



Minutes of August 15, 2011 Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session at the Water Treatment Plant on Monday, August 15, 2011. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Holly Robbins, Deb Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the July 18, 2011, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 6 yeas.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 8, 2011, seconded by Deb Smith. VV: 6 yeas

Bills #32187 – 32237 and 12554 – 12584 totaling \$105,426.91 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to pay the bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

GUESTS:

Linda Wick, Traci Webb, Tim Shepard, Roy Kouts, Karen Mays, Chief Webb, and Chris Day. Tim Shepard resides at 4528 Lee, Lewisburg, Ohio, but owns property in the village. He stated he filed a complaint against Officer Marion about a year ago. He had the attorneys Green & Green investigate. He also did a background check on Matthew Marion. Mr. Shepard stated he also e-mailed Chris Day. Mr. Day did not call him back. Mr. Shepard stated he thinks the allegations against Officer Marion should be investigated. The media has been contacted.

CLERK:

Gave the July financial report.

MAYOR:

Mayor Lunsford and Chris Day attended the “Opt-Out Governmental Aggregation Program” about utilities. Fireworks will be set off to celebrate the village’s 175th anniversary on August 19th. September 10th is the picnic to honor the fire, EMS, and police departments at Peace Park. The county mayors’ meeting will be Tuesday, August 16th.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of a Resolution Amending 2011 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations by title. The clerk explained that the EMS was awarded a \$4000.00 state grant.

Motion:

David Mays moved to waive three readings, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

Motion:

Holly Robbins moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yeas
Third reading of a Resolution Providing that the Owners of Each Lot within the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, Shall Be Assessed an Estimated Amount of Forty-two Dollars (\$42.00) with the Funds So Collected Being Used to Continue Street Lighting at Its Present Level by title. Chris Day is working with Miami Valley Lighting on a new contract. There will be a \$200.00 increase each year for the next four years. One hundred fifteen street lights still have to be changed out by December 31, 2015. It does not cost to change out the fixtures, but the electrical cost will increase.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

Motion:

David Mays moved to authorize the village administrator to sign the contract after the indemnity clause (clause 14) is removed, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

POLICE:

Chief Webb reported that the department participated in the community picnic. The Officer Phil program is scheduled for September. Firearms qualification will be in October. The PASS program starts September 6th. Chief Webb met with the new superintendent.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mitch Suggs reported that they met earlier tonight. The commission had a request for a conditional use at 60 W. Dayton Street. The owner wants to turn it into a duplex. There will be a public hearing on August 30th at 6:00 P.M.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays advised council that the state wants to collect the local income tax for municipalities. She will be doing audits for 2010 non-filers. The police department is serving subpoenas.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the county auditor stated that the villages and townships would start seeing a decrease in local government funding. He does not know if it will be for a twelve month period or the state will take it out of the funding for the last four months of this year. The village revitalization project is going to the state level. The Village has also applied for Issue II money. Mayor Lunsford and Chris Day talked. They decided not to do any paving this year - save the money for next year's project. The service department will do crack filling and some maintenance. The City of Eaton is looking at the polymer process, which is currently being done by the City of Richmond. This can be done on side streets, but not on heavy traffic areas or areas used by semis. ODOT is scheduled to do the bridge outside of the village on US 35 next year, but they have not sent any information yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Mays asked about the WWTP. Chris Day reported that the Village applied for Issue II money. The property owner is refusing to sell. The village will have to go the legal route.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Faber stated that there are some legal changes at the state level. The state has repealed the estate tax, effective 2013. The billing law for EMS runs has changed. There are three ways to bill for townships. This law will be effective in September. Municipalities will be allowed to keep more money. Municipalities can negotiate with the townships in the contract.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adjourn, seconded by David Mays. Motion carried.

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