**final Council August 28, 2023**

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was: Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Hostetler, Mrs. Zerkle, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Spriggs, and Clerk Boyd. Guests: Heather Chamberlain from West Liberty Business Association, Residents Greg Hostetler and Doug McIntosh. Absent: None.

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

Heather Chamberlain was here to discuss Business of the Month. She said the Business Association has increased in members by 46%. In 2022 they had 46 members and 2023 they have 67 members. She sees how many businesses give back to WL and the business of the month needs to have this stipulation. She gave all council members a list of members and top 10 that gives back to West Liberty.

Mrs. Chamberlain gave an update on the Pink Out on Sept. 28th. There will be a health fair starting at 3:00 pm with Anytime fitness, hickory medical, peak heath, Heavens Dew, and many more. They will be serving a meal to football players, lil cheerleaders and football players, etc. The downtown businesses will be decorated pink by Cheerleaders. September 21st is the Homecoming Parade and would like to use the trolley with the survivors riding. October 6th at the Mechanicsburg and WLS football game. They have ordered 1500 stickers and pink towels for the boys. Its will be great events.

The Spooktacular - October 26 5pm -8pm (Committee: Ashley Hager, Becca Hager, Alycia Brehm, and Chelsey Bray - this committee has raised over $1900 for this event)

Local business sponsors: Heaven’s Dew, Elle A Design, Bell Hankins Realty, Edward Jones, Theresa’s Gingerbread House, Rabenstein’s Electric, Heirloom Cabinetry, Marie’s Candies, Solomon’s Garage, The People’s Savings & Loan, Green Hills Community, The Flooring Gallery, Logan Lawn and Landscaping, Malia Hughes, and Thompson, Dunlap, & Heydinger, Cabinetry, Marie’s Candies, Solomon’s Garage, The People’s Savings & Loan, Green Hills Community, The Flooring Gallery, Logan Lawn and Landscaping, Malia Hughes, and Thompson, Dunlap, & Heydinger.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:29 PM. Motion Carried. 6-0

Out of executive session at 8:00 PM

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to hire Keith Amlin for Water/wastewater superintendent in the amount of $68,000 annual salary with taking a truck home as he gets called out for emergency services. This will begin as of August 25th beginning of this pay period. Motion Carried. 5-1 Ms. Kauffman: No.

Clerk Boyd will post two positions to assist Water/Sewer superintendent. One will be an assistant and the other will be an operator. Deadline will be September 15th.

The Board meetings will be 1st and 3rd Monday except September 5th (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to hire someone to help Mr. Amlin in the amount of $20 per hour until someone his hired. Motion Carried. 6-0

Ordinance 2023-11 entitled Amending Tree Ordinance 2020-15 was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to adopt Ordinance 2023-11 on 3rd and final reading. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2023-13 entitled Travel Reimbursement Policy was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Ms. Kauffman to pass on 2nd reading. Motion Carried.

Mr. Spriggs said the Troop Banners Brackets are on track.

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Mr. Spriggs also talked about American Flag holders/poles for Downtown - 7 building owners plus building owned by Village. The Deadline is today and the cost is $99 per pole/bracket in black from Old Glory Shop. We still have several that have not responded. We really need to know so it can be uniform downtown.

The Concrete pad for 1st Responders building at Lions Park is $3635. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to split between Liberty Township and Village $1817.50 each. Motion Carried. 6-0

Ordinance 2023-14 entitled Flood Plain was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to pass on 2nd reading. Motion Carried. 6-0 Mayor McKelvey said after final reading we are not required by FEMA to hold another public meeting but must be posted around town regarding this even though we shared with public this evening.

An Aggregation Meeting was held at Green Hills Foundation Hall. Electric Aggregate Rate is $0.0651 opt in or opt out phone number is 866.636.3749 for Energy Harbor. if a resident received a letter in the mail they are automatically in; If a resident did not receive a letter call your current provider first, then call the phone number.

The Gas Aggregate Rate is $0.584 opt in or opt out phone number is 877.353.0162 IGS Energy. If a resident received a letter in the mail they are automatically in and if they did not receive a letter call your current provider first, then call the phone number in October.

South Union is having a bit of a problem because they were annexed but AES doesn’t have them IN the corporation. We will get it straightened out.

Griffin Stripping was $952.00 more than quoted and finance met and we have enough to pay them. It was $1800.00 over the quote but Mr. Detrick talked them down by half.

Clerk Boyd will get a Sign to hang above Council Room exterior door

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve to following bills in the amount of $ 53173.69. Motion Carried.

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| Brian Snider | 22 hrs | 357.41 |
| John Puckett | 80 hrs 29 oT | 1650.27 |
| Shane Oelker | 40 reg 40 vac | 1711.30 |
| Mark Nelson | 77 hrs 3 SL .5 OT | 1031.61 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 43.06 Tn | 2875.98 |
| Hodge Hager | 8 hrs | 114.91 |
| Shane Freehauf | 80 reg 1 OT | 1196.51 |
| Jason Fishbaugh | 22.5 hrs | 296.73 |
| Darren Dunham | 8 hrs | 112.60 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| Lee Deloye | 77.5 hrs 2.5 personal | 1380.95 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1655.09 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| Treasurer State of Ohio | marcs radios police | 480.00 |
| Solomon's Garage | oil change | 53.24 |
| Bill Detrick | reimbursed for carburetor | 21.44 |
| Logan County Chamber | postcards | 10.00 |
| Your Hometown Tech | IT | 1000.00 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 15.96 |
| Champaign Co Chamber | membership | 180.00 |
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| AE David  | shirts badge etc. Fishbaugh | 547.25 |
| Treasurer State of Ohio | marcs radios fire | 780.00 |
| Treasurer Sate of Ohio | LEADS | 1200.00 |
| O'Reillys | wash and polish | 31.97 |
| RD Holder | Fuel | 1016.28 |
| Waste Zero | large trash bags | 4069.45 |
| O'Reillys | seat and steer wheel cover  | 74.98 |
| TSC | washer manifold kit | 33.48 |
| Columbus Power cleaning | street sweeping | 1075.00 |
| Springhills | brake pads 2015  | 304.08 |
| Berry Digital | emails police | 71.91 |
| Shane Long Concrete |  311 E Newell | 4200.00 |
| Miami Valley | street lighting | 4209.92 |
| Quill | paper, file cabinets etc. | 364.71 |
| Anthem | medical | 7210.22 |
| Civista | health savings | 3949.97 |
| Anthem Life | life ins. | 50.00 |
| PS & L  | loan police bldg. | 2201.26 |
| Jerimiah Seamless | police gutter | 300.00 |
| Allied Waste | recycling | 3118.45 |
| Thomans IGA | volunteer lunch | 27.93 |
| Fire Safety | gear | 1691.30 |
| Fire Safety  | boots | 345.00 |
| AES | electric  | 303.53 |
| AES | electric L/B | 46.26 |
| AES | electric library | 182.12 |
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 The Health Insurance Committee will meet soon.

Mayor McKelvey said supervisors are asking not to clock in on the Time Clocks. They are salary.

Mrs. Kauffman gave an overview on the Community Care Day Project. A Big thank you to Civista Bank.

Clerk Boyd said the Audit is almost done. She has a few more days on site.

Resolution 2023-09 entitled “RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR” was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve on first and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Clerk Boyd attended the Safety Council meeting August 17th. Bellefontaine Police department talked about “phones down” and the new distracted driving law going into effect October 4th. It was a great class.

Finance met and talked about Security for Labor Day weekend festival the estimated cost at/under $5000. They have taken this out of Capital Outlay.

Police car #2 repair done August 28th from the deer strike.

Ordinance 2023-12 entitled “Alleys and access way” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 on 3rd reading and final reading. Motion Carried.

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 Ms. Kauffman will follow up with the West Columbus St. vision impaired sign.

Thank you to Bill and Al Hyland worked with Lions Club to prune trees at Lions Park along walking path, along driveway, and playground on August 23

Mr. Spriggs and Mrs. Hostetler will be meeting with Mr. Detrick about the recycling and trash pick up.

Mr. Detrick met with Choice One engineering and everything is OK on W Columbus St. project.

Parks and Recreation met on August 16th. They are still trying to see what the Pee Wee Football and Cheerleaders can do They would be 7-12 years old.

The Dodge Park hill parking lot was discussed and the village needs to keep this land for parking.

Mr. Spriggs talked about maintenance of the turf field and will need to put back some money to repair/maintain in 8-10 years.

Ricketts family has a plan for trees at the park and a picnic area.

Lions Park trimmed trees and electric for Earls Place is installed.

Mayor McKelvey asked for nominates for Business of the Month nominations for October- council chose F Jennings Farley Seeley Funeral Home, Heavens Dew and West Liberty Lions Club.

We have an updated estimate for Land Bank and the old elementary school: $367,658 (includes perform hot demolition, debris removal, backfill to match current grade, straw, and seeding; removal of all sidewalks and asphalt; permits and disposal fees) The next meeting for Land Bank is September 5th.

Spencer Mitchell has finished the evaluations for all supervisors and will have a final report soon.

USA Tree City committee will be meeting September 20th to discuss a masterplan for planting trees.

Important Dates

 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); Family Day is Monday

 September 6 - Champaign County Community Collaboration meeting at 8:30 am

 September 7 - First Thursday at Sweet Aroma’s at 8 am

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

 A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Motion Carried.

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