Council January 23, 2023

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Hostetler, Mrs. Zerkle, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None. Guests Eric Daus and Rebecca Scarbrough of Wessler engineering. April King of WPKO radio and Sharyn Kopf of Bellefontaine Examiner.

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

Mayor McKelvey had a moment of silence for Eric Evans, owner of Ohio Caverns and Ron Pusey, longtime Lions Club Member who passed away over the past few weeks.

Rebecca Scarbrough explained the options for flood and stormwater proposal. They had a storm water master plan and if we choose on-call service it would be about $10,000, depends how many times she will need to attend meetings. They also gave council a quote for Scope of basic services for Stormwater Master Plan in the amount of $79,000.00. The lead time would be 210 days weather permitting.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded Mrs. Hostetler to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Griffith updated Council on the W Columbus St. Bridge. The Mayor, Mrs. Griffith and Clerk met with a structural engineering through zoom and he will come at look at the structure of the bridge to see if just a deck can be put on or does the bridge have to be replaced completely. This cost will be about $5000 and the bridge group will cover this cost.

The Land Bank opened bids January 31st. Two bids included the old elementary school and one did not. The next meeting will be January 31st to move forward.

Mrs. Zerkle and Mrs. Hostetler discussed the crosswalk painting. Mr. Detrick likes the dash lines for the crosswalks and the parking spaces need to be painted.

Mrs. Zerkle said the newspaper article from last meeting was harsh to Mr. Detrick. She feels we need to watch what we say.

Clerk Boyd said a few residents have asked to see the list of registered contractors.

We are looking for Veteran Women to video tape and discuss their military service. We have 20 flags needing replaced but we are looking into new brackets and put flag banners on them. Mr. Spriggs is working on this.

Council nominated Pop’s Uniquities, Logan Lawn and Landscaping, and Theresa’s Gingerbread House for business of the month for March.

Logan County Health board has an opening for a member on the District Advisory Council. If anyone is interested please send your resume to Logan County Health Dept. c/o Travis Irvan. Anyone applying must live in Logan County. The board of Health meets on the 2nd Wed at 1:00 PM. They will be voting in March.

MJAD Chief is looking into CPR life saving device for someone having a heart attack.

Mrs. Griffith was contacted by Michael Layne to start a Christian digital station and focusing on West Liberty. He wants a place to have an office.

Mrs. Griffith was also contacted about a branch on a powerline. Clerk will get the address and call- line clearing number.

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A MOITON was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve to pay the following bills in the amount of $54654.18. Motion Carried. No questions were asked.

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| Bill Detrick | salary | 1371.89 |
| Shane Freehauf | 71 reg 8 hol 1 pers. | 1115.78 |
| Mark Nelson | 51 hrs. 8 hol 5 pers 8 vac | 1035.55 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Missy Hughes | 55.75 rg 6 hol | 690.68 |
| Cintas | mat office | 46.52 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 206.05 |
| Brian Snider | 74.5 reg 8 hol | 1168.99 |
| John Puckett | 80 reg 9 OT 8 Hol | 1650.13 |
| Hodge Hager | 16 hrs./ | 219.78 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1650.13 |
| Darren Dunham | 10.5 hrs | 147.78 |
| Lee Deloye | 80 reg 8 hol 1.5 OT | 1480.89 |
| Bret Mancini | 50 reg 30 mil 16.5 OT 8hol | 1364.94 |
| Centerpoint | natural gas | 63.86 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett Mancini | 500.00 |
| Wex Bank | gasoline | 1649.17 |
| Quill | supplies | 307.02 |
| Uattend | timeclocks | 77.00 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 2159.84 |
| BWC | policy | 2882.64 |
| Limitless Creation | plague | 30.00 |
| O'Reillys Auto | jump starter and battery | 272.90 |
| Your Hometown tech | emails | 112.00 |
| Your Hometown tech | IT | 1000.00 |
| Berry digital | emails | 71.91 |
| Ohio Utilities | fee | 105.59 |
| Coast to Coast | evidence boxes | 1900.39 |
| O'Reillys | dump truck | 113.53 |
| Compton Power | mower parts | 13.42 |
| Lawn Masters | brush clean up | 6700.00 |
| Farmers Equipment | lamp tractor | 45.25 |
| AES | electric | 501.32 |
| Breathing Air Systems | maintenance | 1095 |
| Miami Valley Lighting | street lights | 2104.96 |
| PS & L | loan 57439 | 2201.26 |
| Waster Zero | trash bags | 11173 |
| Missy Hughes | reimbursed | 27.46 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 10.00 |
| Civista | health savings | 5083.29 |
| O'Reillys | blue def | 28.98 |
| Cherokee run Landfill | 33.60 Tn | 2175.28 |
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Ordinance 2022-18 “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEESFOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve Ordinance 2022-18 on third and final readying. Motion Carried. – 6-0 Water/sewer superintendent hour were modified to 80 hrs every two weeks.

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Ordinance 2023-01 entitled “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to pass Ordinance code on 2nd reading. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2023- 03 “Annual Appropriation Ordinance” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman passed appropriations on 1st reading. Motion Carried.

Clerk will create an Ordinance 2023-04 for part-time work for water/sewer dept. to work weekends. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to pay Mr. Freehauf $180 for the services the past two weekends. Motion Carried.

Clerk Boyd said the direct deposit will not be happening right away but we will start the week delay on Feb 9th pay period. PS & L just signed the contract for the direct deposit.

Ordinance 2023-02 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO, AND PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION THEREOF, BILLING MONTHLY” as read. Board of Public Affairs trustees recommend a 3% increase for water and sewer rates. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to pass Ordinance 2023-02 first reading only. Motion Carried. This ordinance will be in effect April 1, 2023. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2023-R5 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHROZING THE CLERK OF VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY TO OPEN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT WITH PEOPLES SAVINGS AND LOAN WEST LIBERTY, OHIO, LOGAN COUNTY.” was read. This CD will be opened for Fire Department from the Duce and half truck they sold for $12,000.00. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to adopt Resolution 2023-R5 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

Safety Council was Thursday with BWC director of OSHA. Mrs. Zerkle said the director did not come but they talked about BWC safety grant. She thought the fire dept. could apply for gear.

Chief Leach is getting specs for a Fire truck and quote and looking into grants and zero percent loan options.

Resolution 2023-R4 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR AND CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF One (1) 2023 F150 4 x 4 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO” was read. Mr. Detrick received a quote for 2023 F150 truck 4x4 in the amount of $39,486.36 from White’s Service in Urbana. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adopt Resolution 2023-R4 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

The West Columbus St. project is scheduled to be bid first half of March and bid packets and timeline must be approved by Council before bidding.

Town Hall spouting and library spouting is needing repaired or cleaned out.

The guardrail on CR 5 and SR 68 will not be replaced right now but we may put reflectors on it. Mr. Detrick said it was good enough right now.

Park committee met January 12th and discussed Dodge Park needing electrical upgrade in the amount of about $3000.00. They have a $5000 credit from AES. They are looking for an AED for Dodge park. Council would like to see an AED at Lions Park, Town Hall and Dodge Park. Looking at grants.

Mr. Spriggs has quotes for cameras at Parks. Lions Park is $4516.00 for Splash Pad and Dodge Park was $3421.00 and Sherman Ricketts park $4616.00.

Suicide prevention signs will be installed when the weather warms up.

Lions Park office has the foundation installed and they are looking at sealing the walking track.

Congratulations to Solomon’s Garage for Business of the Year.

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Public Awareness training with Your Hometown Tech with Shawn Suter for the community is scheduled March 21st at Green Hills Foundation Hall. The purpose is helping residents be aware of how to spot online scams and spam account including phone scams.

Mayor McKelvey attended Logan County Mayors Meeting and found out about free sewer testing for disease for outbreaks. We need to ask Mr. Hudson about this testing.

Mayor McKelvey reported property tax is reassessed by Ohio Dept. of Taxation and is required by law. Logan County doesn’t have a choice and has no ability to change it.

**Important Dates**

February 13 - Council meeting at 7 pm

January 25 - at 6:30 pm meeting with Lions Club, WLBA, and Village to discuss events planned for 2023 and how we can work together and coordinate events

January 31 at 6:30 pm Aggregation follow up meeting at Green Hills Foundation Hall

February 1 at 8:30 am in St. Paris Champaign Economic Partnership

February 1 @10:30 am Business of the Month at Civista Bank

February 2 at 8 am at Sweetie Pie’s for First Thursday Logan County Chamber

February 3 at 7:30 am at Let’s Eat Cake for First Friday Champaign County Chamber (117 Scioto St., Urbana)

Newsletter writers by Month:

March - Trent

April - Joanna

May - Patty

June - Jayne

July - Jim

August - Jayne

September - Jeanette

October - Trent

November - Joanna

December - Patty

February 11th will be Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and February 11th is the Historical Society Valentines Dance.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Motion Carried.

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