Xxx Council May 8, 2023

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Hostetler, Solicitor Moell, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None. Guest Spencer Mitchell St. Paris Administrator and daughter Avery.

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

Spencer Mitchell of St. Paris was here to be an outside person to evaluate our supervisors and find out the details. Mr. Mitchell loves West Liberty and Splash Pad. He said he would love to evaluate our supervisor and he is also looking at how we operate compared to St. Paris. He will evaluate Police Chief, Fire Chief, Cemetery Sexton, Water/Sewer Supervisor and Street Supervisor. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pay Mr. Mitchell $599.00 to evaluate our supervisors and pay mileage. Motion Carried. He will spend 60-90 mins with each supervisor. Clerk will send emails and phone numbers to Mr. Mitchell.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the minutes of April 27th as written/corrected. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve special minutes of April- 27th as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Griffith updated Council on West Columbus Street Bridge. The engineer will meet with us on Friday May 19th 9:00 AM. Mayor and Mrs. Griffith need to go to Heritage and ask if they can help.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to go into executive session to discuss real estate at 7:36 PM. Motion Carried.

Our of executive session at 7:57 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to authorize Clerk and Mayor to enter in a settlement agreement not to change the content of terms and condition. Motion Carried. 6-0

Troop Banners and Broken brackets - replace all brackets by late May/June with grid of Village where each branch of military is found (streets) and added to the APP in quadrants. Mr. Spriggs said he received one black flag pole and installed in front of Sweetie Pies. It is not very sturdy. We will stay with the wooden poles for now but we have new flags.

Old High School - certified letter sent on April 24 and signed for on May 3; condemned structures are still owned by property owners but cannot habitate until brought up to code. They will be charged fees for everyday until its up to code.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the following bills in the amount of $60466.14. Motion Carried.

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| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 pers | 1183.24 |
| Mark Nelson | 80 reg | 1072.29 |
| Lee Deloye | 80 reg 5 OT | 1487.50 |
| Darren Dunham | 4.75 hrs | 66.86 |
| Nate Fickle | 8 hrs | 113.16 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1711.30 |
| John Puckett | 80 reg 14.5 OT | 1364.98 |
| Brett Mancini | 67 hrs | 777.79 |
| Brian Snider | 78.5 hrs | 1097.80 |
| Cont. May 8 23  Ohio Child Support | for Puckett and Mancini | 500.96 |
| Cindee Boyd | salary | 1243.91 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Scott Woodruff | salary | 510.83 |
| Ohio Deferred Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 830.16 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Chris Moell | Solicitor | 550.45 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1000.57 |
| Ohio Dept Taxation | state tax | 833.29 |
| Ohio School Dist. | school tax | 351.39 |
| OPFDPF | retirement | 5268.11 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 361.01 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1829.06 |
| OPERS | retirement | 3861.62 |
| Boldman Printing | newsletters | 177.64 |
| CT Commutation | phones | 404.12 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 687.99 |
| AES | electric | 21.04 |
| AES | electric | 98.73 |
| AES | electric | 41.59 |
| AES | electric | 370.80 |
| O'Reillys | gearbox | 158.16 |
| Ohio Data | phones | 99.93 |
| Statewide Emergency Products | computer etc. | 3255.00 |
| Berry Digital | website | 1500.00 |
| Logan landscaping | mowing for Lions Club | 12850.00 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 278.44 |
| Lowes | PT seed etc. | 73.57 |
| Elle design | business of the month | 41.50 |
| AES | electric L/B | 194.07 |
| Lo Cty Engineer | guardrail | 1332.01 |
| Detectachem | pouches | 557.77 |
| AES | electric | 42.96 |
| Quill | stirrer and holder | 372.73 |
| Dollar General | covers and plates | 11.00 |
| Cintas | mat | 43.27 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 30.49 TN | 2036.44 |
| ATT Mobility | cell phones | 262.08 |
| O'Reillys | def | 55.96 |
| Compton Power | budget | 551.99 |
| Compton Power | starter rope etc. | 67.72 |
| Kelly Septic | porta john and SNP and SKP | 260.00 |
| Cindee Boyd | certified Mail | 7.74 |
| JT Tree Service | brush removal | 6000.00 |
| Mayors Assoc of Ohio | conference | 200.00 |
| Solomon's Garage | tire plug | 25.50 |
| Jill McKelvey | reimbursement for cameras | 44.48 |
| Shane Oelker | mileage | 75.40 |
| Vasu Communications | radio | 69.95 |
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Council members would like to see two estimates if possible for large purchases or repairs.

Mayor discussed the Flood Plain Map **-** the maps are finalized in November 30 - residents will have information in the June newsletter on how to check their properties against the final flood plain map; August Public Meeting **(**August 28 at 6 pm in Town Hall Opera House)with Alicia Silverio (NFIP State Coordinator and Floodplain Management Program Manager) and Allison Fowler (Logan County Floodplain Manager) will be Monday August 28 at 6 pm in the Town Hall Opera House.

Ordinance 2023 - 09 entitled “An Ordinance to Change the elected Position of the Village Clerk/Treasurer to an Appointed Position of Fiscal Officer Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 733.262 for the Village of West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Ordinance 2023-09 on 3rd and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Ordinance 2023-10 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENTOFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass Ordinance 2023-10 on 1st reading only. Motion Carried. He is averaging 55 hours per month and was hired in June 2021 and received only one raise.

Clerk Boyd said we need Community Care Day Projects for August 25(all day projects). Maybe we could serve hot dogs, side dishes and dessert at Lions Park. Lions Club and Village could work together with all volunteers.

Directdeposit implementation in mid-May is still on track.

Mrs. Griffith and Clerk Boyd attend the Land Bank meeting. They think it was very promising after showing trustees the 2nd quote to demo the building. Clerk will contact Mary Oakley to start on matching grant. State of Ohio may be distributing more demo money and will know more July 2nd.

The Pink Out - September 28th starting at 7:30 PM.

Getting ready for Total Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024- glasses need to be ordered if we are going to have available. Clerk Boyd received a quote for 1000 glasses for .48 each. She also found free glasses for libraries. She contacted WL library and asked if they were ordering free glasses.

Discussed Car replacement for Car #3– nothing found yet. Mr. Spriggs looked on Govdeals.com and found a marked vehicle in Columbus and only having 30K miles with 5K hours on engine. Mr. Spriggs sent to Chief Oelker. Council members think an unmarked vehicle is not practical especially after car #1 was also damaged.

Car #1 was in an accident and hit a light pole at South Union Mennonite Church. The repairs are about $8400. Insurance Co is aware of the accident.

Car #2 hit deer and can not be driven at night due to the headlight damage. Sheriff dept is helping at night.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to allow Chief Oelker to look at marked cruisers for up to $15K. Motion Carried.

Chief Oelker has interviewed a Police officer for part time**.** Hewill conduct 2nd interview week

of May 15th.

Chief Oelker sent emails to council, Mayor and Clerk for the capstone Project by Friday May 12 (he sent to the [council@mywestliberty.com](mailto:council@mywestliberty.com) but they did not come through; please check your emails to make sure you got something from him)

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Mr. Detrick received a quote for Seven light poles in the downtown area (two especially in needing of painting at Stoner’s Ice Cream Parlor) and the 8 Decorative light poles and stoplights quote by Superior Painting $7400 (will need to paint the stoplights on a Sunday when there is no semi traffic because we cannot reroute them easily; rest of the painting can be done on other days of the week) A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hostetler seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve Superior Painting to paint in the amount of $7700.00. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Zerkle will attend Safety Council on May 18th at Mary Rutan.

Columbus Street Reconstruction - Construction Observation Engineer - only for key parts of project cost will be $15,000 or under

JT Tree Service is done with dump/ brush site.

Street Sweeping will be Wednesday.

Mr. Detrick used Lions Club roller to roll Dodge Park grounds. Thank you, Lions Club.

Residents/Visitors may not park in Easements or Alleys per ordinance

Guardrail at SR 68 and CoRoad 5 has been repaired by County and has reflectors on it.

Shane Long Concrete gave a quote to Mr. Detrick for a 6 x 6 pad in front of garage for $500 – E Newell Apron south of Liberty/Washington $4200.00 and a catch basin $1500. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve $6200 to repair these things. Motion Carried.

Directional signs for getting people to the parks – Mr. Spriggs will follow up with Mr. Detrick.

Ricketts Park Mural is completed and installed; electricity was installed, but flag pole requires AES approval because of close proximity of the shelter house to the power lines.

Port-a-john for Simon Kenton Bike Path AND the Sherman Ricketts Memorial Park are there now.

Nature Works grant and Ohio Caverns donation for Lions Park decisions on restroom issue - can wait until 2024 to use the grant. Mr. Spriggs will follow up.

Features will be put on the splash pad on May 16th.

Suicide Prevention signs will be installed soon.

There was a work night at Lions Park and the trolley was power washed and does not need painted.

Mayor McKelvey asked If camping can be at Lions Park for the eclipse April 8, 2024. Will check with health dept.

Aggregation rates - will be received by May 17; meeting on either May 30 or June 1 to review with the County Commissioners

Cemetery Board appointments by Mayor (according to the ORC) - staggered terms because of the lack of this being done; 6 years / six years (Jeff Vernon); 4 years / four years (Suzan Hooper); 2/ two years unknown or Bob Hughes until December 31, 2023; Then the appointment (by the Mayor) would be 3 years after each term is completed. Need to update the website pictures of Board and Sexton with contact information which will update the APP. John Keely was not interest in being on board anymore.

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Nation Purple Heart ceremony will be August 7th. We will have a new stone for Jack Makenson. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Hostetler seconded by Mrs. Griffith to purchase a purple heart stone for him. Motion Carried.

Mayor McKelvey will be having knee replacement May 25th.

Business of the Month for June is Stoners Ice Cream Parlor.

**Important Dates**

May 15 - 4:00 pm Board of Public Affairs; 6 pm Cemetery Board

May 15 - Peace Officer Memorial Day (Officers like Marshal

May 20 - deadline for newsletter - Patty GOGov APP

May 20 - Pancake Breakfast at Fire Department 7am - 11 am; Fire Sales 8 am - 4 pm; Fish Fry at Lions Park 5 pm - 7 pm

May 21 C & M Circus 2 pm and 4:30 pm show times (tickets may be purchased in advance at the Ice Cream Parlor and Clerk’s Office for $8 children and $12 adults - Lions Club has some free tickets for kids)

May 21-27 is EMS Week

May 22 - Council Meeting 7 pm

May 27 - Splash Pad opening event 10 am - noon

May 29 - Memorial Day parade 2 pm

June 24- WLBA Summer Street Market & Car Show; Fourth of July Celebration fireworks

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adjourn at 9:40 PM. Motion Carried.

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