Council April 24, 2023

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Hostetler, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Chief Oelker, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None.

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

 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

Chief Oelker is attending OSU in co-operation with Public Safety Leadership class. It is the best training he has ever had and will be getting a college credit and he is planning on getting his masters. He is working on a Capstone Project and will present this at a work session of Council in June. He will be graduating from the training June 8 at 11:30 am. Chief needs to begin his interviews and will be emailing all council members. The answers will be in his report, for everyone to read. The questions will be communications between elected officials and officers.

Officer Mancini will be on deployment as of Friday April 29th. He did not volunteer for this and will be in Washington DC.

Chief Oelker has interviewed someone tonight for part-time to help fill gaps. He may have an answer by May 8th.

Car #2 hit a deer and has $2200.00 damage. He will wait until after Memorial Day to repair and hopes to have it back by Firework June 24th. This cruiser cannot be driven at night. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to allow LeVans Auto Body to repair car #2. Motion Carried.

Chief Oelker feels car #3 needs to be bought from Whites Ford because the guys use their own vehicles for parades to block streets. This would help and it would only have marker lights installed. Chief Oelker has not driven it yet. No computer is needed or equipment. White’s would give $1000 for the 2015 Explorer with timing chain and electronic issues. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the purchase from Whites Service up to $10K. Motion Carried. Clerk will have Ordinance next meeting. Mrs. Hostetler would like to see the Carfax.

Chief Oelker would like to get a 3-year rotation for cruisers.

Mrs. Zerkle attended Safety Council, as Chad Dunlap was the speaker. This Safety council was information on suicide prevention. She would like to put an article in the newsletter for September. Ms. Kauffman will be in June and Mrs. Hostetler will be in July.

Finance Committee thoroughly went over all bills included Water/Sewer and Cemetery bills. Ms. Kauffman had questions on bearings bought for conveyor and bearings/shaft on Clarifier. Finance committee called Herb Carter, President of BD OF PA, he came to the Town Hall to look at the bills. Mr. Hudson said, at the BD meeting he has documentation for greasing all parts. Board of Public Affairs has first approval and Council will back them up.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the following bills in the amount of $ 55464.40. Motion Carried.

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| Missy Hughes | 67.25 Hrs.  | 727.27 |
| TSC | rake and supplies | 219.97 |
| AES | lions electric | 50.09 |
| AES | electric L/B | 250.07 |
| Paul Cronkleton | cleaning | 100.00 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett and Mancini | 500.96 |
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| Brian Snider | 80 hrs | 1117.94 |
| John Puckett | 80 reg 6 OT | 1227.76 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1711.3 |
| Nate Fickle | 8 hrs | 113.16 |
| Hodge Hager | 8 hrs | 114.91 |
| Brett Mancini | 74.5 hrs 5.5 SL | 977.24 |
| Darren Dunham | 8.5 hrs | 119.64 |
| Lee Deloye | 80 reg 3 OT | 1444.88 |
| Mark Nelson | 75 reg 5 pers | 1072.29 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 vac | 1183.24 |
| Cardinal Transportation | bus for  | 100.00 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1792.62 |
| Ohio Police and Fire | retirement | 5231.91 |
| Uattend | timeclocks | 89.00 |
| Anthem | medical fees | 25.00 |
| Wex Bank | gasoline | 1523.90 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| OPERS | retirement | 3903.31 |
| Berry Digital |  emails police | 71.91 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 32.84 TN | 2193.40 |
| Fire Safety  | supplies | 1192.38 |
| Your Hometown Tech | emails | 112.00 |
| Your Hometown Tech | IT service | 1000.00 |
| Allied Waste | recycling | 3118.45 |
| Spectrum | internet | 149.97 |
| Cindee Boyd | flag pole | 37.54 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Jones Country Store | wind chime | 48.25 |
| P S& L  | loan police bldg. | 2201.26 |
| Civista | health savings | 5083.29 |
| Thomans ICA | water | 16.76 |
| National Testing | annual renewal | 500.00 |
| Best Door and Window | garage door repair | 541.00 |
| Anthem Life | life | 65.50 |
| Anthem Medical | medical | 10477.52 |
| BA Service | Engine #111 | 2362.20 |
| Quill | PT TP trash bags | 167.56 |
| O'Reilly | window fil and tool | 31.98 |
| RD Holder | fuel | 971.15 |
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Ordinance 2023 - 09 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 Mr. Spriggs to pass on 2nd reading. Motion Carried. After this passes it needs filed with the Logan County Board of Elections and Logan County Auditor.

Mrs. Griffith updated Council members on West Columbus Street Bridge. A structural engineer came last week and he will give us his professional opinion with cost estimates. He feels the walls are ok, the deck needs replaced and trusses are ok to use (in a nut shell).

BD of PA will get a quote for the Sidney St. sewer line by May 15th.

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Mr. Spriggs measured all the poles for Troop Banners. – Hoping to replace all brackets by late May/June with grid of Village where each branch of military is found (streets) and added to the APP.

The Old High School is our next concern - Code Enforcement Officer Woodruff sending a certified letter to the owners with zoning code violations; If the building is condemned then the owner must bring up to code. We received a quote to clear the brush in the amount of $9000.00 and we can do it and put on their property taxes. We will try to set up a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Veldt.

A Flood Plain expert will be coming to April 26 at 10:30 am meeting to explain new flood plain map that will have final approval soon and help explain impact on residents. The plan is to have a public meeting later this summer.

Mayor McKelvey said Jack Makemson will receive a flag from Logan County Commissioners. They give a flag every month to a Veteran that flew over the courthouse.

Mr. Woodruff, Code Enforcement Officer said he has a lot of hours and receives nasty calls and he wants to re-negotiate his salary.

Clerk/Treasurer said the direct deposit is still on target for May.

Feel @ Home WL App is ready to download and will have big marketing push May 1 information can be found at <https://www.mywestliberty.com/> ; Download app and then create a profile which will allow you to select notifications you receive; non-residents can just get notifications for events (WLBA, Lions Club, Parks, and Village events)

Old Elementary School Building - Land Bank - made aware that because of the collapse of the roof the entire contents of the building is considered contaminated with asbestos;

Clerk received quotes from H & H 2023 estimate is $860, 800 and Ohio Technical estimate is $367,658.

Ohio Technical did the asbestos removal of the old Water Plant.

Clerk Boyd wants to remind all employees Purchase Orders are required by law to verify that there is sufficient money in the funds to pay for the purchases. All purchase orders need to be done before the purchase is made.

United Way Community Care Day - August 25

The strobe light will be installed in May on the new truck for street dept.

Guard rail at County Road 5 and US 68 - is constantly be hit by semis heading North; Mr. Detrick has a plan with J & J Schlaegel for a long-term fix (using fill dirt from West Columbus Street paving project); Logan County Engineer’s office will fix guardrail and move it back (estimated cost is $1,332.01) The culvert also needs to be extended by 60 Ft. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded Mrs. Hostetler to approve this purchase.

Griffin Paving will be moving center line and paint crosswalks in the amount of $14037.00.

JT Tree Service removed the brush pile and will invoice soon.

We are a Tree City USA and all paperwork has been submitted. Mrs. Griffith and Mayor McKelvey attended a Tree City USA banquet. They talked about Champion Trees which are the biggest of their species or points. DeGraff has one of those trees but is not a Tree City USA.

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A Letter to residents with hazardous or trees that may become a hazard was written by Mr. Detrick it will be looked at by Council members. Discussed having public meeting to explain the trees in the boulevard with Alistair the Urban Forester. Hope to have him explain how to check trees, why some are marked as a hazard or on the watch list, how to identify those with disease, what trees are best for urban areas; Village will explain the letters and the ordinance to those in attendance. Discussed a possible grant available.

The West Columbus Street Repaving Project will begin 1st or 2nd week of June and be completed by November 30 at the latest; first part of project is tree removal and storm sewers. Hoping ball season will be over by then.

 BD OF PA is meeting regarding the repairs to the bridge on SR 245 and removal of sewer line.

Proposal for fixing this issue is: to bore under the Mad River and remove the sewer line from the bridge. BD OF PA will have a quote next Board meeting.

Ricketts Park Mural is completed and installed; electricity was installed, but flag pole requires AES approval because of close proximity of the shelter house to the power lines.

Mayor McKelvey discussed evaluations done by an outside source, with job descriptions. Council agreed, depending on cost.

Aggregation updates We have been approved. Aggregation is for small business owners as well as residents. Delayed due to PUCO not sending release form/ certificate; Mid-summer is projected date

 May Business of the Month is Ohio Caverns - April 30 at 9:45 am will be presentation

Cemetery Board appointments will be made at the May 8 Council meeting- staggered terms because of the lack of this being done - 1 / six years; 2 / four years; 3/ 3 years; Then the appointment would be 3 years after each term is completed. Interested individuals should contact the Clerk’s Office or the Mayor.

National Tourism week begins May 7th – there will be free hot dogs at Ohio Caverns, Maries and Ice Cream.

 Business of the Month for June nominations: Liberty Gathering Place, Stoners Ice Cream and Bath and Brush.

**Important Dates**

April 25 - 1:00 pm Flag Presentation by County Commissioners to a local veteran

April 26 - Logan County Visitors Bureau Annual Breakfast at Town Hall Opera House at 8:30 am

April 26 - Allison Fowler (Logan County Soil and Water Conservation) 10:30 am to discuss flood plain map for our Village with Council

April 27 - WLBA Executive Board meeting at Sweetie Pie’s at 7:30 am

April 29 - Arbor Day - Trees: Past, Present, and Future at Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek at 9 am

April 30- Business of the Month to the Ohio Caverns at 9:45 am

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May 1 - Solar Eclipse Planning Meeting (if interested in being on the Committee for Champaign County contact Polly at the Champaign County Visitors Bureau)

May 2 - Primary for GOP Municipal Court race

**May 3** - Champaign County Community Partnership is in West Liberty (Taste of the Village: Marie’s Candies has donated sample boxes; need to speak with Sweetie PIe’s, Liberty Gathering Place, and Mad River Farm Market) at 8:30 am

May 4 - First Thursday Logan County

May 5 - First Friday Champaign County

May 8 - Council meeting at 7 pm

May 9 - Land Bank meeting at 2 pm

June 24-24 Champaign County Home and Garden Tour

August 25 - United Way Community Care Day

September 8 & 9 Balloonfest at Grimes Field

September 28 - Pink Out in West Liberty at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall Gazebo

April 8, 2024 - Solar Eclipse (if interested in being on the Committee for Champaign County contact Polly at the Champaign County Visitors Bureau)

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to adjourn at 9:27 PM. Motion Carried.

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