

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS; MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISBURG, OHIO, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M., JANUARY 4, 2024, AT THE LEWISBURG COMMUNITY CENTER.

Law Director Hobbs administered the Oath of Office Affidavit to newly elected Council Member Jackie Sewert. Law Director Hobbs administered the Oath of Office Affidavit to newly elected Council Member Marla Colville-Brown.

The regular meeting of the Village of Lewisburg, Ohio Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Dennis Roberts.

ROLL CALL: Eliza Wagoner, Clerk of Council.

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Roberts, Council Members Marla Colville-Brown, Barb Foster, Lori Pheanis, and Jackie Sewert.

Also present were Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert, Police Chief Rick McGee, Law Director Steve Hobbs, and Fiscal Officer Susan Laux.

Fire & EMS Chief B.J. Sewert was absent.

Motion to nominate Ted Thies to fill Dennis Roberts' vacant Council seat with term that expires on December 31, 2025. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Motion to close nominations and appoint Ted Thies to Council. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Law Director Hobbs administered the Oath of Office Affidavit to Ted Thies.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023, regular Village Council Meeting. First by Barb Foster. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 2 Abstain (Jackie Sewert and Marla Colville-Brown). Motion approved.

Motion to approve the check disbursement report. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the purchase order report. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

CITIZENS: Marty Votel, current Preble County Prosecutor, spoke about running for the Judge of Court of Common Pleas in the upcoming election and shared his experience and what he would bring to the office if elected.

Adam Craft, current Preble County Commissioner, is seeking reelection and spoke about some things the commissioners have been working on and he wants to continue.

MAYOR: None.

LEGAL: None.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: Manager Sewert shared a Memo regarding vacant council seats and interest from community members to fill these seats. An email from Council Member Chad Woodworth was received stating his intention to resign from his Council seat. Motion to accept the resignation from Council effective immediately from Chad Woodworth. First by Barb Foster. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Manager Sewert shared Mary Nelson's letter of interest on being on Council. Motion to nominate Mary Nelson to fill Chad Woodworth's now vacant seat with term ending on December 31, 2025. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Motion to close nominations and appoint Mary Nelson to Council. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to schedule a Budget Workshop on February 1, 2024, from 6:00-7:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to schedule a public informational meeting with Palmer Energy about Electric Aggregation on February 15, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Barb Foster. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to move the Zoning Board Meeting on February 15, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., to the Firehouse. First by Barb Foster. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to move the Council Meeting scheduled on July 4, 2024, to July 3, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., at the Lewisburg Community Center. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to nominate Lori Pheanis as President of Council. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Marla Colville-Brown. Motion to close nominations and appoint Lori Pheanis as President of Council. First by Dennis Roberts. Second by Ted Thies. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the list of committees/boards for 2024. First by Ted Thies. Second by Lori Pheanis. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer/Municipal Manager to put the Western Avenue Project and West Side Storm Drainage Project out to bid. First by Ted Thies. Second by Jackie Sewert. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

SAFETY: None.

POLICE: Chief McGee stated his department participated in Operation Santa's Sleigh.

LIBRARY: None.

PARK: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS: None.

Motion to adjourn. First by Lori Pheanis. Second by Barb Foster. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No.
Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

DATE _____ MAYOR _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____