

Village of Lowellville Regular Council Meeting 7/9/25 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor called meeting to order

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

Motion to excuse Solicitor Lanzo (will be arriving shortly) Moved by McCaughtry 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – All yes

Mayor request council to go out of regular order of business to make appointment and accept resignation. Moved by Coppola 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All yes

Motion to accept resignation of "Chief" Boggia. Moved by Donatelli 2nd D'Onofrio

Chief Boggia explained he was not resigning, just stepping down to firefighter.

Mayor thanks Al Boggia for his service and time as Chief – did a great job, received lots of grants for the village.

Roll Call – All yes

Mayor – We will be appointing a new fire chief tonight, he has 19 years firefighter experience, 4 full-time years at Campbell. Looking forward to your leadership and knowledge.

Mayor request council to accept his appointment of Dave Harris as Lowellville's new fire chief. Coppola accepts appointment 2nd McCaughtry

Roll Call – All Yes

Mayor swears in Dave Harris as Lowellville's new Fire Chief

Mayor request motion to return to regular order business. Moved by McCaughtry 2nd Donatelli

Roll Call – All Yes

Coppola moves to suspend the readings of the previous meeting 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All Yes

Coppola moves that the claims be sent to the claims committee for approval 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All Yes

Coppola moves that the claims have been approved and placed on pay ordinance 2nd McCaughtry

Roll Call – All yes

Fiscal Officer read the correspondence for today's meeting

Motion for \$100.00 to the Mt. Carmel for ad Moved by D'Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – All yes

Fiscal officer letting council know I need approval to create a new fund in UAN and legislation for the Opioid settlement money.

Solicitor states I will need legislation for how money is used and he will get together for us.

Motion to approve \$1000.00 PO for Enrichment Group to be used for the festival. Moved by D'Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – All yes

Fiscal Officer letting council know I need approval to create a new fund in UAN and legislation for the Community Agreement money.

Motion to create new ~~fund~~^{funds} moved by McCaughtry 2nd Coppola

Roll Call – All yes

Administrator requesting resolution for a WPCLF loan application Siphon Replacement project for \$940,000.00. This could possibly become a total forgiveness loan. Mayor explained what the Siphon Replacement was. This will be addressed under new business.

HB335 did not pass, this was in regards to property tax that was on Governor DeWine desk.

Improvement Committee – McNicholas

- Thanks, given to the Enrichment Group
- Some events coming in the fall
- Resolution complete to present to Bill Flora
- Wants to start a Village News Letter and put on website.
- Donatelli moves for McNicholas to do Village News Letter 2nd McCaughtry
- Roll Call – All yes

Utilities Committee -D'Onofrio

- Has meeting with Aqua on 7/29/25 regarding water rates
- Committee will be meeting to discuss more in regards to Enbridge and Ohio Edison after festival, not enough information received yet.
- If already in contract you can not opt out to enter into new contract

Claims Committee – Rotunno

- Nothing at this time

Safety Committee – Donatelli

- Council let Mayor know they are not interested in joining ventures with any other departments for Police and Fire.
- Council looks forward to working with Chief Alli and Chief Harris and supporting them

Finance Committee – McCaughtry

- Will be calling a finance meeting beginning of August
- Needs more council to help with some recommendations.

Ordinance Committee – Coppola

- Working with Nick Ruozzo to finalize building code. We follow Mahoning County Building Codes but there have been some changes that they are looking into.

Engineer Report – Zach – MS Consultants

- Getting quotes for pump work at WWTP
- Fire Station – plans are finalized and now QACA next week then will come to us. Then goes to state purchasing for quote
- West Water St. – nothing new except a few items came in higher than thought. Joann and Zach working together to figure out other alternatives for some items.
- Contacting Rudzik (after festival) and getting schedule and suggestions for W Water St
- Riverfront Park – pending the final rule from CSX. Plan was sent. Picnic tables have been moved off CSX property. Lowellville will be following up with the property team at CSX.
- Mayor request that Zach set up a teams meeting with CSX. Mayor informed council that CSX wants us to put up a fence during construction since we are encroaching on there property.
- Yo-Low Rd – for the most part it's done. Need final disbursement from OWDA
- Parson's Ave – Express Underground and SET lowest bids. Only \$1256.00 difference in bids.
- Joann did call and get references – all good
- Total project bid \$556,703.00
- Motion to accept Express Underground bid at \$556,703.00 by McCaughtry 2nd Coppola
- Roll Call – All Yes
- Total estimate construction cost \$467,000.00 then bid \$556,703.00.
- Difference due to \$467,000 only being an estimate.
- Council is concerned about the \$90,000.00 difference. Administrator says this could possibly be loan forgiveness and explained what needs to be done for us to qualify. We also currently have OPWC grant with Lowellville's percentage of 57.9
- Per Mayor River Road project starts after the festival \$1.4M job – paving from Struthers River Road to Washington St, McGaffney and Jackson. Sidewalk, curbs, guardrail. 80% funded by federal government & OPWC funded 20%
- Bike trail project – waiting for bridge to arrive

Solicitor Lanzo Report

- Nothing at this time

Mayor Iudiciani Report

- 130 Year festival – Village workers will be there cleaning up

Legislation

- Administrator sent email to council explaining bid is higher and we have WPCLF loan but hopes to qualify for loan forgiveness. This resolution is to apply for loan.

- Mayor read resolution to council. **RESOLUTION #4159**
- Coppola moves to suspend the rules for resolution 2ND D'Onofrio
 - Keith pointing out that Administrator can not get someone to answer phone or emails from Waste Management to help with some of these expenses. Suggest the Council send a letter and all of them sign.
- Roll Call – All Yes
- Move by Coppola on passage 2nd Donatelli
- Roll Call – All Yes
- Administrator asking approval to sign Ohio Plan liability insurance (new cost \$54,031.00)
- Move by Coppola for approval 2nd McCaughtry
- Roll Call – All Yes
- Fiscal Officer confirmed with Solicitor Lanzo that he will get back to me regarding the legislation for the Opioid Settlement
- Coppola moves on suspension of the rules for the pay ordinance 2nd D'Onofrio
- Roll Call – Yes
- Coppola moves on passage of the pay ordinance 2nd McCaughtry
- Roll Call – Yes
- Fiscal officer explained the interfund advances (pre-approved resolution 4154) are getting really high. Have to keep taking money from general fund to pay for WWTP and all needs repaid. Also, have outstanding bills that I'm unable to pay at this time. Definitely need council guidance.

Old Business

- Coppola asking about when we are having audit. Explained it is happening now for 2022-2023

New Business

- Letter of Resignation from Warren Drescher (Fire Dept)
- Moved by McCaughtry to accept 2nd Donatelli
- Roll Call – All Yes
- Mayor – YWRC grant – Residential Economic Development Grants Program. Allows for communities to ask for assistance for housing. Seminars are opening the week of July 15. McNicholas will attend.

Public Request –

Halston Glaspell – 326 Parsons Ave – Would like something done with the old P&LE railroad yard. Been abandoned since 1993. Would like for it to come down. Mayor informed him this is Struthers property.

Craig Hohloch – 6802 Styme Rd – Q: When officers write tickets to truck drivers where does revenue go? A: Struthers, Lowellville, and State. Q: Why has there not been a mayor's court established? A: We had one in the past. Had to hire a prosecutors and clerk and cost more than what's generated. Q: Wouldn't it benefit since so many trucks? Use the scale at plant and fine them for that. They are ignoring signs. A: They don't speak or read English. We are stopping them and issuing citations. S: We are getting 6-10 trucks a day on Styme Rd (that's Poland Twp) Says traffic has not slowed down on our road.

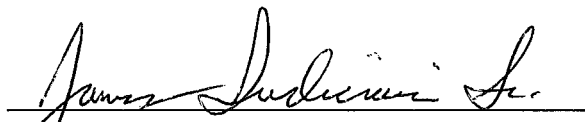
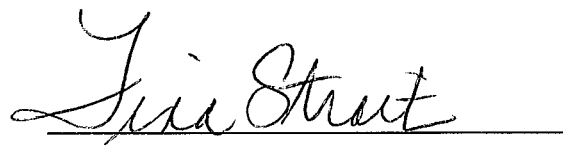
Jen Makosky – 333 W Wood – Issues with 321 W Wood St. Trash all over the backyard, trees fallen down. Says can not in touch with Nick Ruozzo – Zoning, has left messages and says she's fine cleaning up herself. Nick explained owner of 321 out of town, returning late Friday. Has spoke with him regarding this already and has granted permission for 333 to enter property to clear.

Terrance Esarco – 127 E Grant St – Does Village have landlord registration program? A: yes, we have. A: Our government is sitting on \$3.5B in the rainy-day fund, why doesn't the village go after that money? And wondering if any update on village finances and fire/police dept. (apologize for being late and asking for update) A: Council let me mayor know they are not interested in any changes. New fire chief sworn in and finance meeting will take place beginning of August. A: Pavilion – can anyone go there for the fireworks or will it be closed off? Q: Bathrooms will not be open will be closing the pavilion for this year.

Lauren Donatelli – 6894 Silver Ln. Silver, Ohio – Just wanted to say to everyone sitting at this table except for 1 person "I'm disappointed in you".

Motion for adjournment moved by Donatelli 2nd Coppola

Roll Call - Yes


Mayor James Ludiciani, Sr.
Fiscal Officer, Tina Strait

