February 8, 2021 Council

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty was: Mayor Carroll, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Keller, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. McKelvey, Ms. Yoder, Ms. Kauffman, and Clerk Boyd. Guest: Josh Stiles, WPKO. Tami Wenger was on zoom.

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

Tami Wenger was on zoom. She wanted to present an idea of naming a spot in Lion’s Park. The popular names were Tigers Point or Serenity Cove. Council members would like to hear the history of Mike Sells because they gave a portion of park to the Village. Council members will need to talk with Lions Club. Tami said she would purchase the sign.

A Motion was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the minutes of January 15, 2021 as written/corrected. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the following bills in the amount of $33,460.42. Motion Carried.

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| Sherry Barger | 32 hrs. | 290.75 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1303.57 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 hol 2 OT | 1117.58 |
| Mark Nelson | 72 reg 8 hol 2 OT | 950.65 |
| Lee Deloye | 70 reg 8 hol 10 SL | 1351.41 |
| Darren Dunham | 17 hrs. | 177.49 |
| Nate Fickle | 60 reg 20 vac 8 hol | 1174.32 |
| Hodge Hager | 10 hrs | 104.44 |
| Brett Mancini | 80 reg 8 hol | 826.01 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1477.66 |
| Child Support | for Mancini | 362.59 |
| Cindee M Boyd | salary | 1238.66 |
| Chance Carroll | salary | 338.01 |
| Conrad Hostetler | salary | 2062.07 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor | 424.34 |
| Larry Reed | salary | 311.78 |
| Companion Life | life ins. | 72.00 |
| Sprint | phones | 368.84 |
| Travis Temple | overpayment #774 | 1.51 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1480.25 |
| Ohio Dept. Taxation | state tax | 799.71 |
| Ohio School dist | school tax | 454.42 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 339.25 |
| OPERS | retirement | 3608.63 |
| Ohio Police and fire | retirement | 4724.88 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 696.3 |
| Ohio Deferred Comp | for Boyd | 80.00 |
| Ohio Data | phones | 126.85 |
| Unattend | time clock fees | 37.00 |
| Heritage | salt | 35.40 |
| CT Communication | phones | 372.25 |
| Vectren | natural gas | 1568.20 |
| D P& L | electric | 257.79 |
| Cherokee Run | TN 29.72 | 1731.21 |
| Holder RD Oil | fuel | 473.57 |
| O'Reilly | repair and mainten | 413.61 |
| D P& L | electric | 18.96 |
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| Treasurer State | UAN fees | 876.00 |
| Weaver Overhead | repair fire door | 125.00 |
| Lowes | supplies | 291.49 |
| Hughes Plumbing | toilet repair | 78.04 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 10.00 |
| Heritage | salt | 70.80 |
| CJ Hostetler | repair dump truck | 350.00 |
| Spectrum | phones | 134.97 |
| Bowmans Handym | drywall finish | 125.00 |
| O'Reilly | absorbent | 69.93 |
| Champ. Co teleph | IT labor | 157.50 |
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Ordinance 2021-01 entitled “Annual Appropriations for 2021” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Ms. Yoder to pass on first reading only. Motion Carried.

The Snow Emergency Ordinance was presented. Section 2 will be changed just for residential sections. There will be no parking downtown from midnight to 6:00 am, so snow can be removed. Council also said police dept. needs to enforce this Ordinance. We need to encourage residents to clean their sidewalks within 24 hrs. snowfall; to make if safe for everyone. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mr. Hyland to order two-hour parking signs for downtown. Motion Carried. 6-0 This needs to be enforced and no parking more than 2 hrs. except handicapped parking. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. McKelvey to change Section 6 to say “may be fined $100.00 per day” Motion Carried. 6-0 Mr. Detrick and Chief Oelker will look at this ordinance.

Ordinance 2021-02 entitled “An Ordinance for Snow Emergency and Parking with the Village of West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio” was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass on first reading. Motion Carried.

Safety Committee met with Chief Oelker and Darin Leach from the Fire Dept. Chief Oelker had several concerns about time clocks and Clerk Boyd will take of these issues with Chief. He is also concerned with salaried supervisors and not differentiated from hourly employees. If it would say 80 hrs. per pay period, then it would give supervisors flexibility as to how their hours are spent. Council would like to wait and give the time clocks and hours a chance to wait. No one has worked more hours than Mr. Detrick and with less pay.

He is also asking for Lee Deloye to get back his 16 hrs. vacation he lost back in September. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. McKelvey to extend his 16 hrs. vacation until March. Motion Carried.

The Bike Patrol Classes training for May are full He is looking for Parma near Cleveland and they are on the waiting list. This class would require lodge and meals.

The street dept. is clearing the parking lot of snow and Chief/Officers will keep front entrance clear. There is a problem with the gutter and needs repaired. Chief Oelker is looking into a cost of a battery operated heated shovel.

The ammo supplier is out of stock and Chief will wait to order.

Chief Oelker said thank you for the PT officers .50 raise.

Chief Oelker has started a fitness challenge for the officers and families. Some money will be coming from Veterans that pay for duty officers for Memorial Day parade. There will be an award ceremony June 5th.

The officers are getting new Special Duty hats. They are more formal looking police hats with a brim worn during parades, funerals and special events. Police issued ball caps can be worn during works hours with their polo shirts.

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Paula cleaned the office once and did a nice job. It would be nice to bump it up the monthly instead of quarterly.

Finance talked about purchasing a new cruiser about October. This will get the schedule rolling for older cruisers being rotated out every 3-4 year. Then maybe the Chief can have a city vehicle that he can take home as BPA and Street dept allows their supervisors.

If there is any surplus of money at the end of the year, he would like to improve the firing range. As of now rifles can’t be used for training, parking is limited, some tree’s need removed, and they would like a shed for target storage, mower, etc.

Ms. Kauffman and Ms. Yoder also talked with Darin Leach from Fire Dept. Mr. Leach said they were very appreciative of the pagers that were bought with the cares Act funds. They are less expensive, less cumbersome and lighter weight and they still have the capability to listen as radios are used state wide. Not everyone in the dept was able to have their own. There are new radio towers going up on Campbell Hill in Bellefontaine and Urbana so this will help WL communicate more effectively.

The Fire Dept. has been approved for an $11,000 grant from State Fire Marshall, but they have not received it yet. Logan County Commissioners gave $1300.00 for the Marcs radio fees. There is also a pending grant from Champaign County for $10,000. This will help defray the monthly costs as well as the purchase of additional Marcs radios.

Mr. Leach report they had 199 service runs for 2020 with an average “truck out the door” response time was 4:39 minutes. The fire department covers 135 sq miles and 6 townships. They generate over $111,000 in contract for the six townships. The Fire dept. is always looking for grants or additional funding to use less funds from Village of West Liberty.

The fire dept. has 25 volunteers after one resigning. There were 5 new in March 2020 and they have stayed on with 2 going to fire academy and 2 trained as EMT’s. This says a lot about the dynamics of the department.

Street Committee said Mr. Detrick has a quote for brush grinding and hauling from Lawn Masters in the amount of $5500.00. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mrs. Griffith to accept this quote. Motion Carried.

Mr. Detrick reported to EPA with no incidents.

A MOTION was made Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Ms. Yoder to purchase trash bags in the amount up to $7000.00. Motion Carried. 6-0

Mr. Detrick still doesn’t understand why the crosswalks need to be at the North side of town. Mr. Keller said it may not NEED to be there now but in the future it may be necessary. We received a grant and need to use it.

Mr. Detrick and his crew have tried their best to remove all the snow. They have had a lot of breakdowns and repairs on equipment.

Mr. Detrick would like the trailer moved from the north side of the town hall yard – so the snow can be removed from behind the firehouse.

Mr. Detrick has 26 hr. overtime right now and expecting more snow.

The finance committee met with all the employees to explain the time clocks. We need to define “call in” hours. If weekend hours are normal work hours, it is not call in. Need to discuss with water board. All departments are different and we are learning and working out the bugs. Mr. Hyland thinks we need a baseline with cemetery for the 1st year before we change her ordinance.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mr. Hyland to accept assistant secretary, Sherry Barger’s resignation and her last day will be February 11th. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Ms. Yoder to advertise for this position and it will start at $10-$11 per hours depending of the experience. They must be bonded and need a job description. Motion Carried.

Clerk Boyd will be gone March 23rd and 24th with her family and Council members will help out.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Ms. Yoder to go into executive session at 8:54 PM to discuss personnel. Motion Carried.

Out of executive session at 9:00 PM.

The Village wide garage sales will be May 22nd instead of May 15th.

Clerk Boyd will call Kaye from Choice One Engineering to find a grant for sidewalk to extend to Maries Candies.

February 26th is Fourth Friday event – It will be Fab and Fit Friday at the Grove downtown. Roberta Yoder is also opening up a Health Food Store on February 26th. Council agrees the fourth Friday event can happen if Health dept approves.

Clerk Boyd received a quote from Stidhams Painting in the amount of $2000.00 to paint the silo at city garage black. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Ms. Yoder to hire Stidhams to paint the silo. Motion Carried. We hope people will remember the black silo with tiger paws on it and lead people downtown to shop.

Clerk Boyd has been looking at new software for the utility bills. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mrs. Griffith to allow Clerk Boyd to purchase new software and Garbage Rubbish will pay for 1/3 of the program. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hyland thinks Mr. Detrick and Chief Oelker need to attend Council meetings again. Ms. Yoder wants to wait until Covid under control.

Mrs. Griffith has looked at a Bridge Program that will be built in 2025. We still need to take ownership to apply for any grant. Mrs. McKelvey will contact Solicitor Moell and get some input.

Council members will have their annual meeting with Liberty Township February 25th at Community room at 7:00 PM.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mr. Yoder to adjourn at 9:26 PM. Motion Carried.

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