Final Council October 9, 2023

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Hostetler, Mrs. Zerkle, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Hoffman, Clerk Boyd and Solicitor Moell. Absent: None. Also present Mrs. Griffith’s family, Jeremy Levan and Mr. Detrick. Missy Hughes and Mayor McKelvey provided cake for Clerk Boyd and Mrs. Griffith for their birthdays today. Happy Birthday was sang to them.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the minutes of September 25, 2023 as written/correction. Motion Carried. Should be Mr. Spriggs not Mrs.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the special meeting on October 5, 2023 as written/read. Motion Carried.

 Mr. Spriggs said the Troop Banners and Brackets are in and WL-S students will help put them up on October 18th.

The 15 American Flag holders/poles for Downtown are $99 for pole, bracket, etc2. The Scout Troop will help when we are ready next year.

Mrs. Griffith updated council on West Columbus Street Bridge. The calendars are on order. The TAP grant if being submitted and she need letters of support from community needed now.

Matt Huffman and Tim Barhorst will be at the bridge tomorrow morning to look at it with Scott Coleman. They talked with Mayor McKelvey at a legislative meeting.

Mrs. Griffith talked with Jackson Center about Mosquito spraying with Bugaboo. She will get a quote next week.

Mayor McKelvey talked about Historical Markers for 1880 Fire and 1913 Flood. A grant is being submitted to get $1000 towards this marker. She wants to thank Tami Wenger and Todd McCormick for their help on this. A few years ago council made a motion to pay for 1/3 of two signs. Mrs. Tami Wenger was donating $200. We don’t know exactly where it will be placed yet but it will take a few years to get it. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to agree to pay $2675 after grant and Mrs. Wenger donation. Motion Carried. The grant is due May 1st.

Mayor McKelvey has looked at Civic signs. She received a quote from Holdren Brothers for a 5 x 7 ft sign in the amount of $350. The churches, purple heart, Lions Club sign etc. can be all in one place. A Mechanicsburg civic sign was shown. Mr. Detrick doesn’t think it will be big enough – he will measure the Lions Club sign (that needs replaced) and will see how big it can be.

The tree Commission met and recommended scheduling a meeting with Urban Forester Alistair for Hazardous Trees instead of just sending a letter. Invite the residents with hazardous trees so it can be explained what is the designation of a hazardous tree and a watch tree. They want to plant a butterfly garden and hummingbird gardens along Mad River at Lions Park and around the gazebo. They may get free plants from US Fish and Wildlife - Tom Allen is working on this.

The Board of Public Affairs will be meeting on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6 pm. They ask the Mayo to appoint Matt Hostetler to the Board. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve Matt Hostetler to the Board of Public Affairs. Motion Carried. 5-0 Mrs. Griffith abstained.

Mrs. Zerkle said they could use prayers because Rick Zerkle (husband) will be having heart surgery next week.

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A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve the following bills in the amount of $57070.13. Motion Carried.

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| OPERS | retirement | 4058.35 |
| Ohio Dept. Taxation | state tax | 1078.15 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1010.68 |
| RITA | municipal tax | 456.82 |
| Civista | health savings | 3304.14 |
| AES | electric L/b | 28.80 |
| School Dist. Inc. Tax | school tax | 431.19 |
| Allied Waste | recycling Oct | 3118.45 |
| Cindee Boyd | reimbursed training | 100.00 |
| Thomans IGA | supplies | 9.00 |
| Wichert Ins. | libaility ins. | 18904 |
| Fire Safety | gear from grant | 10822.35 |
| elle A Design | solar eclipse | 477.50 |
| elle A Design | business of the month | 54.00 |
| Ohio Data | phones police | 122.96 |
| Anthem | fees | 30.00 |
| WL Bldg Supply | supplies | 3.16 |
| Missy Hughes | CCCC meeting | 29.82 |
| Boldmans | newsletter | 262.50 |
| WL Lions Club | repairs to trolley | 469.80 |
| Cherokee run | 31.36 TN | 2094.53 |
| Doug Lash | services | 100.00 |
| Quill | supplies | 141.59 |
| Integrity Ford | oil change | 35.52 |
| Treasurer OH dep commerce | VFD fund | 150.00 |
| Spencer Mitchell | services | 724.45 |
| FSS | fire Extinguishers | 1047.00 |
| Kelly Septic | porta john | 130.00 |
| Paul Cronkleton | cleaning | 100.00 |
| Choice One | engineering W Columbus | 810.37 |
| Display Sales | brackets and lights | 214.00 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas | 60.01 |
| RD Holder | fuel | 874.52 |
| CenterPoint | natural gas L/B | 65.02 |
| Golden Graphics | banner Lytle | 125.00 |
| Ryan Wirick | services | 100.00 |
| ATT | phones | 261.34 |
| Uattend | time clock | 89.00 |
| American Solutions | vouchers | 186.00 |
| Lowes Home | hose reel | 108.3 |
| Lowes Home | Y-Hose | 9.01 |
| WL Bldg Supply | supplies | 19.12 |
| Shane Long concrete | slab concrete for garage | 500.00 |
| BA Services | brakes kpads etc | 3669.88 |
| AES | electric L/B | 353.07 |
| CT Comm | phones | 330.73 |
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The village has an agreement with Solomon's Garage for curbs and gutters repaired they will pay monthly.

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Clerk Boyd is looking at MFA for Cyber Security Insurance. We have MFA on some things but not all.

The 9 point plan grant application for $10,000 is being revised and will be turned in soon. This is for flooding and river bank erosion.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:50 PM. Motion Carried. Clerk Boyd was also dismissed.

Out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

Mr. Hoffman will attend Safety Council meeting October 19th.

Chief Oelker will be going to a Lunch N Learn in Champaign County to discuss health insurance.

Scott Woodruff said there is an outbreak of chickens in the village. The ordinance 505.15 states no chickens are allowed in the Village limits. He would like to be able to fine people for not abiding by the Ordinances.

The residents must know the regulations for Door to door salesman in the Village.; they must obtain permit required (no cost; must come to Clerk’s Office to receive; require Driver’s License, ID company, and know how long will be in town, what selling, issued card with dates and times in the village; includes gas and electric company. Residents should ask to see card when door to door salesmen come to their door. This will be in the newsletter.

 Mr. Detrick said he has 3 applications and 1 is qualified and already has a CDL and works for the State. He has 9 years with the state. We will take applications until Friday. He also said new rules for getting a CDL is 80 in class, 40 hours of driving and it costs $3500 at Clark State. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to agree to pay $16.50 to start then .50 for CDL and give someone with experience vacation. Motion Carried.

Leaf season is coming and Mr. Hyland with Mr. Detrick were picking up leaves today.

The last special meeting was discussed. There will be no more curbside recycling starting November 1, 2023. Letters will be sent to all resident this week. Mr. Detrick states the current truck will not be big enough to pick up recycling too if residents don’t take their recyclables to the recycling center. He has a quote for a 27 yard rear load truck in the amount of $250691.00 and this will give us room for growth in the village. Clerk Boyd called P S& L for interest rate and payments for a new truck. It was 7.75% for 10 years. We will be borrowing $200,000. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffman seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to purchase a new truck with sending a letter of intent to Sourcewell. Motion Carried. 6-0

Clerk Boyd will order a vision impaired signs for W Columbus St. because the Woodruffs and someone will pay for them.

Parks and recreations will have a meeting on October 18 at 7:00 PM.

Ordinance 2023 - 15 entitled “AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR CURB AND GUTTER IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST COLUMBUS STREET” was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Hoffman to pass on Ordinance 2023-15 on 1st reading. Motion Carried. We will be having a meeting with these residents October 23 in Opera House at 6:00 PM. Letters will be sent to all of these residents to invite them to meeting.

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The Lions Club is asking Village to pledge $70K for the new restrooms for 2024. They don’t think they are applying for another grant and want more public funds or input for the restroom. They will be having a gun raffle and all proceeds go to restrooms. The park belongs to the village but we want to hold off pledging until they are ready to build.

Mayor McKelvey talked about WL Comprehensive Plan update (original was from 1971) do we want to create an updated plan in order for us to have planned development for the next 10 years (timeline for completion by any company will be at least 1 year); spoke with St. Paris and they are interested. Clerk Boyd spoke with Ben Vollrath regarding ways to bring the cost down.

Logan County eclipse meeting is tomorrow and Mayor McKelvey will be attending.

Mayor McKelvey talked with Clark State and maybe we can get people some training for water/Wastewater licenses. Other villages are also interested in talking to Clark State too. This meeting will be October 25th.

 November 9 at 7 pm is Veterans Day event in Opera House - Veterans Services Shelley Kneece and WL Veteran Gretchen Klingler will be speaking. All are invited.

Mayor McKelvey updates council on Champaign County Chamber/Visitors Bureau will be providing rack cards (will have information about the eclipse to prepare residents for this event); Need to educate people on the danger of looking at the eclipse without proper glasses; Champaign County Library has educational programs to share information; People are prepared to come to see the eclipse BUT not aware of how long it will take to leave - encourage people to stay for a while after eclipse with stores and restaurants staying open longer; What people need for Monday - restrooms, snacks, and coffee/drinks

Business of the Month will be next Monday for Lions Club before their Charter night at 6:30 PM.

Business of the Month nomination is MCC Thrift for November. Only one was nominated because they have celebrated 40 years.

 Champaign County Community Collaboration Meeting update

Legislative Breakfast Meeting update from Lt. Gov. Husted (importance of public and private sectors working together; Ohio is the Heart of It All; Discussed the issues facing OH: childcare is a barrier for parents, challenge of demographics, housing shortage; Importance of enforcing the rule of law which impacts homelessness, crime, and drug use); Representative Tim Barhorst (lack of reliability on energy grid; infrastructure issue: gas desert; childcare; sponsoring Hospital price transparency)

Important Dates

 October 12 - “Fashion to a Tea” sponsored by Breast Friends Forever at the Champaign County Fair Grounds at 5 pm ; Dinner and support for survivors

October 16 - Business of the Month Lions Club in Opera House 6:30 pm

 October 23 - Council meeting 7pm

 October 26 - Spooktacular 5- 8 pm

 October 26 - Trick or Treat 6-7:30 pm

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Motion Carried.

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