

Special Meeting November 7, 2019

Present for this Special meeting for the Village of West Liberty was Mayor G. Hostetler, Mr. Hostetler, Mrs. McKelvey, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Yoder, and Clerk Boyd. Amanda T. from Bellefontaine Examiner was also present. West Liberty Ball Association members Jeremy LeVan, Matt Hull and Gretchen Lapp were present. Absent: Mr. Keller and Mr. Hyland.

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

This meeting was to discuss installing lights at Dodge Park and other options for this to happen.

Mrs. Griffith said she wants the lights at Dodge Park but we do not have \$50,000 per year to spend for 7 yr. loan. The association needs to apply for grants and do fundraisers to help off set the cost. Council wanted to know what WLBA is asking from Council.

Gretchen Lapp said the WLBA makes about \$10,000 a year fundraising to include Dragons Tickets, raffles, camps, etc. They have spent about \$80,000 the last six years this does not include labor/and or equipment to install.

The Ball association has 300 kids playing ball and they are out growing the fields. The lights will be \$218,000 and they will install. Otherwise, turnkey would be about \$400,000. This is co-op pricing so we would not have to bid. If we were to finance the payments would be \$27,000 year and (we thought the payments would be \$50,000 annually).

Other options may be to put a parks and recreation levy on a ballet in 2020. Clerk will find out how much .01 mill and .05 mill or 1 mill and the revenue they would bring. WLBA does not have any projects on the horizon so they would help pay for the loan.

The Council does know how the public will feel about spending funds on lights at Dodge Park. Other things need to be done within the Village. Everyone want to have a town hall meeting at Green Hills to get ideas from the residents or get their opinion. Clerk will call Green Hills for a date and time the Foundation Hall is open.

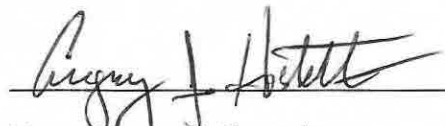
Jeremy LeVan met with D P& L about upgrading the electric. The cost to upgrade and moving transformer was \$3000-\$5000.

Other things that can be done at Dodge park to use the lights would be concerts and movie night. The Ball Association has a big screen for movies. We will invite Mitch Lingrell, President of the Business Association to the meeting and they may have more ideas of what to have at Dodge Park.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. McKelvey seconded by Mr. M. Hostetler to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Motion Carried.



Clerk Cindee M. Boyd



Mayor Gregory J. Hostetler