final September 25, 2023 Council

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor McKelvey, Mr. Spriggs, Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Hostetler and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mr. Hoffman. Guest: Mr. Detrick, Deanna Fry of WPKO, Sharon Kopf of Bellefontaine Examiner and Spencer Mitchell of St. Paris.

Some Council members met at Rick and Carol Hemphill’s house to present the 2023 Residential Beautification Award before the meeting.

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to go into executive session to discuss personnel with Spencer Mitchell at 7:05 PM. Motion Carried.

Out of executive session at 7:28 PM

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve to pay Spencer Mitchell $724.45 including mileage. Motion Carried.

The Board of Public Affairs recommends Shane Freehauf to be hired for Water/Sewer Dept. $21.20 starting October 2, 2023. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve Shane Freehauf to move to water/sewer dept. to be paid $21.20 per hour October 2, 2023. Motion Carried.

Troop Banners and Brackets were delivered to street dept. last Friday. Talked about WL-S students helping on October 18, 2023. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Hostetler to approve to purchase clamps and screws in the amount of $800.00. Motion Carried. 5-0

Mr. Spriggs said American Flag holders/poles for Downtown and this will be $1500. This is tabled until next year because we need a cost for installing and putting up and taking down flags.

Ms. Kauffman, Mrs. Griffith, Mr. Nelson, Chief Oelker and Clerk Boyd met to talk about Health Insurance and health savings for next year. They talked about different ideas to reduce the cost.

Mrs. Griffith said she needs letters of support for West Columbus Street Bridge TAP grant. The calendar is beautiful and bigger and bold print.

Mrs. Griffith talked with Jackson Center about Mosquito spraying. She said they spray for $309.00 twice a month from Bug-A-Boo. She doesn’t have a quote for us but will get one for next year.

Mayor McKelvey gave Aggregation Enrollment directions to council members, posted on website and in the October newsletter.

The corporation sign is moved just North of SR 68 by South Union Church.

Mayor McKelvey met with LUC and discussed AirBnbs and short-term rentals in current zoning areas B1/B2, AirBnbs that are current zoning are grandfathered.

We need a civic sign for Lion’s club sign and others. We will get a quote.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of $47993.88. Motion Carried. 5-0

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| Wex Bank | gasoline | 1651.91 |
| Cintas | mat | 45.04 |
| Cintas | uniforms | 290.80 |
| WL Bldg. Supply | rivets | 4.78 |
| Ohio Child Support | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP MC | 1710.52 |
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| OPERS | retirement | 3528.29 |
| Berry Digital | emails | 71.91 |
| IRS | WH MC EMP> MC | 1594.34 |
| Darren Dunham | 12 hrs | 168.86 |
| Bill Detrick | salary | 1425.82 |
| Lee Deloye | 24 reg 56 vaca 4 OT | 1466.19 |
| Ohio Def Comp | for Boyd | 85.00 |
| Ohio Support | for Puckett | 198.80 |
| Scott Woodruff | salary | 569.43 |
| Steve Rabenstein | salary | 830.16 |
| Rick Miller | salary | 311.84 |
| Ohio Police and Fire | retirement | 4398.24 |
| Cindee Boyd | salary | 1243.91 |
| Darin Leach | salary | 1324.13 |
| Jill McKelvey | salary | 357.62 |
| Chris Moell | solicitor  | 550.45 |
| Jason Fishbaugh | 5 hrs. | 71.81 |
| Shane Freehauf | 72 reg 8 hol | 1176.15 |
| Brian Snider | 77.5 hrs | 1168.66 |
| Hodge Hager | 8 hrs | 114.91 |
| Mark Nelson | 72 reg 8hol | 1022.67 |
| Shane Oelker | salary | 1711.30 |
| John Puckett | 72 reg 8 pers | 1067.48 |
| AES | electric | 314.19 |
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| Tractor Supply | weed killer and grease | 175.98 |
| Thomoson Reuters | municipal books | 705.00 |
| Quill | TP and PT | 98.97 |
| Cindee Boyd | purple heart stone | 195.00 |
| Fire Safety | pump test | 300.00 |
| Fire Safety  | fire extinguishers | 284.00 |
| J & J Schaegel | CR 5 and SR 69 | 1000.00 |
| FastTrack Signs | council chambers | 112.57 |
| Anthem | medical | 7210.22 |
| Columbus Power Cleaning | street sweeping | 1075.00 |
| Thomans IGA | water | 13.34 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 47.48 TN | 3171.21 |
| Cherokee Run Landfill | 34.99 TN | 2337.00 |
| Limitless Creations | 2 plaques | 60.00 |
| P S& L  | police bldg. | 2201.26 |
| Anthem Life | life ins. | 50.00 |
| Cindee Boyd | zoom fee | 174.80 |
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Resolution -2023-R10 entitled “A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIEBRTYAUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY TO ORDER THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL TAX LIEN ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR COLLECTION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS STATED HEREIN” was read. A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Resolution 2023-R10 on first and final reading. Motion Carried.

Post Audit meeting is September 26 at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

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Janie from Wichert Insurance and Finance, Clerk, and Mayor met to discuss liability insurance. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve insurance in the amount of $38,404.00. 5-0 It has increased because of property and 2 new vehicles. We will be looking into cyber security and Multi Factor authorization is an issue. Clerk is looking into it.

Employment Contract with Village Fiscal Officer Cindee Boyd- to be discussed next meeting.

The Nine Point plan grant for Mad River at Lions park was submitted with a few corrections. They do not want us to fund anything and just ask for $10,000.00.

Mrs. Zerkle attended Safety Council. Mrs. Zerkle presented Suicide prevention was discussed. Girls suicide has increase by 40% for 14 – 21 yrs. Boys has decreased.

Ms. Kauffman will follow up with vision impaired sign.

Fire Dept needs new brakes, shoes and pads for 2005 International. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to allow BA Repair in the amount of $3669.00. Motion Carried. We did not get a grant for the new fire truck. They are applying for a FEMA grant for AirPacs. There are 17 pacs needing replaced and they are about $8000 each.

Discussed West Columbus Street repaving cost and residents cost for curb, gutter, and sidewalks. Mayor McKelvey wants to set up a special meeting with those residents to discuss the payment and options.

The guardrail was hit again and Logan County engineer has not given a quote yet.

Recycling and Trash meeting is set up for October 5th at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Spriggs talked about Permanent cornhole boards at Lions Park. He will be discussing with Park board and getting quotes.

Lions club will have until December 2024 to spend the Natureworks grant to demo the restrooms near the Race Track. They will need to decide if they will apply for another grant for new restrooms through LWC.

Mr. Detrick talked to Neer Farm about the curb and gutter and brick work. The cost was $4100 and Mayor said they will pay this over a 2-year period.

Pink Out is September 28th and donations came from Mechanicsburg Businesses/Civic groups include Mechanicsburg Lions Club, Hanna Howard Realty, and Breast Friends Forever (local breast cancer support group; Marie’s Candies has donated sample boxes for each survivor AND a gift basket that we will pull out a name of a survivor to win. Pink flags will be changed over and put downtown tomorrow.

Mayor talked about WL Comprehensive Plan needs updated because the original was from 1971 and all council members have a copy.

Koisk is in the final stages at the Lake, West Liberty and Indian Lake.

Nominations for business of the month for November are Levans Excavating, -- Jennings, Farley & Seeley Funeral home and Healing Arts.

Important Dates

September 28 - WL Pink Out and Health Fair

October 6 - WL-S Pink Out game against Mechanicsburg

October 9 - 7 pm Council meeting

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn at 9:22 PM. Motion Carried.

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Clerk/Treasurer Cindee M. Boyd Mayor Jill C. McKelvey