Council July 9, 2018

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was: Mayor G. Hostetler, Mr. M. Hostetler, Mr. Keller, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith Ms. Yoder, Chief Oelker, Mr. Detrick, Solicitor Moell, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None.

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

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the minutes of June 25th as written/corrected. Motion Carried. Corrections were the raise was 1/5% not 1 1/5% AND Shane Freehauf received a .50 raise after probationary period not .25 cents. Also 4th full time not 4 full time and Mr. Hyland adjourned meeting not Mr. Park.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve the following bills in the amount of $53,335.10. Motion Carried. Mrs. McKelvey asked if we were paying for police training – Chief Oelker said yes he is.

Cindee M. Boyd salary 1155.89

Conrad Hostetler salary 1999.35

Greg Hostetler salary 333.91

Chris Moell solicitor 423.98

Larry Reed salary 291.37

IRS WH MC EMP MC 641.64

Ohio Deferred Comp for Boyd 60.00

Hodge Hager 11 hrs. 105.27

Cody Hullinger 80 reg. 472.69

Bret Mancini 40 hrs. training 382.23

Paul Salyer 4 hrs. 28.28

Lee Deloye 80 reg. 1074.06

Nate Fickle 80 reg. 2 OT 1116.03

Shane Oelker salary 1376.48

Shane Freehauf 72 reg. 8 hol. 888.43

Dennis Lance 72 reg. 8 hol. 995.52

Bill Detrick 72 reg. 8 hol 1121.27

D P& L Phase 3 installed 17,445.83

Medical Mutual insurance 3758.19

D P& L electric 326.75

D P& L electric 114.37

Vectren natural gas 222.71

Shane Freehauf .50 raise for 32 hrs. 13.92

IRS WH MC emp. MC 1239.18

Spectrum internet 112.54

Century Link phone’s 195.82

O’Rielly fuse 7.98

Retail Acquisition batteries 44.02

CT Communication phones 406.73

CT Communications install internet 189.81

Thomans IGA water 5.00

Compton Equipment sharpen chain saw 21.00

Wal-Mart TV and mount 222.96

Bowman Handyman TV mount 25.00

Cintas mats 32.09

Robert Griffith certified letters 7.90

Cintas uniforms cleaned 164.80

Neer Sand and Gravel stone 259.85

Hieby Oil gasoline 288.81

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Northwest Auto o-rings 3.28

RVS maintenance 332.34

Wastezero recycling bags 5249.83

Cherokee run Landfill 33.12 TN 2524.99

Krabill Construction final payment on bldg. 6500.00

Kathleen Traucht return adv. dep. 3.00

Shane Long Miller St. sidewalk 950.00

Mr. Detrick said SR 245 paving will start tomorrow.

He would also like to see an Ordinance to make new residents pay a deposit on recycling bins. Mr. Hyland thinks $10.00 per bin and they pay when they pay their adv. Dep. for water/sewer/trash. Mr. Detrick is also concerned with cars not being moved when street sweeping is done once a month.

He would like to enforce with and Ordinance to allow us to tow cars. Council has tabled the deposit and towing cars.

Ordinance 2018-08 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF” was read. A MOTION was made by Mr. M. Hostetler second by Ms. Yoder to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried. Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: Mr. Hyland. A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mr. M. Hostetler to adopt Ordinance 2018-08 on 3rd and final reading. Motion Carried. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1. With one correction on 1st employee for Water/sewer dept. will only have a bonus of $336.00.

Safety Committee have had complaints about stray cats. Council cannot do anything about cats.

Jeremy Keller talked with Fire Chief about some grants for a new building and fire engine. They will continue to look.

Jeremy Keller would also like the Village to become “Firewise” it would improve our ISO rating. Monroe Township is “firewise.”

Street Committee said the sidewalk is finished on Miller St. and the building at city garage is finished except electric. Street Committee is also looking at how bad the Railroad tracks on SR 245 W. are and Mr. Detrick will talk with Heritage about repairing them.

The bricks out front need repaired. Shane Long Concrete will repair $3072.00.00. Council said they can be put on the list if he has time this year.

Finance suggested Village and Liberty Township be on the acct. if Shane didn’t want to take care of it anymore. Chief Oelker is working on a 501 3 (c) for the fireworks and wanted to stay in charge. He is looking into live entertainment for next year. It started six years ago and will continue to get bigger.

Shane Long accepted another job at Degraff. His last paid day will be July 20th. There have been 3 employees quit and walked away with HSA accounts. Next year we will continue to put full amount for family and single but employee will pay for the monthly service fee of $3.00. Finance also talked about putting the HSA deductible in monthly next year and if employees meet the deductible they will put the full amount in after showing proof.

Salaries for elected officials were discussed. Tabled for now. Also need to look at a raise for Code enforcement officer at the end of the year.

Finance committee is concerned with part-time police officers and how many hours they are getting. This needs to be looked at more.

Fire Chief asked a few meetings ago about the training grant in the amount of $900.00 spent in 2017 and received a grant in 2018, where that money goes and he would like it back. Clerk said it is put in General fund but finance committee will increase his CD from $10,000 to $10,900. Council agreed.

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Mrs. McKelvey said the police station is now behind schedule and they need to have a walk through. Ms. Yoder and Mrs. McKelvey will contact JS Engineering and ask if he can meet Wednesday.

 Beautification Awards nomination will be accepted until August 13, 2018 and will be awarded Labor Day Weekend. Forms are on line at mywestliberty.com or in clerk’s office.

Jeremy Keller is getting information for “tree city USA” – we need to look at paperwork for maintenance fee or any kind of maintenance.

He is also looking into a Native Tall Grass Prairie land at the triangle at the city garage or land by Lion’s Park that is not being used.

Mr. M. Hostetler said Andy Stidham will be coming to council to explain apartments downtown at 8:00 PM.

Fireworks were great and a few questions were asked about the drone flying. Council feels Scott Davis owner of the drone has his commercial license. Council would like more advertisement but Chief Oelker doesn’t want to spend funds for advertising and would like to spend all on fireworks.

Council talked about installing crosswalks at Thomans/Runkle and at Greenhouse/ Maries Candies. Crosswalks cannot be downtown because we need the parking spaces more than crosswalk. This will be discussed with state – the difference may be semi traffic.

We need to have our annual meeting with Liberty Township in August to discuss tree on North side and possibly lease with opera house. Clerk will contact Liberty Township. Solicitor Moell had a draft form Council members will look at.

 A MOTION was made by Mr. M. Hostetler seconded by Mrs. McKelvey to pay Invoice #2 and #3 to Link construction after JS Engineering approves. Motion Carried.

Solicitor Moell has paperwork back for Cemetery annexation that Clerk received on June 29th and we have to pass after 60 days, which would be September 10th meeting.

Mr. M. Hostetler thinks a splash pad at Lions Park after the WTP is torn down would be a great idea. Clerk is looking into it more.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. M. Hostetler to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Motion Carried.

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