Final Council July 31, 2023

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Hostetler, Solicitor Moell, and Clerk Boyd. Guests: Jason Fishbaugh, Police officer with Chief Oelker, Jake Vitt, Judy Legge, Liesl Cornelius of Lions Club and Richard and Linda Levan Grand Marshall of Labor Day Parade. Deanna Fry of WPKO. Also present Jack Reser Logan County Auditor.

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

Chief Oelker introduced Jason Fishbaugh to Council. He is our newest officer from Marysville.

Jake Vitt and Liesel Cornelius introduced Grand Marshalls of Labor Day Parade, Richard and Linda LeVan. Mr. Vitt also introduced West Liberty Lion of the Year Judy Legge. Read all about these winners in the newsletter this month.

Jack Reser was here to present Resolution 2023-R7 entitled “Resolution of Necessity: resolution requesting Certification from County Auditor Pursuant to Ohio revised code Section 5705.03” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2023-R7 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2023-R8 entitled “Resolution to Proceed of the Taxing Authority” was read. This is a renewal of 2.5 mills for 2024-2028 to be voted on November 7, 2023. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Resolution 2023-R8 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. Clerk will take this to the BOE by August 9th.

Mr. Spriggs said all the steel has been ordered to get brackets started.

Mayor McKelvey sent letter to all business owners downtown for flag holders and heard back from some business and all of them are in favor of them.

Ordinance 2023-11 entitled “Amending Ordinance 2020-15 Trees” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adopt on 1st reading only. Motion Carried. Mr. Hoffman wanted a correction of “shall” instead of must or needs. Motion Carried.

We need to drop the word pruning in 99.03. 6-0 after corrections.

The travel policy was discussed. Council wants to drop the mileage and it will be on a case by case basis. It will be corrected and presented at next council meeting.

The Lions Club wants concrete under the 1st responders building – total cost is $3635.00 and $500 to move it. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pay $500 to move the building. Motion Carried. Maybe Lion’s Club will split the cost of concrete since they want concrete.

The Land Bank recommended that we have an updated quote for the old elementary before the meeting on September 5th. We should be at the top of the list for Brownfield grants

The Gas Aggregation rates: $5.84 per MCF by Center Point from 11/23-10/25 through IGS Energy (supplier) and $5.73 per MCF by Columbia Gas from 11/23-10/25 through IGS Energy (supplier)

Mr. Hudson did not take care of the EPA Violations from November 2022 before he left. Mr. Amlin is working on these items.

A meeting will be held August 1st to get all the details. The Logan County Pink Out will be September 28th. A Meal with the football team, cheerleaders, lil Tigers and cheerleaders with the survivors. October 6 - Friday night having the survivors be recognized at the football game.

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We will be selling shirts to raise money to donate to the Logan County Cancer Society, Lots of other things happening. The Mobile mammogram clinic will be here too.

Tom Allen from Mad River Trout Unlimited met with Tim Woodruff, Lions Club, recommending that broken concrete, a construction debris, not be used on eroded banks, on the Mad River, in Lions Park. He is encouraging the village to have a 9 Element Non-Point Source Plan developed and if approved it would make them eligible for 319 funds. Planting of grass along the banks of the river. Clerk Boyd will be looking at the grant.

FEMA flood Ordinance will be ready next meeting. The Public Meeting will be held on August 28 at 6 pm in the Town Hall Opera House to review the new maps and answer questions from our experts: Allison Fowler, Alicia Silverio, and Helen Norris; Council meeting to follow at 7 pm

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of $ 105489.60. Motion Carried.

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| Cintas | uniforms additional | 72.70 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| P S& L | deposit tickets | 95.76 |
| Gov Payments | NSF for Wick | 18.00 |
| Cintas | uniforms additional | 290.80 |
| Cintas | mat | 45.04 |
| TSC | weed killer | 299.97 |
| AES | electric L/B | 280.76 |
| Postmaster | stamps | 264.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Brian Snider | 86 reg 8 hol | 1406.41 |
| John Puckett | 80 reg 26.5 OT 8 hol | 1758.48 |
| Mark Nelson | 72 reg 8 hol | 1022.67 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1711.30 |
| Missy Hughes | 57 reg 6.5 hol | 689.18 |
| Cabel Courtwright | brackets | 5400.0 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| Lee Deloye | 80 reg 8 hol 6 OT | 1679.35 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| Shane Freehauf | 71 reg 8 hol 1 pes | 1176.15 |
| Ohio Police and Fire | retirement | 7452.33 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 2100.44 |
| Wex Bank | gasoline | 1246.17 |
| Scott Woodruff | salary | 569.43 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 830.16 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor | 550.45 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Darin Leach | salary | 1324.13 |
| Cindee M Boyd | salary | 1243.91 |
| Coast to Coast | Halloween bags | 611.10 |
| AE David | shirts Puckett etc | 180.85 |
| WL Bldg Supply | for fireworks | 129.24 |
| Superior Painting | paint light posts | 7700.00 |
| Griffin Strpiping | center line moved -crosswalks | 14048 |
| AES | electric | 305.28 |
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| Aes | electric | 132.82 |
| Dollar General | soap lysol etc | 19.50 |
| Miami Velley | street lights | 2104.96 |
| Robertson | PVC cutter | 9.50 |
| All Phase | parts | 12.15 |
| Thomans IGA | MRF volunteers | 30.73 |
| LeVans Tire | tire for dump truck | 933.07 |
| Golden Graphics | brackets | 440.00 |
| GoGov | notifications | 1440.00 |
| Choice One | engineering Columbus St. | 1573.49 |
| Springhills | 2008 explorer repairs | 969.74 |
| Allied Waste | recycling | 3118.45 |
| SCA | last street sweeping | 1320.00 |
| Anthem | medical | 7230.22 |
| Anthem life | life ins. | 72.50 |
| Holder RD | fuel | 518.72 |
| Shane Long Concrete | bricks | 363.60 |
| Compton Equipment | mower blades | 74.97 |
| Civista | health savings | 3949.97 |
| Boldmans | newsletter | 165.63 |
| Lo Co Chamber | kiosk and logo | 618.00 |
| AES | electric | 23.23 |
| AES | electric Dodge | 95.63 |
| Toms Lock and Key | change locks | 220.00 |
| Shane Freehauf | license | 35.00 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 34.35 TN | 2294.25 |
| Quill | paper towels | 31.49 |
| Krabill construction | roof repairs Lions Park | 250.00 |
| Berry Digital | email police | 71.91 |
| P S& L | loan 57439 | 2201.26 |
| ATT | cell phones | 259.60 |
| Statewide Emergency | cruiser payment | 17913.07 |
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Ms. Kauffman had an issue with the police department. Safety Committee will be having a meeting with him tomorrow at 900 am.

Business of the Month for August is Liberty Chiropractic and we will recognize on August 1 at 11:45 am. All are welcome.

The water/sewer dept received a grant for Linden St. in the amount of $150,000 Grant. This is for Linden Street (clay sewer lines)/Reynolds Street (sewer line extension); the Board of Public Affairs will discuss this grant at their next meeting. Mr. Detrick has concerns that waiting to pave based upon the Water/Sewer Department delays fixing necessary street repairs.

Board of Public Affairs is recommending the hiring for Water/Waste Water superintendent They do not have anyone to recommend yet.

No completion date set for the Audit**.**

Community Care Day is August 25th. Ms. Kauffman is coordinating this with Lions Cub. They will be having a breakfast on August 25th to meet the volunteers.

Clerk Boyd received an updated energy cost for the Village from Integrity Energy in the amount of .0628 KWT for 24 month contract. A MOTION was made by Ms. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve this cost for energy. Motion Carried.

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Direct deposit will be using it for the employees paid once a month and biweekly soon.

Total Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024 the events start Friday April 5th. Mayor McKelvey had updates from Logan County meeting on July 25 and Champaign County meeting on July 31st. Lions will have camping at the park; Logan County Health department said all temporary camping must meet sanitary sewer, fresh water, and trash receptacle guidelines AND must be approved by them in advance. The village ordinance does not allow campers to be parked on the streets. Saturday we will have the unveiling of the Andy Detwiler statue and the showing of the videos (OSU and YouTube) during the afternoon in the Opera House.

Mrs. Zerkle did not attend Safety Council meeting in July but will attend in August.

The third police vehicle (fire dept. Dodge Explorer) will be repaired to use in the amount of $1000.00. He will put lights in it but nothing else.

Car#2 is scheduled for repair at LeVan’s on August 21 which will include the installation of the bumper guard

The village will pay for police security for Labor Day weekend festival the estimated cost at/under $5000.

Chief Oelker is trying newScheduling software for 24/7 department.

Ordinance 2023-12 “Alleys” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass Ordinance 2023-12 on 1st reading only. Motion Carried.

Mr. Detrick said the curb and gutters are done on Columbus Street. The paving will start next week.

Mr. Detrick and Mr. Nelson removed banners on post downtown for painting of the street lights and traffic light post two weeks ago. The downtown street lights are painted and look really good and are getting great feedback from people driving through the village and some businesses.

The repainting lines from Columbus Street to Marie’s Candies is finished.

Barricades are in and will be picked up along with cones for police dept.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to order 100 cases of large trash in the amount of $7399.10. Motion Carried.

Friday night during the storm a tree limb took down a wire to the night light.

Mr. Derick will bring in mapping for storm sewer for GIS with Wessler.

Parks and Recreation committee have not set a date yet for next meeting.

Mayor McKelvey will be meeting with Steve Barth about Dodge park and some updates needing done.

Solar Eclipse is coming along. Talking about dancing with the stars and mini-marathon.

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Country Legends concert is offering veterans to be recognized up on stage and getting their spouses in for a discounted rate.

Chief Leach was here to get approval for a volunteer firefighter. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve Christopher Jenkins. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Leach also applied for BWC grant for gear. He is finding out more information and the lead time for gear is about 6 months. He talked about getting extraction tools with a grant and the association is willing to pay the match.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to apply for grant and council will pay $3500. Motion Carried.

There has been above average runs and County Training will be next month.

Mayor McKelvey attended a meeting at Adriel School. They are looking to change their footprint in West Liberty - 50 acres is costing them a lot of money to maintain and they are considering options to reduce their cost; at the community listening meeting many options were discussed and their Board will be meeting to see the best plan moving forward

Logan County Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 26 from 6-7:30 pm, The Spooktacular will be from 5-8 pm. The Spooktacular committee recommended trick or treat from 5-6:30 pm. Their thoughts were people could circle back around for dinner, games and fun after trick or treating; Mayor reached out to some business owners regarding thoughts. The problem with this is Maries Candies is still open until 6:00 PM.

Mayor McKelvey Reapportionment of Zoning Appeals Board individuals for 5 year terms - those who are up:

Steve Godwin - 2023 appointed until 2028; Would like for him to be chairperson

Tim Wilcox - 2017 appointed until 2028

Andy Smith - 2020 appointed until 2025

Brenda Coy - 2022 appointed until 2027

Bev Yoder - 2023 appointed until 2028

Logan County Health Department is requiring rabies vaccine for all animals (dogs, cats and ferrets) in public places will begin in August; a clinic will be held pending discussion with OSU $10

On August 7 Purple Heart event will be at 7 pm at Veterans Park unless It rain them it will be in the opera house. Chief Shane will be MC and making a few remarks as we honor two more Purple Heart Veterans and invite the families and the public

Need nominations for Beautification Awards (commercial and residential)

Thank you all for the Veterans trip to WPAFB Museum. To Missy and Cindee for their help in setting it up; Mary Rutan Health for paying for Transportation; and WLBA, Theresa’s Gingerbread House, Brenda Snyder, J & L Vernon Farms for providing the lunch from Subway

**Important Dates**

August 1 - Business of the Month presentation to Liberty Chiropractic at 11:45

August 3 - Logan County First Thursday at Sweetie Pie's at 8 am

August 7 - National Purple Heart Day at Veterans Park at 7 pm

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August 14 - Beautification Award online voting begins

August 16 - Tree City planning meeting with Alistair at 10 am

August 28 - Public Meeting regarding new Floodplain Maps at 6 pm in Town Hall Opera House; Council meeting at 7 pm

August 31 - Beautification Award online voting ends

September 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Labor Day Festival (dawn to dusk daily); Parade is Saturday at 10:30 am; Classic Car Cruise In is Friday from 4- 8 pm (registration starts at 3:30 pm); Country Legends Concert is Saturday with gates opening at 2 pm (tickets are required); Rise FM Christian Concert is Sunday (free concert);

September 2 - Commercial and Residential Beautification Award winners announced at the Labor Day Festival at noon

September 11 - Commercial and Residential Beautification Award winners presentation at Council meeting at 7 pm

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Motion Carried.

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