THE VILLAGE OF LAKEMORE

MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Cole at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Roll Call: Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Douglas were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cole.

Motion to Accept minutes from December 21, 2020 council meeting as presented and not read was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, and Mrs. Coontz voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to Accept Purchase Orders from December 18, 2020 to January 3, 2021, totaling $149,206.63 as presented and not read was made by Mr. Strittmatter and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, and Mrs. Cochran voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to Accept Bills from December 18, 2020 to January 3, 2021, totaling $251,994.18 as presented and not read was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 7024-2021 appoint members of firefighter dependents fund 1st read Cochran

Resolution 7025-2021 accept R Morrison resignation emergency Cochran

Resolution 7026-2021 apply for CDBG for 1st & 2nd St Storm Sewers emergency Strittmatter

Ordinance 1698-2021 amend pay rates for fire department 1st read Cochran

Ordinance 1699-2021 amend pay rates for police department 1st read Cochran

Ordinance 1700-2021 amend pay rates for public service department 1st read Strittmatter

Ordinance 1701-2021 create part-time assistant to Fiscal Officer 1st read Anderson

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Cole announced the next food pantry at LUMC will be Wednesday, January 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Cole asked everyone to continue recycling their paper and cardboard at the containers at LUMC to benefit the food pantry.

Mayor Cole reported he presented awards to the residents at 1556 Flickinger, 1527 Sunnyside, 1265 Seneca, for their wonderful holiday displays. He is hoping to continue and expand this appreciation to the residents.

Mayor Cole announced 2021 is the centennial for the Village of Lakemore. He is hoping the Village will be able to celebrate.

Mayor Cole reported the Village was awarded the funds to convert the concession stand at the Hinton Humiston park into ADA compliant restrooms. He thanked Anthony DeVitis for promoting the project to the state. He thanked Leonard Sykes again for being instrumental in the Village receiving the funds for the adult fitness playground at Hinton Humiston park in 2019.

**Council Report**

Mrs. Coontz announced school starts back January 5, 2021.

Mrs. Coontz reminded Springfield Local Schools is still providing free lunches from the high school Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and noon.

Mrs. Cochran reported highlights from 2020. The fire department responded to 150 more calls than 2019. The fire department completed a lot of training and purchased more equipment. The police department improved the dog kennel and entered an agreement to provide kennel services to Springfield Township. Less crime occurred in 2019. Mrs. Cochran thanked the safety services for continuing to serve the community and assist with parading the Easter Bunny, Santa, and the Grinch through the Village.

Mrs. Cochran congratulated Mayor Cole on all the accomplishments in the Village during his first year in office.

Ms. Snyder thanked everyone who made a positive contribution in 2020.

Ms. Snyder announced the next council meetings will be Tuesday, January19th and Monday, February 1st both at 7:00 p.m. and virtually. The next council workshops will be January13th and 26th, at 6:00 p.m. and virtually.

Ms. Snyder thanked the Springfield Lakemore local cable channel for providing local events to the community.

Mr. Strittmatter reported improvements are planned for the sanitary and storm sewers, roads, and waterlines.

Mr. Douglas thanked Mayor Cole for his leadership and Ms. Fast for her hard work.

Mr. Douglas asked everyone to pay attention to the potential voter fraud from the general election.

Mr. Douglas thanked the fire and police departments for their exemplary work and the many volunteer hours for the community.

Mr. Douglas reported he is tracking the progress of the 2020 census.

Mr. Douglas thanked Mr. Renacci and others for the positive impact on our community.

Ms. Fast reported the many improvements made in 2020.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Cochran made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Resolution 7025-2021. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, and Mr. Strittmatter voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas asked by Richard Morrison resigned from the police department. Mayor Cole explained he provided his resignation to Captain Smith and emailed Sgt. Smith that his resignation was effective immediately. Mayor Cole thanked Mr. Morrison for his service to the community.

Mrs. Cochran made a motion to adopt Resolution 7025-2021. Mr. Strittmatter seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, and Ms. Anderson voted “yes”. Mr. Douglas abstained as he did not feel comfortable voting on the legislation since he has known Mr. Morrison his entire life. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to dispense with the three readings of Resolution 7026-2021. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Roll call: Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, and Mrs. Coontz voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Strittmatter explained the Resolution is an emergency based on the due date for the application.

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to adopt Resolution 7026-2021. Mrs. Cochran seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, and Mrs. Cochran voted “yes”. Resolution adopted.

Motion to Dispense with the Regular Order of Business was made by Mr. Strittmatter and seconded by Mrs. Cochran. Roll call: Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”.

Ms. Anderson nominated Mrs. Cochran. Mrs. Cochran accepted the nomination.

Mr. Douglas nominated Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Strittmatter declined the nomination because of his busy work schedule.

Council voted to appoint Mrs. Cochran as President ProTemp for 2021.

Motion to Return to the Regular Order of Business was made by Mr. Strittmatter and seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call: Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, and Ms. Snyder voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cochran made a Dispense with the Regular Order of Business so Council could go into Executive Session to discuss a pending imminent court date for property to gain a general concession from Council. Mr. Strittmatter seconded the motion. Roll call: Ms. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, and Mr. Strittmatter voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to Return to the Regular Order of Business. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, and Ms. Anderson voted “yes”. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Mrs. Cochran and seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call: Mrs. Coontz, Mrs. Cochran, Ms. Snyder, Mr. Strittmatter, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Douglas voted “yes”. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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