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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEONARD VILLAGE COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 14, 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 opened the meeting in prayer.

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

Absent: None

Present: Clerk, Loree Zelenock; Treasurer, Judy Verse

Motion by Mr. Kennedy to accept the minutes with a correction; Meeting closed at 7:52 PM from the January 10, 2022 regular meeting, second by Mrs. Arundale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Kennedy to accept the agenda with an amendment to add *potholes*, under DPW Update, second by Mrs. Arundale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's Report for January as presented, second by Mrs. Arundale. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: President McDonald, Mrs. Swack, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Arundale and Mr. Kennedy

Motion by Mrs. Arundale to pay bills for January as presented, in the amount of \$7,153.12 for General Fund, \$1,258.87 for Major Fund and \$124.00 for the Local Fund and \$0.00 for Mill/Park Recreation, second by Mr. Kennedy. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mrs. Swack, Mr. Kennedy, President McDonald, Mrs. Arundale and Mr. Hawkins.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS WERE: Mrs. Cindy Ashley and Nikki Reed.

2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Will be presented in the March Village Council meeting after the books are closed.

Motion by Mrs. Swack to close the Regular Meeting of the Leonard Village and open the Truth in Taxation and 2022/23 Budget Public hearing at 7:09 P.M., second by Mrs. Arundale. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mr. Hawkins, President McDonald, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Arundale and Mrs. Swack.

No comments were made by those members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Kennedy to close the Public Hearing and re-open the Regular Meeting of the Leonard Village at 7:11 P.M., second by Mrs. Swack. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mrs. Arundale, Mrs. Swack, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Kennedy and President McDonald.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nicole Reed, a representative of Green Political Strategy, left her email and phone number if council would like to reach out to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022-23 Budget: The Village tax millage will remain at 7 mills. Increased compensation for Trustees, Planning Commissioners and Administrative Officials will add approximately \$4,000 to the overall budget. The last time compensation was increased was 1996. Motion by Mr.

Kennedy to adopt the 2022-23 budget as presented, second by Mrs. Swack. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: President McDonald, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Swack and Mrs. Arundale.

Village Ordinance for salary and meeting payment: Motion by Mrs. Arundale to adopt code amendment ordinance 1.010, Chapter 2, Section 2.5 of the code of ordinances; compensation of Village Officers, second by Mr. Kennedy. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mrs. Swack, President McDonald, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Arundale and Mr. Hawkins.

Motion by Mr. Kennedy to adopt a resolution of compensation for appointed planning commissioners of the Village of Leonard, second by Mrs. Arundale. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Arundale, Mr. Kennedy, President McDonald and Mrs. Swack.

Mileage reimbursement 58.5 cents per mile: Motion by Mrs. Arundale to adhere to the new IRS standard mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile for work use, second by Mr. Kennedy. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Ayes: Mrs. Arundale, Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Swack, President McDonald and Mr. Kennedy

ARPA Policy and Project: The American Recovery Plan Act provides relief funds for local governments that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. These funds can be used to make necessary investment in water sewer and broadband infrastructure. \$21,000 in funds The Village of Leonard received has not been allocated so far. Approximately \$42,000 in total funds are available if we select the standard deduction, allowing the village more flexibility on how the funds is allocated. Motion by Mr. Kennedy to approve the standard deduction of ARPA funds and apply the funds to drains and sewers, second by Mrs. Swack. All in favor. Motion carried.

Village Council and Committee calendar adoption for 2022-23: Motion by Mrs. Arundale to adopt the 2022-23 meeting calendars for NOTA, The Village Council, OACC, Polly Ann Trail Management Council, Planning Commission, Strawberry Festival Committee & Decorating Committee, second by Mrs. Swack. All in favor. Motion carried.

CDBG MHR approval: An urgent matter came to the attention of President McDonald on February 7th where a terminally ill grant eligible resident had a heating outage and could not afford repairs. Time was of the essence to have a heating contractor make repairs before incurring further damage. Application paperwork was completed by the resident and will be submitted upon approval from council. Motion by Mrs. Arundale to approve the application for assistance for 98 East Elmwood, second by Mrs. Swack. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Sewer Study Update: The Village is in the early stages of planning and Rowe Professional Services continues to evaluate the feasibility and costs involved in a sanitary sewer system.

DPW UPDATE: Mr. Kennedy observed pot holes located on Forest Street by the Poly Ann Trail crossing. Don will evaluate how much patch is needed and fill the holes.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

FOIA Requests: We regularly get calls from individuals interested in growing marijuana for recreation and medicinal use. It's a challenge for a small community because infrastructure, utilities, police, and ordinance enforcement are needed to manage these operations.

CDBG Report: Haynes furnace repair.

Ordinance Enforcement: None.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Summer Festival: 70th annual festival will be held July 16th & will include the Strawberry Derby.

Cable Commission: None.

Decorating Committee: Planning is underway for the Christmas Extravaganza 2022.

Planning Commission: February 17th meeting is canceled.

NOTA: The Lake Orion & Oxford DDA with help of an anonymous donor has a trolley, shuttles will run between the two communities on Thursdays from 12-9 and Saturdays from 10-8

Polly Ann Trail Management Council: Working on equipment maintenance.

Village Park: Waiting for grant approval before moving forward with a feasibility study.

CDBG: The current report does not include the \$821.75 were paid to for repairs on 98 E. Elmwood.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon a motion by Mr. Kennedy and a second by Mrs. Arundale, the council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:11 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Loree Zelenock
Village Clerk