Special Meeting Council February 25, 2021

Present for this special meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mrs. McKelvey, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Ms. Yoder, Mr. Keller Chief Oelker and Clerk Boyd.

Chief Oelker was here to answer questions about the Task Force. Mr. Hyland asked how much this will cost the Village and how much time will be take away from the Village. Chief Said it may take 1-2 days a month away from Village but could be more. It may take 2- 6 hrs. for a search warrant or could be a 10 hr. day. Each district has their own task force but everyone gets the benefits, equipment, back up, etc. Chief Oelker is on the advisory board and he will have 1 meeting a quarter. Mr. Hyland asked these questions because he doesn’t want any more burden put on him.

Chief Oelker will report to council how many traffic stops, drug issues, etc. on a monthly basis.

Resolution 2021-R3 entitled “Task Force” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adopt Resolution 2021-R3 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

Mrs. McKelvey has accepted the Mayor’s positon. Mrs. McKelvey said she will be giving up her council seat and will be running for Mayor in November. If she loses she will be done serving the Village.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Keller seconded by Ms. Yoder to nominate Mrs. Griffith for President of Council. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Keller to nominate Mr. Hyland for President of Council. Motion Carried.

Ballots were written 3-2 – Mr. Hyland was elected as president for the remainder of 2021.

Council has 30 days to recommend someone to fill Mrs. McKelvey’s seat. Clerk Boyd said Shannon Maier is interested.

Mayor McKelvey would like finance to sign all bills and another council member in rotation to have the 3rd signature. She would like finance committee to sign bills before the meeting so they can be looked at closely.

Mayor McKelvey set the following council members to committees

Finance: Ms. Kauffman and Mrs. Griffith

Street: Mr. Hyland and Mr. Keller

Safety: new council member and Ms. Yoder.

The cemetery liaison will be Mrs. Griffith.

The BD of PA will be Mr. Hyland.

Mrs. McKelvey will stay on for Fire Fighters Dependent Fund.

Ms. Kauffman will be on Planning Commission.

Mark Nelson’s probationary period will be ending. Mr. Hyland and Mr. Detrick talked and they will recommend Mark Nelson’s probationary period be over and not be extended. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to take Mark Nelson off of probation. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made Ms. Yoder seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adjourn at 6:51 PM.

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