Council March 26, 2024

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty council was Acting Mayor Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Maier, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Woodruff, Mrs. Zerkle at 8:50 PM, and Fiscal Officer Boyd. Mr. Detrick street Dept. and Police Chief Shane Oelker. And Lowell Buck resident and Cemetery Trustee Jeff Vernon. Absent: None.

Lowell Buck was here to explain why his Church United Church of Christ wants a shooting range behind Mr. Buck’s house. He gave all council members a sheet with information for the security of UCC. UCC is asking again to let the security team with certain credentials to allow them to shoot at the range 4 times a year. We will discuss more at the next meeting April 15th.

Mr. Detrick said the Capital Electric will repair the crosswalk sign in the amount of $6200 and insurance will pay for it.

Mr. Detrick said he received an estimate for E Newell St. repair. It will be $2950 and he may tie them in with other projects he has do to.

Mr. Detrick will accept applications after the CDL agreement is finished. After Solicitor Moell changes the cost of CDL – He can accept applications. A MOITON was made by Mrs. Maier seconded by Mr. Woodruff to authorize Mr. Detrick to advertise for a FT employee once CDL contract is finished.

Mr. Detrick said he has no time to install troop banner brackets because he hired anyone. He said council will have to find someone else to do it.

He asked if Ryan Wirick can help until they find someone.

Mr. Detrick also asked why is W-2 doesn’t match what he is supposed to make annually. Fiscal officer explained because the raises don’t always happen on January 1st and sometimes it doesn’t happen until March (like this year). The annual salary is divided equally over 26 weeks because employees are paid bi-weekly.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Woodruff seconded by Mrs. Maier to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024 as written read. Motion Carried. 4-0

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the following bills in the amount of $27090.62. Motion Carried.

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| Hughes Plumbing | generator final | 590.20 |
| AES | electric dodge | 29.72 |
| AES | electric Purple heart | 32.68 |
| P S& L | packer loan | 2400.00 |
| West Liberty Bldg. | supplies | 16.56 |
| American Solutions | utility billing | 153.25 |
| Thomans IGA | bottled water | 10.00 |
| CT Communications | phones | 404.12 |
| AES | electric L/B | 263.83 |
| AES | electric Lions Club | 20.98 |
| AES | electric L/B | 94.95 |
| AES | electric l/B | 196.39 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 1182.73 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 215.39 |
| Cindee Boyd | salary | 1465.20 |
| Lee Deloye | 80 reg 1 OT | 1415.91 |
| Darren Dunham | 8 hrs | 112.60 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1435.76 |
| Hodge Hager | 16 hrs | 226.13 |
| Mark Nelson | 76 reg 3 SL 1 Pers | 1190.73 |
| Brian Snider | 77 hrs | 1165.48 |
| Cont March 26 2024  Shane Oelker | salary | 1391.09 |
| Ohio Def Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1440.57 |
| Wex Bank | gasoline | 187.46 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Oelker | 340.68 |
| Plucketts | termite inspection | 382.28 |
| Quill | chair | 72.99 |
| ATT mobile | cell phones police | 269.80 |
| FastTrack | 1st responder building | 259.90 |
| Cherokee run Landfill | 30.9 Tn | 2194.84 |
| Cintas | mat | 45.04 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 140.00 |
| CMT Engineering | bridge inspection | 969.35 |
| O'Reillys | filter oil etc. | 66.67 |
| O'Reillys | electric grease | 15.99 |
| Holder RD | fuel | 821.67 |
| Fire Safety | 5 hoods | 816.00 |
| Spectrum | internet police | 149.97 |
| P S& L | box rental | 18.00 |
| Lowes | supplies | 52.23 |
| Lowes | supplies | 30.10 |
| Lowes | lock cut off and simple green | 50.31 |
| TSC | paint and coupler | 25.98 |
| Ohio Data | phones police February | 123.76 |
| Ryan Wirick | services | 100.00 |
| Ryan Wyrick | services | 100.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| JT Tree Service | dodge park and Lions | 1300.00 |
| Bell Equipment | filter etc. | 291.07 |
| Ohio Data | phones police March | 100.57 |
| RD holder | oil | 1176.25 |
| Wichert | packer additional | 381.00 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| W Productions | lettering packer | 120.00 |
| Treasurer State of Ohio | Marcs radio fire | 240.00 |
| Treasurer State of Ohio | marcs radio police | 390.00 |
| Shannon Maier | moonshade signs | 119.44 |
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Jeff Vernon explained why the Cemetery Sexton and helper should get a 5% increase and $2.00 per hour for her helper. They have received an increase for the cemetery farm of 27%. The Cemetery sexton is a very good employee and her helper hasn’t received a raise for 7-8 years.

Ordinance 2024-06 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE FAIRVIEW CEMETERY EMPLOYEES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Maier to pass on 1st reading only. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2024-07 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

2024-02 FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024” was read. This is for Natureworks Restroom Demolition was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mr. Woodruff to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried 4-0

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A MOITON was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mr. Hoffman to adopt Ordinance 2024-07 on 1st and final reading. Motion Carried.

Fiscal Officer said theCD for Fire Dept. we passed last meeting was at 5.25% not 4.88%.

Dumpster and trash rates and recycling – tabled We will be at the recycling center to help unload recyclables on April 3, 2024 -- 400- 600 PM

Discussed Spring clean up again and we need volunteers. Mayor Hudson will have more information next meeting. Mrs. Zerkle asked if the street department can just pick up spring clean up instead of people taking them to the dumpsters. Mrs. Maier wasn’t sure if he would have time.

Mr. Spriggs said he will receive the final specs on the restrooms at Lions park from Rick Harr. He would like to see the village getting a loan for the other half of the cost of the RR and village will pay 50% of the loan and Lions will pay the other half. So the Village would pay 75% of restrooms and Lions Club would pay 25%. Council would like to get a final bid on the restrooms.

ODOT street light damage – Brad may have more info

Mrs. Griffith and Fiscal Officer Boyd attended the Land Bank meeting and Logan County is guaranteed 1 million dollars and West Liberty is number 1 on the list. Our next meeting is in May.

Council members need to sign-up for Certified Public Records Training. Fiscal Officer sent an email last week with dates and webinars. She will need a copy of your certificate once completed.

Mayor Hudson may have more information on Capital Funds Bridge Applying April 8th from Matt Huffmans office.

Finance committee met with Christina King with quotes for medical insurance. Medical insurance committee will meet next week to decide and have more information next meeting. Anthem increased 7.3%.

Troop brackets installed. Nothing decided yet.

Fiscal Officer Boyd ordered 3 porta-johns for garage sale days.

Fiscal Officer Boyd will be gone March 27-28 for CEC hours in Columbus

Fiscal Officer Boyd applied for a bike helmet grant from AAP bike safety awareness - The Village received 108 helmets. We will have them at Opening day for Splash pad and in the Clerk’s officer

Fire Department is still working on the 0% loan grant. He wanted to know if we could match 5% of the cost. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mr. Woodruff to approve to pay 5% for the cascade system and tanks. Motion Carried.

Logan County Safety Council April 18th 8:00 AM Mr. Woodruff and Mrs. Zerkle will attend.

Chief Oelker said he has hired Ryan Campbell for police full time position. He will be on his own April 1st. His uniforms are ordered. Chief Oelker has applied for a BWC grant for a vest. He said he was at the Russell’s point/Lakeview for tornado help. He will apply for FEMA help with Russell’s point/Lakeview.

**Important Dates**

**April 5th fireworks at Lions park**

**April 6th Andy Detwiler day and celebration in Opera House**

**April 7th Dance competition – Clerk’s office has tickets**

**April 8th Eclipse**

Next Council meeting April 15 and 29th NOT the 8th

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconde4d by Mrs. Zerkle to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Motion Carried.

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Fiscal Officer Cindee M. Boyd Mayor Bradley Hudson