

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Hostetler, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Zerkle, and Mr. Leach (8:30 PM). Guests: April King of WPKO, Sharyn Kopf of Bellefontaine Examiner, Jeremy Levan. Ryan Brauen Vice Present of Wessler Engineering also present.

Meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer.

Ryan Brauen of Wessler Engineering explained the difference between Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and water. He explained storm water is rain water, sanitary sewer is toilet water and water is water from the tap. We have 137 manholes and 37,000 miles of sewer pipe – he is proposing smoke testing for sanitary sewer. Mr. Hudson has GPS mapping but he doesn't know what to do with it next. Wessler Engineering can use this and put it in Ezra software. They gave a list of potential grants and loans to Board of Public Affairs trustees. Mr. Brauen said there is very little needs to be done to water system. Mr. Hudson would like to replace fire hydrants and those are about \$7000 per hydrant. The engineering firm does not have a grant writer and he will give a few proposals soon.

The street dept. Labor day hours were discussed. Mr. Spriggs thought it should stay the way it is. Others think they should clock in and other s think they should get 2 hrs. OT per day not 4 hrs.

Liberty Township needs to clean up property on Sidney street.

Council discussed the Chicken Ordinance. The ORC 951.02 would allow chickens but can not be running at large. Council took a vote to pursue allowing chickens. Vote was as follows:

Mrs. Zerkle: No

Mr. Spriggs: Yes

Mrs. Hostetler: No

Mrs. Griffith: No

Ms. Kauffman: No

Mr. Hoffman Yes – he thought there was not at the meeting who wanted chickens but the people that were at the meeting and didn't want chickens didn't have good reasons why they didn't want them.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the minutes of October 10, 2022 was approved as written/read. Motion Carried.

Finance committee explained the Splash Pad resurfacing and the water used invoices. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve payment for the following bills. Motion Carried.

Ohio Child Sport	for Mancini and Puckett	500.96
O'Reilly	cargo straps, blades, etc	183.83
Thomans IGA	water	18.00
WL Bldg Supply	ramps	147.29
AES	electric Dodge	20.87
O'Reilly	antifreeze	16.99
AES	electric L/B	198.37
Mark Nelson	72 reg 8 hol	1035.55
Brian Snider	50 hr 10 SL	823.04
Missy Hughes	60 hrs	585.25
Missy Hughes	pay increase hours	69.94
Shane Freehauf	65.5 hrs 8 hol 2.5 SL	1115.78
Bill Detrick	salary	1371.89
John Puckett	80 reg 11 OT 8 hold	1498.89
Shane Oelker	salary	1609.94
Lee Deloye	80 reg 8 hol 1 OT	1470.44
Darren Dunham	18.5 hrs.	305.25
Brett Mancini	71 hrs 20 military 8 hol	1189.35

RITA	municipal tax	380.35
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Ohio School Dist.	school tax	430.19
Allied Waste	recycling	3118.45
Your Hometown Tech	emails	112.00
Ohio Dept. taxation	state tax	864.87
Ohio School Tax	school tax	416.91
Wex Bank	gasoline	1787.98
RITA	municipal tax	362.39
Ohio Dept. taxation	state tax	829.71
IRS	WH MC EMP MC	1981.92
RRR Tire Service	tires tractor	722.53
Phillip Horner	return adv dep	3.00
Corporate Health	drug testing	75.00
Cherokee Run Landfill	31.61 Tn	2046.43
Quill	toner	723.92
BD OF PA	water for splash pad	8779.86
My splash pad	opening and closing	3875.00
Berry Digital	emails	59.76
PS & L	loan 57439	2201.26
Statewide Ford	computers	3255.00
Civista	health savings	3774.96
Anthem Life	life ins.	50.00
Bellefontaine Examiner	Donnan mailings	71.91
Rabenstein Electric	electric upgrade Lions	500.00
AE David	uniforms	623.70
Bill Detrick	bolts	24.98
Anthem Medical	medical ins.	6739.14
Fire Safety	pump test	300.00
Fire Safety	bar graph	865.50
Lowes	supplies	75.67
Bates Equipment	motor for air compressor	475.00
Spectrum	internet	149.97
SCA	street sweeping	1200.00
TSC	gloves, bungees, et	39.94
AES	electric	28.40
Miami Valley	street lighting	2090.65
Cherokee Run Landfill	38.01 Tn	2460.80
AES	electric library	57.55

Mrs. Griffith said Beth from Korda contacted her about applying for another grant. Ms. Griffith told her we have thought about a pre-fab bridge. She will be having a bridge meeting Wednesday at 6:30 PM to plan fundraisers.

If anyone can help decorate for Christmas – please show up Sunday at 2:00 PM. We will be replacing the Pink flags with America Flags. And hanging wreaths.

BJ Yoder sent a letter regarding the concealed carry ordinance that does not match up with the ORC code.

Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith and Clerk Boyd went to an informational meeting about solar fields last Friday. It was just information.

It was discussed to change Clerk/Treasurer to Fiscal Officer. Most Clerks are now Fiscal Officers as communicated at OML meeting in Columbus last week. This position would be appointed by Mayor and approved by Council.

Fire Chief Leach was here to tell council the asso. paid \$1600 for a new light bar and paid over \$17,000 for hose and equipment for new truck. Chief Leach said the old chief vehicle is needing a new transmission again and is working on getting a price for a truck.

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If we were to purchase a new fire engine it would be 2 years before delivery. A vendor is coming to spec a truck. The newest truck is 20 years old. Chief received a call from Mickey Smith and he messed up twice on grants. Jim Newland is applying for a regional grant and there is a fee. Mr. Smith was cheaper but Chief feels the regional grant is the best way to go.

The engine is working but the brakes need adjusted and may need replaced. B & A Service will be looking at them. If brakes and rotors need replace it will be \$4400.00.

Chief Leach said the tanker is out of service and waiting on a part which is on backorder. This will be about \$500 for parts and labor.

Mr. Detrick said leaves are being picked up.

Resolution 2022-R17 entitled "WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the federal **Land and Water Conservation Fund** program" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Resolution 2022-R17 on first and final reading.

Business of the Month for November is Maries Candies – please join us on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am to present award. December nominations are LeVans Excavating, McMillin Co and Malia Hughes, Fathom Realty.

Mr. Hoffman will write for the newsletter in December, Mrs. Griffith in January and Mrs. Zerkle in February.

Mayor McKelvey said all the grant money for the demo at the old elementary school is all gone and we did not get any.

Thank you Chris Moell for donating Glow Sticks for Beggars Night.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve Clerk Boyd to purchase a color copier in the amount of \$300.00. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Hostetler discussed evaluations and flex time.

Clerk Boyd said the new safety surface for the splash pad in being installed today.

Clerk Boyd and Mrs. Griffith will be working on records retention policy.

Employee paychecks will be ready by 3:00 pm on paydays and discussion of an improper interaction with the secretary.

Clerk Boyd attended the safety council on BWC fraud.

Important dates:

October 25 at 9:30 am Cyber security (training for employees, protections we have, what we can do with all the cyber attacks to prevent damage to our system)

October 26 at 9:30 am Chief Shane and training 11 weeks

October 27 from 6-7:30 pm is Trick or Treat; Halloween Spooktacular from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

October 28 11 am - Hackers Can Be Spooky: The Importance of Security Awareness webinar

November 1 - November Business of the Month - Marie's Candies at 9 am

November 2 - Stars in Business at Holland Theater 6 pm (must register in advance)

November 3 - Logan County Chamber First Thursday Sweetie Pie's/Town Hall at 8 am

November 4 - Champaign County First Friday Spotted Owl Coffee Bar at 7:30 am

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November 4-5 Christmas Open House for local shops from 10-5 pm each day

November 8 - Election Day - polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm (voting at the Yoder Center at Adriel)- electric and aggregation on the ballot (AES asking PUCO to raise rates next year)

November 10 - Veterans' Day Celebration from 6-8 pm (watching the compilation of the taped veterans' stories and cake for veterans, families, and public)

November 17 - LUC Annual Dinner at 6:30 pm in East Liberty

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 9:16 PM. Motion Carried.

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Clerk/Treasurer Cindee M. Boyd

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Mayor Jill C. McKelvey