

VILLAGE OF LEONARD
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEONARD VILLAGE COUNCIL

September 12, 2022

President McDonald called the Regular Meeting of the Leonard Village Council to order at 7:00 P.M. in Rowland Hall. President McDonald led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Trustee Arundale opened the meeting in prayer.

Members Present were: Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Swack, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Arundale and Mr. Hawkins

Absent: None

Present: Clerk, Loree Zelenock and Treasurer Judy Verse

Motion by Arundale to accept minutes from the August 8, 2022 regular meeting, second by Swack. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Kennedy to accept the agenda, with an addition to New Business; Halloween/Tree Lighting, second by Arundale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Swack to accept the Treasurer's report for August as presented, second by Arundale. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: Kennedy, McDonald, Swack, Arundale and Hawkins.

Motion by Kennedy to pay bills for September as presented (and clarified Elan City in Accounts Payable was for speed limit signs and Sunrise Services is a Lawn Maintenance Company) in the amount of \$26,902.71 for General fund, \$23.96 for Major fund, \$0.00 for the Local fund and \$1,884.75 for Mill/Park Recreation, second by Hawkins. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: Arundale, Swack, Hawkins, Kennedy and McDonald.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy Ashley, Phyllis Rowe, Leslie McKenna, Paul Almeranti and Terry Stiles.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Leslie McKenna; Toilets and stuffed animals on Forest Street look bad considered blight. Paul Almeranti; Rumors are circulating the church property was sold. Cindy Ashley is concerned the property will be used for hunting. Mike McDonald replied there is no ordinance for hunting on your property as long as the owner follows DNR regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Oxford Cable TV: Terry Stiles, Manager of Oxford Cable TV made a presentation.

Oakland County Infrastructure Grant: \$11,500 in grant monies was approved and will go toward the Sewer Study.

SMART/NOTA Transfer Credits: Motion by Kennedy authorize the credit of \$351.00 from the Village of Leonard to NOTA, second by Hawkins. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: Swack, Hawkins, Kennedy, McDonald and Arundale.

Dangerous Dog Ordinance: The purpose of this Ordinance is an amendment to Chapter 10 – Animals, of the Code of Ordinances, to remove reference to specific dog breeds to regulate all

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dangerous animals uniformly. Motion by Arundale to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Village of Leonard, Oakland County, Michigan to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance NO. 1.012 including a change to Section 10.4 Abuse to remove the words “or treat”, second by Kennedy. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: McDonald, Kennedy, Arundale, Hawkins and Swack.

Engine Braking Noise Ordinance: The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Leonard, to regulate the use of engine or exhaust “jake” brakes within the village. Motion by Arundale to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Village of Leonard, Oakland County, Michigan to be known as Code Amendment Ordinance NO. 1.011 Chapter 38, Section 38.7 Use of Engine Brakes and Exhaust Devices, second by Kennedy. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: Swack, Arundale, McDonald, Kennedy and Hawkins.

Halloween Celebration and Tree Lighting: Motion by Kennedy Trick-or-Treat hours in the Village will be from 6-7PM, October 31, 2022, second by Arundale. All in favor. Motion carried. Distinctive Design have donated their services, carving “Spooky” the pumpkin who will make his debut October 1st. Motion by Kennedy to approve \$150 to replenish fall flowers in the planters, second by Arundale. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Ayes: Arundale, Kennedy, Hawkins, McDonald and Swack. Tentative date for tree lighting December 4, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Study Update: Trustee Arundale met with the Oxford Township Supervisor and Rowe and Associates to explore options for connecting with Oxfords sewer system. A cost estimate has been requested.

Marihuana Ballot Update: The Village was sued by Oakland Cares on the premise that ballot language approved by council was prejudicial. The court sided with the village and Oakland County Elections Division. The matter went before the Court of Appeals on September 2, 2022 asking that the judgement be set aside, the case was dismissed.

Nature Park Update: The quote from Rowe and Associates exceeds our budget. We continue to pursue quotes from engineering firms. Trustee Arundale asked if a survey could be done, get bids from contractors and have a public hearing.

Property Maintenance Enforcement: If the Village takes legal action on the two neglected and run down properties in our village, monies would need to be spent for legal services and appraisals with no guarantee of success.

DPW UPDATE: Someone has cut the fasteners and moved benches that were once bolted to the cement in front of businesses downtown. DPW will secure them. It’s time to plan for purchasing salt. Steel poles have been ordered costing \$700. Plumbing repairs are complete for the Annex and Rowland Hall.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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FOIA Report: Two requests for a registered voters list and one request for the marihuana proposal petition list and ordinance.

CDBG Report: None

Ordinance Enforcement: None

Drain Maintenance: Mike McDonald should be hearing from Oakland County Water Resources Commission this week to schedule drain cleaning. Cooper Standard has sinking drain tiles that run under the building and need to be addressed.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Summer Festival Committee: Meeting minutes and financials have been requested and should be submitted monthly.

Cable Commission: Made a presentation to the Village Council tonight.

Decorating Committee: Next meeting September 30, 2022 at 4:00PM.

NOTA: The expansion of their parking lot and gas fueling pump system will not happen this year due to delays by the Oxford Planning Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meeting September 15, 2022. Mike McDonald will speak about zoning.

Polly Ann Trail Management Council: Making preparation for fall.

Village Park: None

CDBG: None.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon a motion by Kennedy and a second by Arundale, the council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:19 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Loree Zelenock

Village Clerk

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