Council August 24, 2021

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was: Mayor Mrs. McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Yoder, Ms. Kauffman, Mr. Keller, Mr. Hyland and Clerk Boyd. Guests: Daniel Lyons, WPKO radio, Linda Vernon, Barb (Smith) Trimble, Matt Hull, Jeremy Levan, Kendell Levan, Mike Piper, Garrett Schoenleben, and Patrol Officer Darren Dunham. Absent: None.

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

Linda Vernon applied for a Logan Land Trust grant for an AARP grant. The Village received $11500.00 for a development of a park and we will use it for a shelter, bike repair station, etc. We need to make a plan and need a committee. The Cousins of Ricketts family want to help with planting trees or a shelter. Bev Yoder, Barb (Smith) Trimble and Linda Vernon will be on this committee with others from the Ricketts family.

Jeremy Levan and Matt Hull were here to update council on Country Legends Concert. They will have a metal detector for every spectator, stripping for parking will be done and 800 parking spaces can be marked with an additional 300 at local churches. Gates will open at 2:00 PM. WLS Sophomore class will be picking up trash and paid for their prom fund. Council wanted to thank Jeremy Levan for installing water lines at the park.

Jeremy Levan still wants to start a Parks and Recreation District. Mr. Keller talked with WLS and they were OK with this. They need to meet soon and continue to work on this.

Mike Piper, President of Lion’s Club was here to tell Council about WiFi at Lions Park. CT Communications will install WiFI in the amount of $1355.00 plus $99.00 and $74.00 monthly. This would be used for tickets at Concert, it can be used for cameras, and everyone who wants WIFI at the park. This will be installed Thursday. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to approve to pay half of the install of WiFi. Motion Carried. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to pay monthly for WiFi to Lions Club. Motion Carried. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0.

Mr. Harrison has worked on new restroom cost for Lions Club. It was about $139,825.00 to tear out the old and install the new. Choice One Engineering cost is $1,000.00 for apply for Natureworks grant. They can also apply for a 50/50 grant and Mary Elanor Morris Fund. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Ms. Yoder to approve to pay $1000 for engineering costs. Motion Carried.

The Labor Day parade will be Saturday at 10:30 AM. Fire Chief Conrad Hostetler will be the Grand Marshall.

 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hyland to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hyland, Street Department committee received a quote for engineering to construct a salt bin in the amount of $2500.00. There are several reasons to use only salt. Salt is easier on the storm drains, won’t have to sweep twice in the spring, salt melts ice better, etc. Clerk Boyd asked how much a salt bin would cost. Mr. Hyland thought about 25K-30K. Clerk Boyd asked what salt vs grit costs and thought we needed more information before acting on this. Mr. Hyland said to the Clerk “you have been against Bill this whole time and you are here to keep minutes and not speak” Clerk Boyd said I am the fiscal officer and I have an opinion on how money is spent within the Village. Mayor McKelvey said we need to go into executive session. A MOTION was made Mr. Keller seconded by Ms. Kauffman to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:50 PM. Motion Carried.

Out of executive session at 8:03 PM.

Mr. Keller asked if the bin is needing replaced. Mr. Hyland said it is in bad shape. Mr. Keller said so we can use this engineering to build a salt bin or grit bin. Mr. Hyland said yes. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Keller to approve $2500.00 to engineer to salt bin. Motion Carried.

Five catch basins need to be ordered from NEI Foundry with installation in the amount of about $15,000.00. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Keller to approve replacing the catch basins and funds will be out of SHI. Motion Carried. 5-0

Chip and seal was complete on Sidney and Pickrelltown Rd. Fog seal will be done soon. Paving on E. Newell is also complete.

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Mr. Detrick met with EPA and will be doing the paperwork to change dump classification to a type 4.

Mr. Detrick and crew has been working on low hanging limbs. They had 14 truckloads.

A policy needs to be in place to have call in hours. If an employee is called in there is a 2-hour minimum for street department. Police gets 3 hours and water dept. gets 2 hours. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve 2-hour minimum for street dept. Motion Carried. 5-0

Jeremiah Seamless gave a quote to repair the fire dept. spouting in the amount of $900.00 and police dept. $390.00. A MOTION was made by Ms. Yoder seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve Jeremiah Seamless to repair police/fire dept. Motion Carried.

 A MOTION was made by Mr. Keller seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of $50,251.08. Motion Carried. Finance asked the going rate for auto service per hour. They were not sure if $80 per hour was the going rate. There was also a typo stating Mr. Freehauf was paid out of police but he was not.

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| Shane Long Concrete | Apron on SR 68 | $4,100.00  |
| Bill Detrick | Salary | $1,306.43  |
| Shane Freehauf | Salary | $1,081.64  |
| Mark Nelson | 63.00 Hrs, 17 Sick hrs | $951.81  |
| Lee Deloye | 69 Hrs, 8 sick hrs, 3 hrs vaca | $1,205.57  |
| Darren Dunham | 27.00 Hrs | $292.99  |
| Kyle Fickle | 8.00 Hrs | $85.85  |
| Bret Mancini | 80.00 Hrs | $716.25  |
| Shane Oelker | Salary, 16 vaca, 16 personal | $1,480.52  |
| Brett Ullom | 80 Hrs, 12 OT | $1,178.13  |
| Ohio Child Support | Child Support payment | $302.16  |
| Allied Waste | Recycling | $3,005.43  |
| IRS | WH MC Emp. MC | $1,316.13  |
| Wex Bank | Gasoline | $616.22  |
| Tom Cooksey | Services on 8-24-21 | $100.00  |
| Miami Valley Lighting | Street Lights | $2,172.00  |
| CJ Hostetler | Bearing on fire car | $780.00  |
| WL Bldg Supply | Traffic Paint | $35.99  |
| Tom Cooksey | Services on 8-13-21 | $100.00  |
| Jill McKelvey | Binder | $10.66  |
| O'Reilly | Hose | $62.22  |
| Shane Freehauf | ODA License | $35.00  |
| LeVan's | Wheel | $513.00  |
| Boldman Printing | Copies | $97.00  |
| Treasurer of Ohio | Annual MDT Fees | $1,200.00  |
| WL Bldg Supply | Supplies | $9.63  |
| People's Savings & Loan | Loan | $2,201.26  |
| People's Savings & Loan | Principal on Trash Truck | $1,735.00  |
| WL Bldg Supply | Supplies | $15.99  |
| O'Reilly | Blue Def | $90.93  |
| Civistas Media, LLC | Public Notice | $112.35  |
| Logan Lawn & Landscaping | Veteren's Park | $400.00  |
| Concord Inspection | Ladder testing & inspection | $398.00  |
| Fire Safety Services | Equipment Testing | $1,379.00  |
| Fire Safety Services | PPE Equipment | $1,321.06  |
| O'Reilly | Air Hose | $10.53  |
| DPL | Electricity | $139.39  |
| Berry Digital Solutions | Emails | $59.76  |
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| Cindee Boyd | Stamped Envelopes | $663.30  |
| Wastezero | Trash bags | $17,031.30  |
| Logan Co. Health Dist. | Hep B for Nelson | $80.00  |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | Trash Removal | $1,858.58  |
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Ordinance 2021-15 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. This was to approve Mr. McCain wages, hours worked and benefits. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hyland to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

Mr. Keller said there is a conflict with the current ordinance and ordinance that Code Enforcement wants to pass. He will talk with Mr. Woodruff.

Mr. McCain has started patrol and Mr. Mancini is back. Mr. Hager is on medical leave said Chief Oelker.

Chief will be submitting an invoice to Civista and paying officers for extra coverage after the bank was robbed. Officers will be paid $25.00 per hour.

Chief Oelker said everyone is ready for Labor Day and he is well prepared for the beer garden coverage.

The bike Patrol in-service training has been postponed.

Mr. Hyland and Ms. Yoder will be conducting a brief safety plan but no OSHAA since we are a municipality.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Ms. Yoder to go into executive session at 8:47 PM to discuss safety personnel. Motion Carried.

Out of executive at 8:51 PM.

WLBA wants to move forward with putting electric on the top of the light fixtures downtown. Eric Esh gave an estimate of $550.00 for all four lights fixtures. We want it to turn on at nights and turn on during the day. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hyland to allow Eric Esh to installed electric for lights on decorative light posts downtown. Motion Carried.

WLBA have ordered brochures in the amount of $4000. They asked if the Village could cover some of the cost of these. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to agree to pay $1000.00 for the WLBA Brochures to be taken out of the contingency fund . Motion Carried. 5-0

Korda had given us an agreement for the bridge. It cannot be a vehicle bridge but can be pedestrian bridge. The engineering will be about $7225.00 and budgeted $25,000.00 this year. TAC program is 80/20 and a pedestrian bridge is cheaper. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hudson will be talking about the sewer and water grant update at the next meeting.

Beautification Award will be given Sunday September 6th at 1:00 PM at Labor Day Festival.

Purple Heart Stones are ordered and have some back. They are beautiful. Reminder Purple Heart Ceremony will be October 21st at 6:00 PM starting at Veterans Park then moving to Quest Community Church for light refreshments and a chance for veterans to speak about their experience. We have reached out to WLS and BL bands to play patriotic songs during the dedication. Chief Leach has a ladder truck coming from Urbana and Bellefontaine with a flag hanging between them.

Subdivision Regulations are being revised then passed once we get corrections back form Engineers.

Clerk sent minutes to mywestliberty.com emails but not everyone has the emails set up. They are working on them.

The sidewalk at Liberty Machine Shop former location is in terrible shape. Code Enforcement Officer will send a letter to realtor.

The bike Tour will be September 12th and there will be about 150-200 bicyclist will be coming through West Liberty. All businesses know.

The newsletter was mailed our again this month.

Jay and Kathy sent a Thank you for naming the alley behind Marie’s Candies.

Thank you card was sent by the Moell family for the passing of solicitor’s Mom. Our deepest sympathy.

The 20th anniversary of the September 11 will be holding a moment of silence at different community’s around Logan and Champaign County. They will be in West Liberty about 10:50 am.

The ARP funding should be in the bank within the next few weeks. We need a firm cost for engineering for peakfiber internet.

Concept Plan for West Liberty was found in storage room behind the Library. Will look at this and see if it will work for subdivision plans.

United Way will paint picnic tables Friday. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve to pay for pizza and pie for the volunteers. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to go into executive session at 9:44 PM to discuss personnel. Motion Carried.

Our of executive session at 9:51 PM.

Scott Woodruff is looking into property cleanup projects and propane tank above ground.

Adriel School will be having their 125 year celebration on October 16th – 700 pm. Encourage everyone to attend.

Garett S. was here to ask a few questions but he has two minutes to speak for public participation. He asked about changing the minutes of July 12th and he wants a meeting with Planning commission. He can have a copy of LUC concept form 1971 for $11.00.

 A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to adjourn at 10:05 pm. Motion Carried.

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