Council August 14, 2023

Present for the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Zerkle, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Hostetler, Clerk Boyd and Solicitor Moell. Also present Mr. Detrick Mr. Greg Hostetler, and Doug McIntosh. Absent: None.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the minutes of July 31, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mr. Greg Hostetler read his resignation for the Board of Public Affairs as of today August 14, 2023.

Mr. Detrick said the alleys are done and Columbus St. Project is 98% finished. There is still a sidewalk to be done and grass seed.

The CR 5 and SR 68 project is getting done for the guardrail to be moved back.

Mr. Detrick received a quote for “Vision Impaired child area” signs. The 30 x 30 sign is $96.15 each plus shipping. Posts are $32 each.

Clerk Boyd will invoice Miller pipeline for the change orders from J & J Schlaegel, Inc.

Mr. Spriggs said Cabel said all steel is ordered and cut and all white pieces are cut and ready to assemble.

He received a quote for flagpoles and brackets for the businesses downtown in amount of $99 from Old Glory. The deadline for businesses to respond is August 28th. We have 8 that have responded now.

Ordinance 2023-11 entitled “Amending Ordinance 2020-15 Trees “ was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pass Ordinance 2023-11 on 2nd reading. Motion Carried. The masterplan will be ready September 6th.

Ordinance 2023-13 entitled “TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT “ was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Hoffman to pass Ordinance 2023-13 on 1st reading. Motion Carried.

The Concrete pad for 1st Responders building at Lions Park was discussed. The total cost is$3635 but the building will need moved for concrete to be poured for cost of $500. The village approved to pay $500 for moving of the building and Mayor McKelvey asked if we can pay for half of the concrete if Liberty Township pays for half. Finance will look at this cost.

The EPA Violations from November 2022 - were completed but the OEPA has advised we must stay compliant to avoid any fines from this or future incidences.

ORDINANCE 2023-14 entitled “SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION” was read. This Flood Plain ordinance is in line with new FEMA regulations and Flood Mitigation then a Public Meeting will be held on August 28 at 6 pm in the Town Hall Opera House for anyone with questions. All the experts will be there, local flood plain representative and State flood plain representative and Logan County EMA director. Council meeting to follow at 7 pm. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass on first reading. Motion Carried.

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Mayor McKelvey explained the West Liberty Pink Out - September 28 at 7:30 pm

Health Fair in the Opera House from 3-7 pm along with the Mobile Mammogram Clinic

Meal with the football team, cheerleaders, lil Tigers and cheerleaders with the survivors that Thursday evening (Lions and WLFD volunteers have been asked to help cook hot dogs)-

September 28 from 5-7:00; Survivors will be given a ride on the Trolley through the Village to see the “pink out” on September 28.On September 21st WLS will have Homecoming Pep Rally the breast cancer survivors are invited to be part of the parade and will be riding on the Trolley. Then on October 6 - Friday night having the survivors be recognized at the football game with parade through the stadium.

We are selling sponsor flags and shirts to raise money to donate to the Logan County Cancer Society

The Electric and Gas Aggregation meeting to help residents compare what they are currently paying with the aggregate rate is on August 22 at 6 pm at Foundation Hall Green Hills. Bob Snavley will also be there. A reach alert will be sent as a reminder.

Board of Public Affairs will need to accept the $150,000 Grant for Linden Street/Reynolds Street. The lines are clay tiles and sewer lines need extended. This grant came from Department of Development.

They will also need to move sewer line off of SR 245 Bridge and will be cost $42,960.00 and completing project over the winter

Board of Public Affairs is recommending the hiring Keith Amlin for Water/WasteWater superintendent his salary would be $68,000 plus a vehicle to take home every night. Mrs. Griffith said he has stepped up and taken care of things for a month. Mr. Hoffman asked why we would pay him more than the former superintendent. Council would like the Board members to come to next meeting and discuss this offer. Board of Public Affairs was not happy with hiring process through the ordinance. They wanted to offer comp time and three weeks vacation without Council approval. They also felt it was cumbersome to have to go back and forth to Council to hire.

It was discussed with Health Insurance rising costs and HSA and if it should be fully funded. Also employees with family insurance vs single employee insurance – this could be reduced. The health insurance committee needs to meet. That committee is Shane Oelker, Mark Nelson and finance.

Mrs. Griffith said PeeWee football team and cheerleaders want to help with a serving the community. They would be 7-12 year old.

Mrs. Zerkle said she received 2 phone calls about the Board of Elections not having the local polls open for the election. The lines were long and elderly can not stand that long. She will draft a letter and have all of council sign it so this doesn’t happen again.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of 77917.34. Motion Carried. There were not any out of the ordinary.

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| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 18.00 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas L/B | 57.46 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas library | 57.46 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas L/B | 186.30 |
| CT Comm | phones | 407.12 |
| Jason Fishbaugh | 16 hrs. | 104.46 |
| Brian Snider | 80 hrs | 1204.68 |
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| Paul Cronkleton | cleaning | 60.00 |
| Ohio Data | police phones | 99.93 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1820.17 |
| TSC | supplies | 519.94 |
| Wex Bank | gasoline | 1358.13 |
| John Puckett | 80 reg 25 OT | 1571.57 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1711.30 |
| Lee Deloye | 76 ref 4 pers 3 OT | 1444.88 |
| Darren Dunham | 16.5 hrs. | 203.84 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 364.52 |
| Ohio Dept. taxation  | state tax | 883.35 |
| Ohio School Dist. | school tax | 356.39 |
| Ohio Def Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| IRS |  WH MC EMP MC | 1010.70 |
| Your Home Tech  | emails | 112.00 |
| Quill | ink for Brother | 100.98 |
| Mark Nelson | 80 reg 1 OT | 1040.56 |
| Shane Freehauf | 40 reg 40 vacation | 1176.15 |
| Ohio State Treasurer | audit | 2255.00 |
| Your Home Tech  | IT | 1000.00 |
| OPERS | retirement | 4259.58 |
| Uattend | time clocks | 89.00 |
| Ohio Police and Fire  | retirement | 4740.81 |
| Mayor Assoc | membership | 50.00 |
| Elle Design | business of the month | 79.00 |
| Kelly Septic | porta johns | 260.00 |
| Kleem Inc | brake | 50.52 |
| Springhill auto | oil filter, etc. | 974.01 |
| Fire Safety Services | gear | 6524.50 |
| Corporate health | drug test | 65.00 |
| Spectrum | internet | 149.97 |
| Griffin Paving | crosswalks and stripping | 7386.00 |
| Cindee Boyd | reimbursement | 26.00 |
| WL Bldg. Supply | supplies | 8.59 |
| Mike Miller | deposit refund | 9.00 |
| AES | electric L/B | 323.24 |
| O'Reillys | def | 55.96 |
| O'Reillys | def and gas can | 113.93 |
| Quality Paving | alleys | 22575 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 35.07 TN | 2342.34 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 299.80 |
| Cintas | mats | 45.04 |
| WL Fire Dept.  | firefighter conference | 75.00 |
| LUC  | map | 20.00 |
| Quill | PT and TP | 114.00 |
| Choice One Engineering | for Columbus St | 6354.78 |
| Lowes | degreaser | 41.76 |
| Finance Officer Assoc | membership | 50.00 |
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Ms. Kauffman said Civista will be here to do the United Way Community Care days. They will clean banners and pick up trash and maybe organize the library.

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The audit is coming along and should be done soon.

We have a new Purple Heart Veteran, Harry Blair Metz. We will be ordering new stone.

Third quarter billing statements will be mailed to individual taxpayers the week of August 14th. The deadline for estimated payments is September 15th.

Safety Council meeting will be August 17th and Clerk Boyd will attend.

Police Security for Labor Day weekend festival is estimated cost at/under $5000. Finance decided to take it out of the police budget from police aux salary and Chief Oelker agreed.

Ordinance 2023-12 “Alleys” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pass on second reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

OPWC paving through the county will be done in October – no quote is done yet.

There was an accident with dump truck. An employee hit a vehicle in the alley with damage to the mirror on a 2023 Truck. The owner got an estimate in the amount of about $1440.00. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to repair the mirror. Motion Carried.

Mayor McKelvey and Clerk Boyd met with Burgess and Niple and Tom Allen from trout unlimited to apply for a 9 Element Non-Point plan to submit to EPA grant to stop the erosion on Mad River. It was turned in this morning for $10K and the Village would pay $2500 including in-kind funds.

Parks and Recreation board met and Mr. Spriggs said President of Ball Association Steve Barth has an issue at Dodge park with drainage and AES phase 3 electric. They are also changing the handicapped parking and they need to maintain the turf field.

The Ricketts family met with Alistair regarding planting trees at the park - may be done this fall or spring.

Solicitor Moell discussed the apartments wanting to be built in West Liberty. There are units on W Newell and North St. The property on North St. needs to be annexed and a new flood plain map needs to be looked at. The zoning board needs to be involved and planning will do some re-zoning. We will be looking into if our water and sewer plant can handle 80 more apartments. The W. Newell housing development project - S. Woodruff recommendation for R1 to R2 (needs Council approval); request for land swap for sewer and water lines for “permanent restroom” at Dodge Park

Solar Eclipse - EventBrite will go live on September 1 - next WL meeting is August 15 at 6 pm; donation from Jennings Farley and Seeley / Highland Memorial Cemetery Assoc.

The next Land Bank meeting will be September 5th. Clerk will get a new updated estimate for removal of the old elementary school.

The Village needs nominations for Beautification Awards (commercial and residential) voting will begin soon.

September Business of the Month is Liberty Gathering Place - recognition will be September 1 at 3:30 pm. Everyone join is welcome.

The tree city USA committee will be Alyssa Brehem, Ashley Hager and Hope Justice.

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Mayor McKelvey signed the Proclamation for Constitution and will send back.

Doug McIntosh asked why the village does not spray for mosquitos. Residents need to empty standing water, clean gutters and will reduce mosquitos a lot.

West Liberty Salem school is still looking for Lunch Buddies.

 Mr. Detrick will write something up for newsletter.

Important Dates

 August 14 - Beautification Award online voting begins

 August 15 - WL Solar Eclipse meeting at 6 pm in Council room

 August 22 - Aggregation comparisons at Green Hills Foundation Hall at 6 pm

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 - First Friday at 7:30am-9 am Madison Champaign ESC

 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 5 - noon Logan County Solar Eclipse meeting

 September 5 - 1 pm Land Bank meeting

 September 7 - First Thursday Logan County at Sweet Aromas in Bellefontaine at 8 am

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

 A MOTION as was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Motion Carried.

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