

Council July 11, 2022

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Hostetler, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Zerkle, Solicitor Moell, and Clerk/Treasurer Boyd. Guests: Emily Walters and Shannon Reese.

Council met at Solomon's Garage and Neer and Farm at 6:15 PM. Dave Neer explained how Solomon's got their name. They wanted big time mechanic in a small town. Dave and Katie Neer went to WLS and went to school in IN. Solomon's has 9 Oils on tap and a storage room with an elevator. They opened in 2020 and Neer and Farm opened Feb. 2021. Neer and Farm has many local vendors. Katie Neer said they 25% whole sale to the business and 75% go to vendor.

The meeting was started with Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Council and Mayor would like to Thank Emily Walters for all her g work. She will be moving to Maine with her husband in August. Mayor McKelvey gifted her with Blue things because we will be blue without her, along with t-Shirt etc. Good Luck and Thank you for all you have done.

Ms. Kauffman discussed the request for chickens within the Village. She feels the racoon population will increase and what about the waste from chickens and the deceased chickens. The is concerned with Good and Bad owners. Will we allow ducks? The Code enforcement officer doesn't want to count chickens or keep tabs on them. Mayor asked Council to do their research on chickens and bring back to next council meeting.

Mayor McKelvey will be having a Curb Appeal meeting on August 17th at 6:00 PM. She will be inviting all businesses.

Mrs. Hostetler met with an Arborist and drove around with him for at least twice. They drove around for about 2 hrs. He has a watch list and some that need to come down. The arborist will be meeting with residents and Council on August 18th. Someone also asked about tree trimming. We will need RSVP's from residents. We want to Thank Rick Norviel for spraying the blue spruce trees at the town hall.

Council and Mayor would like to thank Rick and Kathy Norviel for hanging the banners.

Mrs. Griffith updated Council on the Columbus St Bridge. We didn't receive the grant but have received other options. She met with LEI and there may be an option for a Pre-Fab Bridge. Korda called her and asked if we wanted to apply for grant again.

CRA will be submitted soon.

The electric and Gas aggregate will be on the ballot in November.

Mr. Spriggs will write an article for the newsletter for August.

The gazebo was discussed again. Council member went outside North of the Town Hall and measured the 10 x 14 Ft gazebo and location. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to purchase the gazebo for weddings, mic night, etc. Motion Carried. The \$5350.00 will come out of contingency fund. Once this gazebo it set = we will get an estimate for electric.

Council would like to thank Shane Oelker for a great fireworks show. Mrs. Hostetler was concerned about the 4-wheeler riding/racing through their neighborhood with kids playing and letting off fireworks past 11:00 PM. If anyone sees anything they need to take video/pictures and call police and report it when it happens.

Safety and finance will meet at 9:00 AM on Friday with police Chief. Clerk will advertise on the sign.

Mr. Hughes would like to have his building permit fee back because he didn't use his permit of \$4000.00. Mrs. Griffith called Logan County and they do not return any money. We would like to have good faith but will be setting an example. Council talked about giving a partial refund. Someone will talk with Scott Woodruff and ask what he did to issue this permit. Council wants good public relations and should refund some.

Mrs. Griffith met with a Solar Company today at her house. The lenders would give 10-20 years loan to pay on solar panels. There will be a meeting at Ben Logan on August 9th to discuss wind farms.

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Mrs. Zerkle is finding out more information on Second Harvest food bank at Lions Park. She will contact Nikki Kimball or Nancy McGuire.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of \$43,744.34. Motion Carried. There was a question of 35 Hrs. of OT for a police officer. There were 3 events over the past 2 weeks and task force.

OPFDPF	retirement	6383.25
OPERS	retirement	5946.53
Ohio Deferred Comp	for Boyd	80.00
IRS	WH MC EMP> MC	985.58
RITA	municipal tax	483.05
Ohio School District	school tax	582.97
Ohio Dept taxation	state tax	1097.47
IRS	WH MC EMP> MC	1878.56
Champaign c Chamber	membership	150.00
Missy Hughes	54.5 hrs.	548.32
Sherry Barger	8,25 hrs.	91.47
Shane Oelker	salary	1609.94
John Puckett	31 hrs.	412.38
Brian Snider	73 reg	992.80
Hodge Hager	11 hrs.	156.57
Brett Mancini	80 reg 35 OT	1617.14
Nate Fickle	14 hrs.	197.53
Darren Dunham	6 hrs.	84.44
Lee Deloye	77 hrs. 3 OT 3 SL	1400.85
Ohio Child Support	for mancini	302.16
Marysville Municipal Ct	for Mancini from April	280.30
Scott Woodruff	salary	510.88
Steve Rabenstein	salary	822.66
Chris Moell	solicitor	424.48
Rick Miller	salary	311.84
Jill McKelvey	salary	357.62
Darin Leach	salary	1328.92
Cindee Boyd	salary	1242.96
Bill Detrick	salary	1371.89
Shane Freehauf	80 rg	1115.78
Mar4k Nelson	80 reg 35 OT	1035.55
Cintas	mat	43.27
Quill	stamp and trash bags	96.67
Holder RD	fuel	1272.39
Quill	toilet paper	35.99
Cintas	uniforms	278.44
ATT	cell phones	260.51
Kelly Septic	porta john Ricketts	115.00
Heater Excavating	tile on E Newell	3720.00
Cherokee Run Landfill	trash removed	2207.31
Choice One		
Engineering	restroom nature works	800.00
Jill McKelvey	ballot aggregate	20.00
Kleem	3 way sign	83.63
Fire Safety	hydro testing	180.00
Kelly Septic	porta john Ricketts	115.00
Clean as a whistle	window cleaning	40.00

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CenterPoint	natural gas	539.2
CenterPoint	natural gas	55.82
CenterPoint	natural gas	77.22

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022. as written/read. Motion Carried.

ARPA funds will be deposited within the next few weeks.

Chief Oelker has received a BWC grant for police vests.

Chief Oelker said the cruiser is finally being built.

The junk vehicle ordinance will be discussed within the next two weeks. They need to check with Scott Woodruff, code enforcement officer.

Street committee said Mr. Detrick is having a hard time finding blue paint for Purple Heart parking lot stripping.

Mr. Detrick would like to move the yellow lines on Detroit St from Marie's to Columbus St. He will get an estimate.

Parks and Rec Board met. Lions Park is looking at ADA sidewalk from splash pad parking to concession stand sidewalk. Ricketts park still need a flag pole and light.

Mayor asked Solicitor about the vehicles and the new CCW permit. He said the state law supersedes Village laws. We may need to change our ordinance for fireworks and CCW but Walter Drane may already do that in their new pages when they update our ordinances. Clerk will call and check.

Mayor McKelvey read the proclamation for being a National Purple Heart City. Signs are ordered.

Mayor McKelvey will be Welcoming new residents at a meeting on August 18th at 5:30 PM upstairs.

On April 8, 2024 there will be a Solar Eclipse and this will be the best place to watch it. Logan County is starting meetings to make sure there are enough places for people to stay.

Mayor McKelvey will be asking Logan County to change the trick or treat night because Saturday afternoon does not work for Marie's Candies. Saturday is the busiest day for them and it is not safe for kids. Having it on Saturday negatively impacts their Saturday sales. We are looking at better options for West Liberty.

Council would like to thank Jake Vitt for keeping the flowers downtown looking good and Carol Hemphill for watering the flowers while Jake was gone.

Important dates

June 12 Broadband discussion with Logan Gig
June 13 WL Business Asso at Mad River Farm 5:30
July 20 Logan County Mayor Asso meeting in West Liberty
July 21 Health District meeting in Belle Center
July 23 Annual Ice Cream Social at UMC
July 25 Council meeting at 7:00 pm
July 26 Flood Mitigation meeting
July 28 County Commissioners and West Columbus St. Bridge

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adjourn at 9:23 PM. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Jill C. McKelvey