Council May 24, 2021

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was: Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Keller, Ms. Yoder, Mr. Hyland, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Clerk Boyd and Josh Stiles, WPKO. Guests: Mr. Mike Minnich and Ben Volroth of Peakfiber and Logan County Chamber. Gary Hastings was also present. Absent: None.

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

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to approve the minutes of special meeting May 6, 2021 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mr. Keller to approve the following bills in the amount of $49,048.43. Motion Carried. The AED wasn’t purchased for Dodge Park, we need to talk with WLSBA and let them know the AED class is about 5 hrs.

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| Missy Hughes | 43 hrs. | 422.69 |
| Brett Ullom | 80 reg 10.5 OT | 1153.02 |
| Brett Manici | 40 military40 reg1.25O | 738.71 |
| Mark Nelson | 80 reg 10.5 OT | 951.81 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1480.52 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Mancini | 302.16 |
| Lee Deloye | 70 reg 10 vac 4 OT | 1280.09 |
| Bill Detrick |  salary | 1306.43 |
| Darren Dunham | 21.5 hrs. | 233.50 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 vac | 1081.64 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1351.80 |
| Ohio School Dist. | school tax | 398.51 |
| Ohio Dept. Taxation | state tax | 684.96 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 300.92 |
| Shell  | gasoline | 1330.60 |
| Civista | health savings | 3760.00 |
| VASU | fire equipment  | 8934.86 |
| WL Bldg Supply | bolts | 8.10 |
| Berry Digital | emails | 59.76 |
| P S& L  | packer loan | 1735.00 |
| PS & L  | police bldg loan | 2201.26 |
| OPWC | Columbus St. loan | 991.54 |
| TSC | weed killer | 131.97 |
| Shane Freehauf | reimbursed | 14.00 |
| Bushong Restaurant | fryers | 1000.00 |
| Jeremiah Seamless | city garage spouting | 1130.00 |
| WL bldg Supply | supplies | 16.99 |
| P S& L  | deposit tickets | 80.86 |
| Thomans IGA | supplies | 13.34 |
| Miami Valley Lighting | street lights | 2169.18 |
| Koening Equipment | weed eater lions park | 713.97 |
| Shane Oelker  | mileage | 49.05 |
| Solomons Garage | battery | 202.04 |
| Thomans IGA | palates, cups, etc | 3.67 |
| Spectrum |  internet | 134.97 |
| Ohio Data | telephones | 126.85 |
| Lowes | mulch | 34.90 |
| WL Bldg Supply | concrete | 5.99 |
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| WL Bldg Supply | supplies | 5.39 |
| Lowes | parts | 80.86 |
| The Park Catalog | picnic tables | 4495.32 |
| Lowes  | mulch | 236.50 |
| Corporate health | drug testing | 80.00 |
| RD Holder oil | fuel | 601.25 |
| Wastezero | 45 small bags | 1921.50 |
| Cherokee run Landfill | 34.85 TN | 2093.44 |
| Allied Waste | recycling | 2998.51 |
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Mr. Volroth and Mr. Minnich were here to explain Peakfiber and how important it is to be connected with advanced fiber. The Village will receive $352,000.00 from the ARP and can be used for boardband. Netgain started in 1995 then his partner retired and that’s when Peakfiber formed. They have over 200 miles of fiber. This is Port Authority owned company and have a lot of fiber in the ground. The initial engineering would be about $7500 and hook up to each home would be about $1000 and it increases property valve by about $4000-$7000. The Village has 10.5 miles of road, it would take about 1 ½ yrs to get fiber here. Total cost would be about $750,000 to get everyone with faster and better internet. Logan County Commissioners may help with this cost. We would need cell tower huts or building to hold this fiber.

Gary Hastings asked why Republic Services has combined all recycling and where is it going? Clerk said Republic Services has two trucks on order but they are not delivered yet.

Mr. Hastings was here to extend his concerns from the community meeting May 13th. He is still concerned about the Ordinance that was passed 1989 and it states no alcohol at Lions Park – he feels we need to enforce ordinances. Mayor McKelvey stated the state law supersedes the local law and he needed to look at the ORC section 43.0320. He wants a copy of the signed permit. He is concerned with the insurance coverage for that event. He remains neutral about a beer garden but wants the Ordinances Enforced.

John Stoner from the Ice Cream Parlor is having trouble with the trash cans near his business. Mr. Hyland said Mr. Detrick can not find lids to fit on these cans. Mr. Hyland feels these trash cans can be used elsewhere and new cans should be purchased. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Mrs. Griffith to approve up to $2400.00 for new cans. Motion Carried. Yeas: Nays: 0

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TWO-HOUR PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO” was read. Chief Oelker gave a few options for the parking tickets. If Bellefontaine Municipal court takes the tickets, all parking tickets must be taken to Bellefontaine each day. They can not be faxed or emailed. Another option is all parking tickets will be paid at the Clerk’s office in West Liberty. Mr. Hyland asked can we have confirmation that tickets will be written to violators?

 A MOTION was made by Ms. Yoder seconded by Mrs. Griffith to pass Ordinance 2021-03 on third and final reading with the Clerk accepting payment at the clerk’s office for the parking tickets. Motion Carried. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0.

Ordinance 2021-07 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

2021-01 FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021”

was read. The Fire Department received 2 grants and needed to increase the appropriations. A MOTION was made by Mr. Keller seconded by Mr. Hyland to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried. A MOTION was made by Mr. Keller seconded by Mr. Hyland to adopt Ordinance 2021-07 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0.

Safety Committee – Mayor McKelvey said she sent everyone a status report for April’s police calls. There were 232 calls for West Liberty.

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Nate Fickle was hired back to work for police department part time and special detail.

 June 9th at 12:00 pm - Mayor McKelvey will have a police recognition luncheon for all West Liberty police officers and Council members. Lee Deloye will receive a pin for January 20, 2017 the WLS school shooting. Mr. Hyland would like this to be vetted. Ms. Kauffman will look into it.

Chief Hostetler will be retiring July 31, 2021 and will be interviewing for the next fire chief. Mr. Keller has communicated with other fire chiefs and they have two positions Station Master and Fire Chief one fire chief. He talked about having a Station Master and a Chief – neither of the positions will be full time.

Mr. Hyland wants to know who will be interviewed Thursday. Mayor McKelvey didn’t want to disclose that information yet. Council members agreed we should not change Station Master and Fire Chief positions this year. A MOTION was made by Mr. Keller seconded by Ms. Kauffman to agree to a one-year contract for fire chief. Motion Carried. Yeas: 4 Nays: 1 Ms. Yoder. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyland seconded by Ms. Yoder that the current chief will not sit in on the interviews. Motion Carried. Yeas: 5 Nays: 0.

The street radar signs are installed but a mandatory webinar must be watched before turning them on. Chief Oelker will attend that webinar in June.

Mr. Keller has talked about Sidney St and how fast cars are traveling. Looking at 3 way stops at Pimtown and Taylor St. on Sidney St. Clerk will have an Ordinance ready next meeting.

Mrs. Griffith talked with neighbors of the W Columbus St. Bridge and they are in favor of vehicular bridge.

A monthly subscription for the digital sign was discussed and council declined.

Ms. Yoder and Mrs. Griffith met with the supervisors to discuss the policy and procedure manual. Leave time was an issue and supervisors want to sign their employees leave requests forms. The Mayor only signs the supervisor leave request. Police department feels they pay more in salary/hourly wages because of the 15 min debriefing everyday. Everyone received a memo concerning the missed punches starting June 1st.

June 10th is “A Day of Giving” for the opera house. They will have limited tours and Cotton Candy with the police chief. It will be 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

Beautification Award nominations will be taken until August 9th.

Put a Lid on it Campaign and Grand opening for Splash pad will be May 29th 10:00-12:00 with Fire Trucks, Sparky the dog, MJAD, police, Shine FM Ohio and K-9 unit will be there. Kids bike helmets will be given away. Splash pad will be open 7 days a week 10 am-8 pm except for private parties on Tues. 6-9PM.

Clerk and Mayor will meet with Miami Valley Lighting Rep. to sign a new contract when Clerk comes back from vacation.

Someone bought the land between WL Lumber Co and Liberty square apts. He asked the Village for a tax incentive. We will discuss more with Solicitor.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn at 10:15 PM. Motion Carried.

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