

Village of Lowellville Regular Council Meeting June 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Alliance

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Iudiciani, Sr.

Roll Call – Dom Piscitelli, Don D’Onofrio, Leslie Daniels, Dave Durbin, Ryan McNicholas

Motion to excuse Joe Donatelli moved by Durbin 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call - yes

Also in attendance: Village Administrator Joann Esenwein, Fiscal Officer/Clerk Tina Strait, Solicitor James Lanzo

Mayor making motion to go out of regular order of business to hear from guest OUPS, engineer and public request moved by Durbin 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – yes

Chuck Green 12467 Mahoning Ave. North Jackson, OH-Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS):

- Responsibilities of village who has utilities.
 - We have storm, sewer, fire, Enbridge gas, Aqua water, sanitary, fiber, Ohio Edison street lights, 1 flashing traffic light.
- We are not currently a registered member with OUPS and we must become a member, we did not realize we were not a member
- Responsible: if someone doing work in village, we have to locate the lines (can have 3rd party do for us)
- Big change is amended notification timelines. Ex: 2 “working” days not including the day of notification

Zach – MS Consultants:

- OEPA Findings and Order – evaluate submitted statements of qualifications, rank firm by preference, and begin fee negotiation to submit UPCLF application
- Riverfront Park – pending basketball court striping and change order for transfer quantities associated with asphalt to West Water
- West Water – Pending drawings, change order \$7000.00 under cost
- Parsons Ave
 - requesting change order for catch basin outside project, still pending
 - installed ADA curb ramp but 1 is not correct – will need torn out
 - project extending way past expected end date
- OPWC Round 40 (FY27) – Watson St – replace sanitary sewer
 - Awarded
 - Need permit
 - ARC final application-drawings need finalized to submit for PTI approval
- OPWC Round 41 (FY28)
 - Rehabilitation of existing clarifiers pending Mike Szenborn availability

- Park Ave Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation
 - This is for the work not covered by CDBG
 - Request letter from Anna for grant agreement
- Mahoning County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Approved
 - Park Ave Sanitary Sewer improvement
 - County stated funding requested must be limited to \$200,000.00
 - Engineering covered by Village (\$18,000.00 for design, \$18,000.00 for construction observation)
- Senator Al Cutrone SB450
 - Awarded \$150,000.00 (est cost \$220,285.00)
 - Stavich Bike Trail Phase 5
 - E Liberty trail access to Village Corp
 - Looking for other funding sources, as well, to help

Public Request:

Bob Durick 5990 Badel Dr. in regards to address 301 W Wood (Jamie Hutchenson):

- Wanted to inform council of his flooding claim
- Received a small settlement from insurance company to cover some cost. Basement was totally flooded and possessions destroyed.
- He has been in communication with Dom Piscitelli (claims chairman)
- Mayor-Did you submit all expenses to your insurance company? A: No
- Mayor – we will have to give to our insurance company, will need what you gave to your insurance company. Bob - So far claim is at \$22,000.00 with more to come.
- Do have home owners' insurance and rental insurance A: yes

James Hutchenson – 301 W Wood

- Black mold from the flooding
- Has lost a day and half of work due to flooding
- Frustrated with the construction on Parsons

Ben Lewis – 308 W Liberty

- Received letter from zoning in regards to fence he installed previously and was to be replated. Says it was done and gave to the recorder's office.
- Rich Schrader when looked at the auditors site it is not showing done and we do not have the replat papers. Please bring to the office so we have on file.
- When grass was replanted, they did not cover all the damaged areas. They had equipment and steel plate there for a few days. Mayor – will add to punch list.
- When pipe broke and we had a lot of snow half of yard was grass and other snow. That went into my house. Lost property. Called Aqua and did not come. Mayor – we were not made aware of this. Ben-Aqua is to handle this but not done yet. Mayor-will follow up.

Motion to return to regular order of business moved by Durbin 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call – yes

Chief Alli –

- Training – Received \$2,226.12 will need appropriation increased by \$900 (training line)
- Williams Ward – resume was given to council – hoping to hire as part-time supervisor to cover some shifts. Mayor – ordinance will need revised to create position of supervisor
- Mayor wants to appoint William Ward part-time officer
- Motion to appoint William Ward PT police officer moved by D’Onofrio 2nd McNicholas
- Comment – Strait – wants to clarify its officer, not supervisor – Mayor – yes, since supervisor is not currently in ordinance.
- Roll Call – yes
- Comment – Strait – need motion to approve increase of \$900 for police training
- Motion to approve increase appropriations \$900 moved by McNicholas 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll Call – yes
- D’Onofrio – what happened at Riverfest? Person told firefighter and mayor he did not have to move his vehicle, even though road closed sign was up. Mayor-he told lady running event he was not moving his vehicle. (This spot was reserved for a food truck.) Mayor – requested the chief to ticket him. He told mayor he’s going to sue. Then he approached chief.

Richard Schrader – Zoning Inspector

- 707 Westfield is not Westfield it’s North Ave (auditor site) – Letter was sent and parking lot has been paved.
- 158 W Wood St – high grass – lawn mower was broken – grass has been cut

Motion to suspend the reading the previous months minutes moved by D’Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call – yes

Motion to send claims sent to the claims committee for approval moved by D’Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – yes

Motion once claims approved move to pay ordinance moved by D’Onofrio 2nd McNicholas

Roll Call – yes

Fiscal Officer/Clerk Strait read the correspondence for meeting

Vacating Robinson Ct. – Mayor – Lowellville owns some property until that’s changed (2parcels) we cannot vacate. Solicitor – since we own some property, we can only vacate the alley to us but the church is on some of it. Part of alley way can be done the other we cannot give to church without legislation. Cost is involved. Replat and survey. Vacate part to us. Mayor requesting legislation from Solicitor

Rental Agreement for pavilion – was sent to solicitor. Want to add disclaimer that village is not responsible. Solicitor will add language and email us. The agreement has pickleball/basketball listed on it as well. We will separate them, 1 for pavilion and 1 for pickleball/basketball. Will there be a fee for

this? Thinking if a league comes, we will have a fee but for now we will play by ear. Who monitors the use of the all this? Street, Police

Motion to approve rental agreement moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels. Pending disclosure being added.

Roll Call – yes

Motion to use current agreement changing pavilion and pickleball/basketball on same agreement to separate them moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Daniels

Roll Call - yes

Duck Derby – requested to use pavilion, are we charging? No, but they do have to sign agreement.

Mayor – need sign made to put in Riverfront Park (sample was sent to everyone)

Solicitor also recommends we do not rent out the dump truck.

Sky Roofing quote \$7,260 to repair roof at city hall.

Modification MS Consultants Parsons Ave. CACI (due to extra time on Parson's Ave project) \$10,800.00

Daniels – what recourse do we have with the Parsons project, way pass expected done time. Mayor – possible liquidated damages.

Motion to approve MS modification moved by Durbin 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll Call – yes

Team Office TASK order – This will be the village appropriating \$3000.00 for IT help. Is part of HB96, needs done by July 1.

- Administrator requesting approval to sign agreement. Motion to approve signing of agreement moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Durbin
- Roll Call - yes

Creation of revenue/appropriation items in UAN for Siphon replacement project. Fiscal officer requesting permission and legislation to create items.

- Motion to create line items in UAN for Siphon project moved by Durbin 2nd McNicholas
- Roll Call – yes
- Solicitor will provide legislation

Sky Roofing ready to do job – McNicholas, finance committee has verified funds

Tom Wolfgang – Owed back pay due to not receiving raise according to salary ordinance steps. \$3,038.53 (discussed at May meeting)

- Motion to pay moved by Durbin 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll Call – yes

- Comment: Fiscal officer is working with our auditors to pay back properly. When spoke with them they want to look at a few options due to OPERS/OP&F may charge penalty. Mayor suggest doing as bonus. Mayor will speak with auditors.

Chief Harris (unable to attend meeting, provided information)

- Requesting administrator to sign addendum to billing service agreement with Medcount.
- Motion to approve administrator to sign moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll Call – yes
- Back wall at Station 31 – No contractors getting back to us. Can this be done inhouse?
- Will need to contact someone regarding mold
- Requesting Monroe St. be closed during the festival July 15-July 19
 - Motion to close street moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Durbin
 - Roll Call - yes

Lowellville Shop with a cop bank account – Mayor will request Stacy Karis to close account and move into our general funds account. She is the only name listed account and only one who can close it.

Letter received requesting street closures during festival from Mt. Carmel Society

- Per D'Onofrio – this was done already
- Close Washington St between McGaffney and Jackson
- Close McGaffney from Washington going East on 7/12 for spaghetti dinner at 4
- Kennedy Rd is county. Joann will call county to close Quarry Rd.

Improvement Committee: Joe Donatelli

- Absent

Finance Committee: Ryan McNicholas

- Next finance meeting 6/24 at 6. Administrator and fiscal officer stated they cannot attend on 6/24. Ryan will look for a different date that works better.

Utility Committee: Leslie Daniels

- Nothing to report

Mayor – received electric aggregate in mail. Do nothing to join, if want to opt-out you need to inform them.

Mayor – we will need to find out where fiber lines are and other lines underground.

Ordinance committee: Don D'Onofrio

- Discussed holiday pay in ordinance meeting. Paid 8 hrs. for holiday off and if work you get OT for the hours you work.
- Ordinance committee will be having a meeting to discuss the salary ordinance and change wording in some areas that may need cleared up
- Rich Schrader – right of way/excavating ordinance needed

Safety Committee: Dave Durbin

- Nothing to report

Claims Committee: Dom Piscitelli

- Claim from Durick/Hutchenson – spoke earlier
- Per administrator – may be getting claim for resident garage
- Resident tire damage – still pending with contractor

Solicitor Report: James Lanzo

- Nothing to report

Mayor Report: James Iudiciani, Sr.

- Car show – we have to pay \$2600 for porta johns that were burned down.
- Future projects: Park, Watson, Stavich Trail, Siphon replacement, 289 paving, guardrail, erosion control
- Joann would like a strategic plan
- Future Riverfront Park projects: profit center (closing in pavilion), dog park, Frisbee golf, little homes
- Would like to get upgraded equipment for the Southside Park
- Sign at bridge - \$900 needed to match Castlo

Legislation:

- Already discussed. Vacating Robinson Ct and Pavilion Rental agreement.
- Will need legislation for creation of UAN line items (Siphon project)
 - Per solicitor – will bring to next meeting

Old business:

- What's the status of Jehovah witness building? She has submitted permits to county to start roof. Will be hooking up with Aqua for water and sewer.
- The trailers are still sitting there

New business:

- McNicholas – Enrichment Group
 - sold tickets at Riverfest and will be doing more at festival for kayak giveaway.
 - having community garage sale on Aug 8 with rain date Aug 9
- McNicholas – any update on additional security for city hall? Joann – nothing yet, will look into camera and contact Romeo or get smart camera.
- D'Onofrio – what's up with the water fountain? Are we fixing? Joann-More than most likely no, cost to keep repairing is high. Mayor suggest we take out.
- D'Onofrio – status of flags? Joann is to get quotes. D'Onofrio-can we put up the new flags that we have already? Yes

- D'Onofrio – Talked with business association regarding help with the flags and porta pottys, they will call the mayor

Mayor requesting council to enter executive session 8:30PM inviting solicitor, village administrator, fiscal officer and zoning inspector to discuss:

- contract consideration
- funding
- pending law suits
- RFQ submittals/contract
- arson investigation
- personnel regionalization
- Motion to go into executive session moved by Durbin 2nd Piscitelli
- Roll Call -yes

Motion to return to regular session moved by McNicholas 2nd Durbin

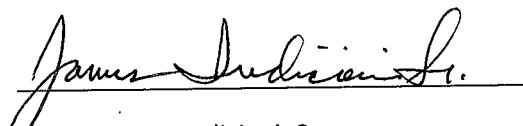
Roll Call – yes

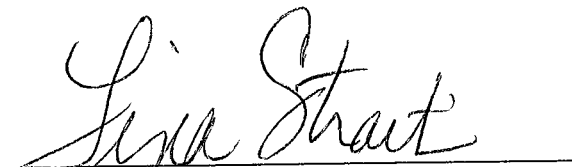
Village Administrator, Joann Esenwein

- Received RFQ for notice of violations from EPA
- Joann recommends with go with MS Consultants
- Motion to enter agreement with MS Consultants for EPA violations moved by McNicholas 2nd Durbin
- Roll Call – yes

Motion for adjournment moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Piscitelli

Roll Call - yes


Mayor James Ludiciani, Sr.


Clerk Tina Strait

