Council March 13, 2023 final

Present for this Go.gov webinar session for Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Hostetler, Mr. Hoffman and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mrs. Zerkle and Mr. Spriggs. Dinner of Michaels Pizza, chips and drinks were served along with Business of the Month Logan Landscaping favorite chocolate, peanut butter fancies

Kevin Strauss from Go.gov joined us with a webinar for the App. He showed all that this App could do it sends notifications and everything about West Liberty. He said our website has a lot of information. He also said Geo-targeting will be coming in July. They do a launch kit with flyers, postcards, QR codes, etc. This can not text right now. Mrs. Hostetler asked if it would be pro-rated now and how much would it go up next year. Mr. Strauss said he can make it 18 months pro-rated for 2023 and all of 2024. Annually will be $2880.00. Customers can set up their profile and what notifications they want to know. It will take about 1 month to get it set up. This is a less expensive app than the other one we were looking at and seems less complicated.

Present for the regular meeting the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Hostetler, Solicitor Moell and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mrs. Zerkle.

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

Cabel Courtwright could not make it tonight but Mr. Spriggs had a sample troop banner bracket he made. The brackets will be black and they are up to $250 with WL at the bottom. The Clerk said let order one and try it out. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to purchase one to make sure it will work and we like it. Motion Carried. Maybe we can repair the damaged troop banners by Memorial Day.

Mayor McKelvey said all Supervisors and employees will be inserting notes on the timeclock why they are working overtime.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Griffith updated West Columbus Street Bridge and the structural engineer should set up an appointment with us soon. Mrs. Griffith is looking at Thirty-One bingo and other fundraising ideas.

We have received 27 American Flags for downtown area but having trouble locating 8.5 ft poles to replace the old ones. Mr. Spriggs is still looking.

Mayor McKelvey said it is important that the asbestos is taken care of soon on the old school on W Columbus St. If the roof collapses then the entire building would need to come down because of the asbestos – We will be meeting tomorrow at 2 pm at Commissioners office; Safety Committee met with Code Enforcement Officer Bob Griffith on July 13, 2020 regarding holes in roof, trash and debris behind the building.

Clerk and Mayor received a quote for the Opera House stage completion in the amount of $22,798.00 for curtains, tracks and hardware. We appropriated $20K for stage. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to pay everything except $2887.00 rear curtain track totaling $19878.00. Motion Carried.

Mayor, Clerk and Mrs. Griffith attended the WLFP-digital broadcasting- Internet Radio at Presbyterian Church. Programming will begin next week.

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Logan County Board of Health has accepted five applicants which will be voted upon at the March 23

- 6 pm at Fairgrounds: Kathy Smith, Judy McAdams, Krista Oldgies, Jeff Vernon and Scott Staley but we need someone from our area.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to enter an agreement with Go.gov app in the amount of $2880 (2024) per year and he will prorate for this year (6 months). Motion Carried.

We have not received anything from Heritage regarding the W. Columbus St. Bridge.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to go into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss real estate. Motion Carried.

Out of executive session at 8:03 PM.

Board of Public Affairs update

There are numerous water main breaks in the Village:

**Green Hills** - drain line leak beside pool - they are cutting out concrete to inspect

**South Detroit at Neer & Farm** - waiting on LeVan’s and have contacted Ohio

Rural Water who have additional equipment to find the break;

**West Baird** was repaired

**East Newell Street** - service line issue that needs and needs a new curb box this is also repaired.

The Water Plant run time is up mostly from Green Hills (12-13 hours daily) The loss approximately $125/day. Mr. Hudson is getting estimates for issues on Sidney Street to repair ongoing concern with sewer when this was included in a larger project the bid came in double what was estimated so the project was postponed.

The Village signed an agreement with AES for 36 months on August 10,2020 for 4.813 per kwh. We are hoping to have another rate soon.

Mayor McKelvey Appointed Mr. Jim Hoffman, Chris Stafford, Chief Darin Leach, and Jayne Griffith for Firefighters Dependent Fund Volunteers.

There will be an event at Ricketts park June 29th at 3:00 pm in honor of Sherman Ricketts. Chief Oelker is organizing this along with Ricketts Family.

Clerk Boyd looked for eclipse glasses and found them for .48 cents. A Total Solar Eclipse will be here April 8th. We need to be thinking ahead with slogan, glasses, lodging, etc. and thousands of people visiting Logan and Champaign Counties.

Mayor McKelvey talked with Eichholtz today about guidelines for Indigent Burial Funds. We have an application for a gentleman that passed away on Ricketts Rd. The family will fill our information and turn in to Village office, Clerk and Cemetery Sexton will approve or deny.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the following bills in the amount of $49295.68. Motion Carried.

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| Cindee M. Boyd | salary | 1238.81 |
| Scott Woodruff | salary | 503.33 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor | 545.38 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 822.66 |
| Darin Leach | salary | 1313.92 |
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| Missy Hughes | 63 reg 7 hol | 733.34 |
| Darren Dunham | 12 hrs | 168.86 |
| Lee Deloye | 78 reg 8 hol 2 SL 5 OT | 1581.66 |
| John Puckett | 30 SL | 513.56 |
| John Puckett | 30 SL 20 hrs 8 hol | 806.37 |
| Mark Nelson | 72 reg 8 hol | 1065.37 |
| Bill Detrick | 10 SL 4 pers 8 hol salary | 1406.3 |
| Hodge Hager | 21.5 hrs. | 289.25 |
| Brian Snider | 94 reg 8 hol | 1441.37 |
| Brett Mancini | 50 mil 30 reg 19 OT 8 hol | 1498.89 |
| Shane Oelker | 8 hol salary | 1691.78 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Mancini and Puckett | 500.96 |
| Noah Wilcoxon | banners installed | 300.00 |
| Chris Raterman | banners installed | 300.00 |
| Center Point | natural gas lions club | 57.44 |
| Center Point | natural gas L/B | 1273.05 |
| Center Point | natural Gas Library | 232.24 |
| O'Reillys Auto | blaster | 10.99 |
| CT Communications | phones | 404.12 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 hol | 1227.98 |
| Ohio Police and Fire | retirement | 5662.37 |
| Ohio Data | Phones | 128.50 |
| OPERS | retirement | 4569.60 |
| Ohio Deferred Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| Elle Design | BOM LLL | 37.50 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 3055.29 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1035.95 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 396.17 |
| Ohio Dept Taxation | state tax | 921.91 |
| Ohio School Taxes | school tax | 371.66 |
| O'Reilly | lift support | 26.22 |
| Holder RD | fuel | 814.60 |
| Treasurer State | MARCS police dept | 480.00 |
| Spectrum | internet | 149.97 |
| Cintas | mat | 43.27 |
| Jones Country Store | Cushman Stone | 53.63 |
| NAPA | bands for banners | 149.80 |
| MRH | drug screen | 65.00 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 163.24 |
| P S& L | box rental | 18.00 |
| Plucketts | termite control | 365.66 |
| Levans Tire Service | tire repair | 14.50 |
| Shane Long Concrete | concrete SNP etc. | 3709.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Gatchell Grant Resources | FEMA grant | 795.00 |
| Dell Tech | printer | 1524.00 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 30.07 TN | 2008.40 |
| Bellefontaine Examiner | bids W Columbus St | 53.09 |
| ATT Mobile | cell phone | 264.29 |
| AES | electric Lions | 42.55 |
| AES | electric L/B | 273.14 |
| Treasurer State | MARCS fire dept | 780.00 |
| Government Forms | rect books | 341.28 |
| Sedwig | TPA | 200.00 |
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All Village Owned Vehicle Department Inventory mileage was emailed to Council members.

Nothing from Township for the Room at town Hall yet.

Residential building permits - old business as we have discussed with the Logan County

Building Authority but new concerns over lack of being able to provide right of occupancy; We

have discussed with County that they are doing the initial inspections

Properties in violation of zoning ordinances and certified or certificate of sending - no

response from owners (Runkle and Baird/Detroit) - hazards posed to public. Certified letter was sent but not picked up. A certificate of mailing was sent.

Final Appropriations were given to department heads.

No Direct deposit update

Contractors list on www.mywestliberty.com - found under resident tab then government

Clerk Boyd explained the Ordinance passed in 2020 and FT PT employees works 30-36 hour part time employees benefits regarding overtime (September 2, 2020 - 4 / 8 hour days with 30-36 hour shifts per week; HSA/Health Insurance - Single; No paid vacations or sick leave; Overtime is paid as straight time unless it is a paid holiday then it is time and half; Life Insurance is paid. This Ordinance was changed in 2023 to allow vacation and sick leave but still no OT.

Ordinance 2023-08 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 Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass Ordinance 2023-08 on first reading. Motion Carried. 5-0 This does not impact on Council or Mayor elections.

Mr. Hoffman will attend March Safety Council. He also attended February.

Discussed the Issues with car #3 for police department the tie rod needs replaced- $200-$500;

timing chain caused damage to the motor it would be $5000 to replace the motor and still would have the electrical issue. Council doesn’t think an unmarked car is feasible right now after buying a new explorer. The bikes are a great option and sell car #3.

Chief Oelker is working on a grant for Generator and if he gets this maybe another cruiser can be discussed, again.

The fire Chief gave a quote for lettering and paint the truck in the amount of $3000-$3300 from his budget. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to paint and letter his truck not to exceed $3300.00. Motion Carried. 5-0

Ordinance 2023-07 for West Columbus Street Reconstruction Project curbs and gutters was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Ordinance 2023-07 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

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The New 2023 truck will be delivered tomorrow.

Mr. Detrick tagged all trees needing removed or trimmed. They are on “watch”

Mr. Detrick would like to carry over his vacation and also wants 1 hr. increments for vacation. Council did not agree with 1 hr increments nor carryover vacation.

Mr. Detrick received quote for 4 signs in the amount of $326.96 for Lions Club and Splash Pad signs. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs and seconded by Mrs. Hostetler. Motion Carried. 5-0 Mr. Detrick needs to order signs for Dodge Park and Ricketts park also.

On March 23 there will be Team Meeting call at 9 am for Pre Construction Meeting for the Crosswalks

at Sidney and Leonard Streets; $136,000 cost paid by ODOT Safety grant

On March 21 there will be a Team Meeting call at 1 pm for Pre Construction Meeting for the Painting of

the south 68 Bridge

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pay up to $400 for porta johns at Fire Sales. Motion Carried. 5-0

Meeting with employee and vacation issue addressed last Council meeting - Met with

individual and had two options for him to take. He has decided to take 13.75 hrs away from 2023 vacation leave.

Mayor McKelvey gave the Council members facts about Liberty Township. The Township received $129,253 for ARPA according to State of Ohio Auditor’s website; Township receives $23,780 from Village residents for property taxes annually and approximately 19.08% of the property tax collected goes to the Township (for a house worth$200,000) Township also receives money from sales tax (in 2023 the amount will be $49,789.66; but there was carryover from previous year so the total they have is $179,408.49 which includes OPWC money received in 2022);

Township Trustees are paid based upon their budget - if the Township Budget is

$250,000 or less: Then each trustee is paid $43.31 per day up to 200 days which if it is only

100 days would amount to $4331.00. Motor Vehicle License money received by the Township was $9,082.17 in 2021. All information is public record from Logan County Auditor and Logan County Engineer and State of Ohio. Liberty Township is not on the Ohio checkbook website.

Business of the Month for April will be given to Theresa's Gingerbread House on

April 4th at 10:00 am

All new residents get a New Resident Bag and Stoners Ice Cream Parlor cone. This is important because it brings people into the stores.

Important Dates

**March 14** - at 2 pm Land Bank discussion on old elementary school asbestos removal

**March 15** - at 7 pm join meeting with WLBA, Lions Club, and Village to set up Safety

Policy document for Trolley usage/parking held in Opera House

**March 16** - at 8 am “Active shooters”

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March 20 - at 6 pm Public Awareness Training of phone and email scams at Green Hills

Foundation Hall

**March 21** - at 1 pm Pre Construction Meeting for ODOT Bridge Painting and Repair

**March 22** - at 11 am taping Women who served in the military at Town Hall; 10 am taping

of man rescued by Americans in North Africa during WWII

**March 23** - at 9 am Pre Construction Meeting for ODOT Crosswalks Project

**March 24-25** - WLBA Hello Spring 10-5 pm

**March 27** - Council meeting 7 pm

**March 28** - at 10 am West Columbus Street Project bid openings

**March 29** - 7 pm in the Opera House “special event” for retiring business owner

**April 1** - WLBA Easter Bunny pictures at gazebo (9-11 am) and Lions Club pancake

breakfast (8-11 am)

**April 2** - Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park

**April 4** -Business of the Month presentation at Theresa's Gingerbread House at 10 am

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Motion Carried.

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