

Regular Council Meeting 8/13/25 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Called to order by Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

Roll Call – Don D’Onofrio, Keith McCaughtry, Ryan McNicholas, Ron Rotunno, Bob Coppola

Motion to excuse Joe Donatelli – moved McCaughtry 2<sup>nd</sup> Coppola

Roll Call – yes

Mayor request to go out of regular order of business to hear from engineer, pass legislation, zoning and public request. Moved by McNicholas 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – yes

Zach – MS Consultants

- WWTP – quotes received for the denitrification. Have diesel and electric options. Will work with employees at the plant. If electric can save money (up to \$10,000.00) but not sure if plant has compactivity for electric.
- OPWC coming up soon. Zac went to last meeting / workshop and they spoke about small government grants & loans for villages & townships under 5,000 (Hubbard mayor covers our area) can cover up to 90% with 10% being local fund. 8 people applied last year and have big influx this year in funds than last year. Chances are if we submit, we will properly receive something.
- Mayor asked if council wants to do and submit to district 6 we properly wont score high enough for district 6 but we can then go to small government. Mayor asking what is the plan.
- Zach – with small government OPWC it would have to be in the distribution system: sanitary, stormwater system
- Zach – ARC would be for the plant but that’s not till later in the year.
- Joann – Sometimes the ARC and OPWC will partner up.
- Deadline is September 11. Zach will work with Joann what we could use.
- Mayor-we need to take care of INI situation with the EPA is my suggestion to council.
- Fire Station – Final plans sent to Hivley for cost estimate. They returned with questions for architectural, structure and civil teams. Questions should be completed by the end of this week.
- Bob-do you have bidders? Zach – working with state prequalified program.
- Mayor what about a Scada system for the WWTP? Zach – it is eligible with ARC, not sure about OPWC. (Scada allows plant to become automated)
- Riverfront/W Water St – Riverfront team submitted plans to CSX. CSX says earth disturbance in the right a way of CSX. It was minor but they have several requests now regarding park and other areas within the village. Wants to charge us \$37,000.00 – we already paid them \$13,700.00 to do review. To avoid this additional cost, we may have to put up a retainer wall in the right a way.
- Youngstown Lowellville Rd – OPWC disbursements should be done. OWDA disbursement should be coming.

- Parsons Ave – Will be having meeting with Xpress Underground. Go to site and check manholes and look over plans.
- Will speak with Joann regarding insurance for residents – sewage.

Zoning Inspector, Nick Ruozzo

- Would like for council to consider making Water St. a one-way. In-East Out-West
- Asking Council for help with rental property information, if they have. In the process of putting together a list. Will then be turned over to Tom Collins, tax commissioner.
- Struthers has homes on 40x80 lots, thinks our lots are too small for our current ordinances. Bob-they would need to ask for a variance, if necessary. Mayor-Nick, are you asking for an updated ordinance stating smaller frontage? Nick, yes. Bob-that can be discussed at a zoning meeting.
- 321 Wood St – Trees and trash cleaned up. Was informed again to cut grass.

Legislation

The following were approved in July meeting – Solicitor provided legislation language.

1. Opioid Settlement – ready by McNicholas

Motion to Move on suspension of the rules by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas

Roll Call-Yes

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

Roll Call – yes

2. Community Grant from County Commissioners – read by McNicholas

Move on suspension of the rules by D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> Coppola

Roll Call – Yes

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

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to move on suspension of the rules for pay ordinance by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry

Roll Call – Yes

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

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to move for Administrator to sign agreement with OWDA and WPCLF loan for Parson’s Ave. by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotunno

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to return to regular order of business moved by McCaughtry 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotunno

Roll Call – Yes

Fiscal officer read correspondence/agenda for 8/13/25 meeting

Bob asking about Poland Twp Trustees letter – Joann explained it was a request sent to them to attend a meeting with the Lt. Governor and director of EPA.

Motion for approval of the following donations moved D’Onofrio 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry

- Lowellville Booster sign renewal \$100.00
- Crescendo Club fall football program ad \$75.00
- Holy Rosary Church hole sponsor \$100.00

NOTE – Rotunno left at 7:10PM

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to suspend the reading of the previous meeting minutes moved by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas

Roll Call - Yes

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 7/9/25. Moved by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McCaughtry

Roll Call-yes

Keith asking about Lowellville Garden Club (under discussion on agenda):

- Fiscal Officer reminded Ryan McNicholas that the Enrichment Group offered to make a donation back to the Village for the flowers and Keith McCaughtry volunteered to personally donate money.
- Total village paid is \$149.47 and Lowellville Garden Club donated \$60.00 worth of flowers.
- Keith / Ryan said they will each make a donation back to the village.

Comments – Summer Rec sent a THANK YOU to the village for their continued support/donation.

Olson Sewer-will have to go to claims committee

- Lanzo cannot offer any comments due to conflict of interest
- 10 yrs. ago when there was a sewer issue on Walnut St., they never tied Olson’s line in. Olson’s have now paid \$3,800.00 in plumbing bills and is asking the village to pay due to the circumstances. SET did the original job.
- Motion to send to claims committee by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas
- Roll Call – Yes

Improvements Committee – Ryan McNicholas

- Draft of Newsletter submitted to council – please review

Finance Committee – Keith McCaughtry

- Had a finance meeting on 8/12/25
- Will have another finance meeting next week

- Joann informed council about street dept. truck. Had to go into shop for breaks and some other work. Bill came in at \$9,000.00. A quote was requested before work began but they did job anyways. Is now in shop again, for hydraulics and possible water in gas line. Quote received for diagnostic but village will request additional quotes.

#### Safety Committee – Joe Donatelli

- Not in attendance

#### Fire Chief Dave Harris

- High School has contacted him and would like to have them cover EMS like previous years for football games and scrimmages for Jr. High and High School
- Pee Wee football has requested EMS service, as well.
- Air broke in ambulance – Dave fixed himself for \$48.00 and 5 hrs. labor
- Grant \$1,408.00 – would like to use for Bender Lift \$1,600.00
- Dispatch having meeting in Austintown to go over next years contract. Right now, it's \$6500.00 yr. Will most likely increase.
- Not eligible for OPERS would like the difference to go into salary. Explained that Tina and myself called OPERS compliance dept. and they informed me I can not collect OPERS. Al Boggia was grandfathered in. Fire Dept pays into social security.
- Lanzo will have to look over salary ordinance.
- ODNR called regarding the water rescue that happened in June. They collect the information for case studies. We sent report.

#### Utility Committee – Don D'Onofrio

- Went to Aqua meeting – they recommended 5.5 for new rate. Got to 5.0 for first 2 years 5.25 for last 2 then 5.5
- Joann still working on the Sewage delinquent report.
- Inactive people – can council please look over – if you see anything that should be corrected, please let Joann know.

#### Ordinance Committee – Bob Coppola

- Provided everyone with an older letter regarding trash cans being left out. Nick has been receiving several complaints.
- Ordinance 521.13 (b) – does this mean they go to Struthers Court? Lanzo-yes. Coppola, can we make it a penalty so we can collect the fine? Lanzo – not a zoning violation. Coppola, can we change (b)? Lanzo – to a civil? Yes, you properly could. But if they still don't pay you have to go to court. Committee will need to decide how to proceed and Lanzo will look into this more.
- Property Maintenance ordinance – will need looked over in regards to fines and procedures.

#### Claims Committee – Ron Rotunno

- Had to leave meeting

#### Solicitor Report – James Lanzo

- Nothing at this time

Mayors Report – James Iudiciani, Sr

- Mahoning County Peddle & Paddles – getting survey, title did not go through.

Administrator Report – Joann Esenwein

- Cyber Security Grant
- Process is starting
- Village has filled out paperwork
- \$23,762.00 Fire Wall for Police, Updates our email and website to .gov
- Will work with Team Office
- Draft Agreement with CSX for Riverfront Park
  - This is why we were talking about building retaining wall and stay off CSX property earlier in the meeting.
- Mahoning County Solid Waste Plan – has been put on website for advertising purposes

Old Business:

Nothing

New Business:

Nothing

Public Request – None

Motion to go into executive session to discuss Police Chief request. Invite Mayor, fiscal officer, solicitor, administrator, council. Moved by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to return to regular meeting moved by Coppola 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and Legal. Invited Mayor, fiscal officer, administrator, council. (Lanzo excused from session) Moved by McCaughtry 2<sup>nd</sup> McNicholas

Roll Call – Yes

McCaughtry left executive session at 8:20PM and McNicholas left at 8:35

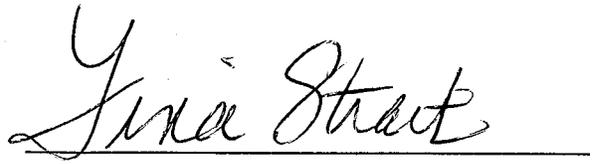
Motion to return to regular meeting moved by Coppola, 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Onofrio

Roll Call – Yes

Motion to adjourn 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