. Also, suggested employees bring in receipts as they purchase clothing. Keep the dollar amount the same but with wording “not to exceed”. They can purchase throughout the year and be reimbursed. This will take place 2026 since 2025 have already been paid out.

Move on suspension of the rules to approve blanket resolution for the year 2025 moving of money by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry **RESOLUTION #4154**

Roll Call – Yes

Move on passage by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry

Roll Call – Yes

Move on suspension of the rules by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio for amendment to the salary ordinance, clothing allowance section **RESOLUTION 4156**

Roll Call – Yes

Move on passage by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call - Yes

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2025

- Mayor & Administrator talked - \$48.00 per ton. Ordering 350 ton
- Money due when ordered – which would be 2025 & 2026
- Contract due by May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Motion to suspend the rules – Moved by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Donatelli
- Roll Call – Yes
- Move on passage by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Donatelli
- Roll Call – Yes

Motion for claims to be sent claims committee for approval by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Claims is approved and to be placed on the pay ordinance by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Move on suspension of the rules on pay ordinance Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D'Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Move on passage Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D'Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Donation to Summer Recreation Program

- Move to send \$1,000.00 donation to Summer Recreation by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotunno
- Roll Call – Yes

Fire Dept “On-Call” legislation in pay ordinance

- This was passed previously but not in the pay ordinance.
- Chief Boggia will take care of

Fire Dept – Austintown Dispatch

- Motion to enter into agreement with Austintown Dispatch, Moved by McCaughtry 2<sup>nd</sup> D'Onofrio
- Roll Call - Yes

Fire Dept – Medicount update

- Signed yearly to receive Medicare/Medicaid payments for transports
- Chief needs Administrator information but they are requesting her social security number and birthday. She is not comfortable provided this information – why would they need that personal information? She is willing to do by phone but not to provide by way of internet.
- Motion to approve Village Administrator to sign contract, moved by D'Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotunno
- Roll Call – Yes

Amendment on Sewer Ordinance

- Solicitor provided new rate sheets to council
- Council noticed a few typos to be corrected
- Council needs apartment language changed.
- Sheet 1 Apartments 3 or more units – change to per unit
- Update cost per resident for apartments
- Change wording to per dwelling
- Solicitor made changes during meeting
- What if 1 meter on multiple unit – Per Coppola he heard it goes by pipe size but not sure
- How would Aqua know if multiple units and 1 meter? Council will look into
- Council will talk with Aqua to figure out how to do the apartments with 1 meter
- Should restaurants/commercial pay by usage not flat rate???
- Council will need to do study – possible amend in future
- D'Onofrio will put with utility committee and look into
- Passage of new sewer rates moved by D'Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry
- Roll Call – Yes

Councilmen McNicholas arrived to meeting

Zoning Inspector - Nick Ruozzo

- Alley from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> street (behind Holy Rosary)– a resident wants vacated
- Adjacent is Holy Rosary church and residents
- Per Council – resident needs to send in request and then public hearing is held
- Townhouses are almost complete
- Getting ready to start coffee shop
- Inspector suggested making one-way street by townhouses and coffee shop
- Mayor suggest “parking only for residents” spots
- Inspector provided photos of some resident’s property that are in need of clean up
- Letters were sent to residents to clean up property 736 E Wood St & 38 W Wood St

Motion to return to regular order of business Moved by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas

Roll Call – Yes

Move to suspend the reading of the previous meeting by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Reading of the correspondence was done by the fiscal officer.

Sport/community sign - \$900 from CASTLO, will need \$900 from us. Council will need to make decision if that want to contribute. They will check with LCIC for contribution.

- Moved by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Donatelli for village administration and mayor to sign contract with CASTLO
- McCaughtry did explain our budget is really tight
- Roll Call – Yes

Mayor and Administrator attended the Mahoning River meeting and discussion about Cannabis Revenue came up, about the large revenue that will be received. Now the Governor and legislators want some of that money back.

Improvements Committee – McNicholas

- Enrichment would like to meet with Auditor, explained that it’s tax season so it will be a little bit before he’s available.
- Enrichment is working on gathering information and will send a letter with questions later this week.
- Explained to Ryan the need to request purchase order before making purchases.
- Explained it could be “up to limit” PO for events
- They can then hand in receipts for reimbursements
- We need legislation for the enrichment group to formally incorporate into the Village and be part of UAN **RESOLUTION #4155**
- Requested the administrator to do a PO not to exceed \$2500.00 for Lowellville Day Expenses
- Moved by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry

- Roll Call – Yes
- On behalf of the Enrichment Group, McNicholas announced Easter Egg Hunt on 4/13/25 at 1:30, Lowellville Day 5/17/25 parade at 12 (rain day 5/18), best decorated gulf cart. Requested Water Street and side streets along parade route to be closed. From school to city hall.
- Enrichment Group is in discussion regarding Person/Citizen of the year for Lowellville Day announcement. Mayor would like council to be part of this and vote.
- McNicholas went to Struthers to look at their sign for the pavilion. Yellow Creek does not have signs. It's on the website only.
- D'Onofrio requested follow up about the camera's (pavilion). Administrator explained still waiting.

#### Finance Committee – McCaughtry

- Will be calling for a finance meeting

#### Safety Committee – Donatelli

- Nothing to report

#### Utility Committee – D'Onofrio

- Gave council a paper of what surrounding areas use for utilities.
- Looking into different aggregates
- He's hoping to get us and surrounding areas together into contract (may be a better rate if not just Lowellville)
- Mayor says we had a broker, Dave Farro
- Road closure for the Mt. Carmel Festival, letter was received. Notify county. July 16<sup>th</sup> Kennedy Rd/Quarry to Washington St 6am till July 20 noon
- Moved by D'Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas Roll Call - Yes
- Road closure for the Car Show, starting 5/12 – 10/21 4-9pm
- Moved by Donatelli 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas Roll Call - Yes
- Road closure for Lowellville Day May 17 8am – 8pm
- Moved by Donatelli 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotunno Roll Call - Yes
- Need assistance on bridge, traffic, duck derby 3-4:30pm Mayor suggest street dept if our police dept is unavailable.

#### Ordinance Committee – Coppola

- Gathering sample ordinances of what they want to address.
- Ask Solicitor about when creating ordinance's what determines minor misdemeanor or fines, who determines?
- Solicitor explained zoning ordinances can be made into criminal penalties, with limit on penalty. Then you also have civil penalty, and can go to court.
- Zoning inspector sends letter to resident with fine amount, to avoid court they must pay amount due.
- Setting up ordinance committee meeting for 4/16 6PM

Claims Committee – Rotunno

- Nothing at this time

Solicitor

- Nothing to report

Mayor

- Aqua past due report. Copies were emailed to everyone. Mayor request council to look over. Noticed some people are deceased and have credits on account. Solicitor says these go to unclaimed funds. Once everyone looks over, please look at address too, let us know so we can clean up list.
- Administrator is looking into writing letter but waiting for more information on how we do liens, etc. Has reached out to other communities for suggestions.
- Inactive and active accounts
- Solicitor suggest we use independent agency instead of Aqua for billing service. May be a cost savings. Aqua's fee is 6.9% He will look and send us suggestions.
- 2 Appointments for police dept. Mayor wants to appoint Don Scott & William Ward for part-time police officers. Moved by Donatelli 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry Roll Call – Yes
- Bike Trail – moving ahead.
- Pavilion – Putting up ballards.
- Election letter, wants town hall meeting in April
- Mayor will pick a date to have town hall and explain income tax & OPWA to community
- First Energy to put new meters in homes, announcement coming soon

Old Business – nothing

New Business – nothing

Public Request – Ben Mashburn 308 W Liberty St. Question's regarding install of fence and ordinance rules within the village, example-spraying lawn, etc. Coppola explained it is available online. Can be found under American Legal, all ordinances listed. Mayor explained about project starting soon on the bike trail, the bridge replacement. Mr. Mashburn would like fence, people walking in his lawn, etc. His property has not been surveyed yet and was advised to get that done since he wants to install garage and redo driveway in future. Also advised to mark the property line to help him in the future. He is requesting a variance on chain link fence height and will provide letter and drawings to zoning board.

Motion to go into executive session Invite Mayor, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor, Village Administrator to discuss litigation and personnel. Moved by Donatelli 2<sup>nd</sup> Coppola

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to return to regular session moved by Donatelli 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas

Roll Call – Yes

Motion for Adjournment moved by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D'Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

  
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Mayor – James Iudiciani, Sr.

  
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Fiscal Officer – Tina Strait

