

Council August 25, 2022

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Hostetler, Mrs. Zerkle, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Solicitor Moell, Chief Oelker and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None. Guests: Kevin Stiltner and Tammy Vigar – residents and Travis Ivan, Logan County Health Commissioner, and Sharyn Kopf of Bellefontaine Examiner.

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

Mrs. Hostetler and Mrs. Zerkle would like a job description for all supervisors.

Travis Ivan, Logan County Health Commissioner explained the new COVID guidelines. He was here to discuss the levy being on the ballot. This is an inside millage and funds would come back to the Village. The residents would pay more, which would be an average of \$75 per household. The Village pay \$14927.41 and this would go away.

Miami Valley Junk Removal gave an estimate of \$1200 to remove the junk out of the upstairs of the Library and \$300 to Ozone the storage room behind the community room. They will be here August 29th after United Way Care Day.

United Way Volunteers will be here Friday to move things from the storage room to community room. All boxes and shelves need to be removed to get moisture and mold out of the storage room.

Discussed Poultry again within the Village corp. Mrs. Zerkle talked with many Village and no one had any problems but they do not allow roosters. She talked with St. Paris, Mechanicsburg, and North Lewisburg. Mr. Spriggs said they can not be "free range." Mrs. Griffith said she has had some talk to her and do not want chickens in Village Corp.

Mayor McKelvey talked about contractors paying a fee of \$25 to register with the Village. We want to protect residents from just hiring anyone. Ordinance 2022-14 "Registration of Contractors for the Village of West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio" was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to pass Ordinance 2022-14 on first reading only. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Zerkle will write a "Did you Know" article for the newsletter.

Kevin Stilner and Tammy Vigar was here to ask for a variance to dig a well and septic. They bought 15 acres and it will cost about 70K-100K to hook up to water and sewer. Mr Hudson also said even if they did get water to them it would trickle. This is not feasible.

Chief Oelker asked if John Puckett can fill the FT position. He has 325 Sick Leave hrs. from Ft. Loramie. Council agreed he can bring it with him. Clerk will need a letter from Ft. Loramie. He will start at \$22.00 per hour. His start date will be August 26 2022. His anniversary is May 1, 2022 and wants his vacation to start then. Clerk Boyd will look at the Ordinance and she thinks it has to be full time to earn vacation. He will get another raise in January. He will not need a physical for Ohio Police and Fire – his physical is still good. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve John Puckett to full time.

Ordinance 2022-15 entitled "AN ORDINANCE FOR JUNK VEHICLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO" was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Ordinance 2022-15 on first reading only. Motion Carried. 6-0 Mr. Hoffman attended the Logan County Safety Council last week.

Ms. Kauffman talked to Tom Allen and ODOT about parking for fishing at Madriver and maybe fishermen can use bank and Thomans for parking. Madriver is one of the very few rivers with trout. Some council members are concerned with 50 MPH with ppl fishing, kayaking, parking on the bridge on SR 68.

Mrs. Hostetler said the training with Allister went well. Bellefontaine, Mechanicsburg, St. Paris, Urbana, and West Liberty all attended. They all took turns cutting and trimming trees at Lions park.

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Mr. Detrick and Jeremy Keller walked 5 hours and marked trees for trimming or removing. They marked 55 trees to be taken down and 47 is on the watch list. They want to send letters informing residents about their trees. We are a Tree City USA and need information. If someone can't pay how can be help. If a tree falls in the street at Mechanicsburg, Urbana and St Paris – they cut up and haul the tree away but WL takes it off the street and leaves it in the yard who owns the tree.

Resolution 2022-R12 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED" was read. This is for OPWC monies for paving. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adopt Resolution 2022-R12 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

The state does not mow the guardrail anymore because its annexed into the corporation. We don't have a mower with an arm – so we will ask the trustees to mow it. Mayor will talk with trustees.

Street Dept. update: Shane Long concrete is done with catch basin on SR 68 and will finish up with others.

There needs to more draining at the Shell station.

Mr. Detrick also got the tree tags from Jeremy Keller.

The garage is repaired and painted.

Labor Day discussion: Pickrelltown Rd. may be closed during Labor Day festivities from the recycled bridge to the Pickrelltown Rd. Bridge. There will be kids section in this area. The WTP employees need to get to the WTP plant.

Mayor McKelvey and Mrs. Griffith will be meeting with Mr. Detrick, Chief Oelker and Fire Chief Leach about the vultures in the old elementary school tomorrow. Discussing options.

Mrs. Griffith has a fundraising idea for the bridge. She will be selling Dinner with the McKelvey's for \$20.00 each and only 100 tickets will be sold. Whoever has the winning ticket will get dinner with the McKelvey's at Flying Pepper in Bellefontaine.

Mr. Spriggs will have more information on Citizen of the Year next meeting.

Mayor McKelvey sent an email to Matt Huffman asking about the W Columbus St. Bridge and our options. She invited him to the Village to see our town and the bridge.

Ms. Kauffman feels Scott Woodruff, code enforcement Officer has been working for the Village for a year and thinks he needs a raise for all that he has done. She will have an idea at next meeting.

Finance looked at all the bills today. Some out of the ordinary were Rocking Chairs for the Gazebo and \$1000 month for Your Hometown Tech. Clerk takes it from different funds each month. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the bills in the amount of \$62,671.06. Motion Carried.

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25.00

Robert Hughes	refund	1925.00
Bill Detrick	salary	1371.89
Shane Freehauf	48 reg 32 vac 72.75 hrs. 4 pers. 3.25	1115.78
Mark Nelson	SI	1035.55
Shane Oelker	salary	1609.94
Lee Deloye	72 reg 8 pers.	1338.21
Darren Dunham	20 hrs.	280.79
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Brett Mancini	56 military 24 hrs.	945.31
John Puckett	29 hrs.	399.15
Brian Snider	77 hrs.	1051.56
Ohio Child Support	for Mancini	302.16
Allied Waste	recycling pick up	3118.45
Wex Bank	gasoline	786.04
Ohio Police and Fire	retirement	3979.17
IRS	WH MC EMP MC	1510.36
Ohio Deferred Com	for Boyd	80.00
Concord Inspections	ladder inspection	500.00
Mayor Assoc.	membership	50.00
RD holder	fuel	1130.89
O'Reilly Auto	seal beam	55.08
Your Hometown Te	IT services	1000.00
Lowes	supplies	67.80
SCA	street sweeping	1200.00
Cindee Boyd	rocking chairs	179.96
Shane Freehauf	license pesticide	35.00
Cherokee Run Land	32.18 TN	1993.57
Solomon Garage	police oil change etc.	159.03
Doug Lash	services	200.00
Spectrum	internet	149.97
Long Concrete	catch basin	2500.00
Fire Safety Service	hydrotest	140.00
VASU	radio repairs	31.90
WL Bldg. Supply	white paint	6.29
Quill	TP PT etc.	157.48
Miami Valley Light	street lights	2170.7
TSC	weed killer	212.94
P S & L	police building loan paint garage and repairs	2201.26
Stidhams Rabenstein Electric	SNP repairs	4750.00
Ohio dept. comm	training	202.20
Boldman	incident reports	50.00
Cindee Boyd	reimbursed 2 events	60.00
Civista	health savings	26.00
Treasurer State OH	marcs radio	3166.63
Phoenix Safety	gear	780.00
		18620.00

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Board of Public Affairs recommended Mr. Hudson receive a \$4000 raise like other supervisors. The vote at the Board meeting was 2-1. One board member thinks all employees should get a raise at the same time in January. Lack of a motion. Failed. Mrs. Zerkle and Mrs. Hostetler will be working on evaluation study and employees will be getting a raise based on job performance and keeping up with standards.

The water department has 2 vehicles for sale. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve them to put on Govdeals.com. Clerk Boyd will get pictures and paperwork filled out.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Griffith to go into executive session at 9:09 to discuss real estate. Motion Carried. 6-0

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Out of executive session at 9:35 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to go into executive session again at 9:36 PM to discuss real estate different issue. Motion Carried. 6-0

Out of executive session at 9:46 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to go into executive session at 9:47 PM to discuss real estate different issues from the first two. Motion Carried. 5-0

Out of executive session at 9:59 PM.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve water department to purchase a used service truck from Jeremy Levan it does need \$3600 in repairs. Motion Carried. Clerk will have an Ordinance next meeting.

Parks and Recreation board meets again September 22nd.

Liberty Township bought a 1st responders building for Lions Park for Fireworks, Labor Day, etc. Lions Club approved and they will decide where to put it.

Woodworx gave a quote to seal and stain the gazebo in the amount of \$1240.00. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve this sealing and staining to gazebo. Motion Carried.

My Splash Pad gave a quote of \$5290.00 to rebind the safety surface. SNP will pay \$2500 if Village will pay for the rest. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve this quote for rebinding of the safety surface. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to adjourn at 10:16 PM. Motion Carried.

Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Jill C. McKelvey