

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE**

**Monday, November 18, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio.

With President of Council Mr. Gerald Jones presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Dann Nivens, Mrs. Betsy Meyer, Mr. Gerald Jones, Mr. William Church, Mrs. Therese Dunphy, and Mr. Matthew Plesich.

Roll call of Council – 6 members present

Absent – Mr. Tim Nichols was excused.

Mr. Jones: Were there any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 7, Council meeting. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Mr. Jones: Called for the reading of ordinances and resolutions by Mr. Housley and assigned the committees.

**First Reading:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 55-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Finance & Appropriations)***

**Second reading:** None

**Third Reading:** None

**Comments from the audience:**

Mr. Jones called on **Chris Feriance** of 2816 Hastings regarding golf cart regulations.

Mr. Feriance distributed a packet regarding the permissible usage and operation of a golf cart. He remarked that within the materials, there is a section of law that says he is permitted to drive his properly licensed golf cart and that it does not require local legislation.

Mr. Heydorn stated that it does.

Mr. Feriance asked Council to consider authorizing the usage of a properly licensed golf carts in the Village.

Mr. Jones stated that Council would consider his request.

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FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE – Mr. Church

ORDINANCE NO.:55-2019

Mr. Church asked Mr. Housley to speak on this ordinance.

Mr. Housley stated that appropriations are requested for items including a return of an advance to the general fund. In the Sewer Fund, \$52,550 to pay for debt service due January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He’s changing the way this debt payment is budgeted for. Previously, it was budgeted for and paid for in the same year. Since the debt payment is much higher due to the Lee Road Sanitary Sewer Project, the debt will be budgeted for and encumbered for in the previous year. In the Service Department for overtime. In the Police Department due to the change in the Police Chief position and in the administrative department. The total changes related to personnel costs overall were \$6,650. He explained that this would have been more, but the Village health benefits were much lower than originally budgeted. All of those are the increases. The reductions are in the storm sewer fund due to Mark not needing to put as much money into maintaining the storm sewers as he has in past years. He stated that in order to be prepared for that he appropriated \$13,000 for it.

Mr. Church brought the legislation out for adoption.

Roll call to suspend the rules:	Yes	6	No	0
Roll call to adopt the legislation:	Yes	6	No	0

The statement of cash position for 10-31-2019 was discussed amongst Council and accepted.

The payment of claims for October 17 and 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6 and 15<sup>th</sup> was accepted as distributed.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

**Mayor Hovey:** Mayor Hovey contacted the person in charge of the petition for sidewalks on Harriet road and they have not gotten back to him yet. He let them know that at this point in time they will not do the engineering unless there is some sort of indication that a substantial majority of the residents on Harriet road would agree to be assessed. He also mentioned that the Deer Cull Program will probably start Saturday. At this point hunting will only be done behind the Service Department. It will be done on the Markowitz property and Crystal Lake property only if and when he gets a written letter from both entities requesting it again. Unless they put it in writing, they won’t do any hunting over there because it is not Village owned property. He stated they would be taking a week off shortly after Thanksgiving because it is gun season and they are not allowed to do arrows.

Chief Norris clarified that as long as they wear hunter’s orange they are allowed to continue. Mayor Hovey then stated that in that case they won’t take a week off. He then stated that Deer Culling season ends in the first weekend of February. Mayor Hovey also reminded Council that

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three of them need to be sworn in for their next term. Mr. Jones said they would get back to him on when they would like to do that. Mayor Hovey stated that he has asked Mr. Housley to provide the Oaths of Office. He also stated that this must be done before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Robert Heydorn, Village Solicitor:** No report. He has been away for about 3 weeks.

Mr. Jones asked when they could expect the rezoning of the school issue to be moved forward.

Mr. Heydorn clarified that this meant when would he have his opinion written up about that. He stated that now that he is back, he will get started working on it.

Mr. Jones asked if it would be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Heydorn said that was reasonable.

**Chief Jamie Norris:** He stated that the Police Department is participating in no-shave November. Team Silver Lake on NoShave.org and all proceeds raise money for cancer. The Police Association has the sleigh and the tree lighting is set for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1<sup>st</sup>. As far as Shop with a Cop, they are shopping with the kids on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. The tickets are \$5 for the raffle. He said that anyone interested in purchasing tickets should stop by the Police Department anytime.

Mr. Jones suggested bringing some of the tickets to the next meeting. Chief Norris said he would talk to Dave Childers and Steve Justice about that tomorrow.

**Mr. Mark Lipan, Service Director:** He stated that the Leaf Program is going ok. 3 people show up everyday and the other 2 show up when they can because they have full-time jobs. He mentioned that there is a hydrant that is leaking near Landon on Kent road. It has to do with the valves, so once leaf season is over, they will dig it up and replace it. He stated it would be tricky because there is a telephone pole right next to it. He also stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Housley tomorrow to see if he has money left over that could be used to buy 3 pieces of equipment (fire hydrant tools and a road saw) that he needs. This would then remove those from the 2020 budget.

**Mr. Sean Housley, Clerk-Treasurer:** He stated that they are still trying to coordinate a group photo of Council for the website. He would like to plan it for the next meeting if everyone is alright with that. He also mentioned that the Summit County bill of \$16,000 for sewage treatment was received for August. It was lower due to significantly less rainfall than last year at this time. He normally budgets \$24-25,000. Year-to-date, we have budgeted \$203,600 and spent approximately \$200,000. Last year the Village spent \$211,000 through August. The difference is due to less rainfall.

Mrs. Dunphy pointed out that there was a big increase between 2016 and 2018, and it was about

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\$109,000. Mr. Housley stated this was due to the new sewer lines in his opinion.

Mr. Housley also reported the Village was reimbursed for a damaged fire hydrant of approximately \$8,200. This was posted to the Sewer Fund in error, and it will be correctly posted to the Water Fund. Also, on September 30<sup>th</sup> the Village received Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Comp (OBWC) rebate of around \$14,000 which was not budgeted for. He reported that back in 2017 House Bill 49 was passed and it froze a small portion of the local government revenues received from the State. This money is beginning to be received now and he has increased the budget by about \$6,000 for it. The OBWC has also cut this year’s premium by about \$7,000. Lastly, regarding income taxes, 239 non-filer letters we sent. There’s a couple of phases to the tax program. First, the non-filer letters are sent, then reconciliations, finally subpoena’s. The current program is running about 30 to 60 days behind where they were last year at this time. He wanted to provide perspective by pointing out that this year they sent 239 and in 2012 they sent out 513 non-filing letters. The letters sent have come down every year since 2012.

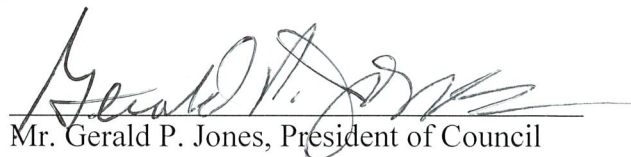
Mr. Nivens discussed uploading current Council and the Planning and Zoning minutes.

Mr. Housley explained the Mayor’s office is entirely responsible for the Planning and Zoning Minutes and the Administration has been uploading the Council minutes. He knows they were a couple of meeting’s behind in uploading them to the Webpage. Mr. Jones the Council President has already addressed this. Sean said that he will assume this role of uploading Council’s minutes instead of the Administrative Department.

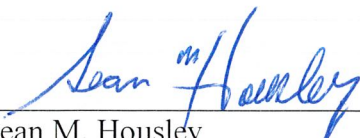
The Mayor stated that the Administration is working on various priorities but he will address the issue of getting the Planning and Zoning minutes uploaded.

There being no further questions or comments, Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Mr. Gerald P. Jones, President of Council

ATTEST:

  
Sean M. Housley  
Clerk-Treasurer

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