

# June 20, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

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, June 20, 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 May 16, 2011, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 6 yeas.

Bills #32066 – 32117 and 12496 – 12530 totaling \$169,948.59 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**Holly Robbins** moved to pay the bills, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

## GUESTS:

Linda Wick, Mike Zimmerman, Brian Brubaker, Victoria Albaugh, Roy Kouts, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Webb, Chief Shafer, Chris Day, and Karen Mays. Brian Brubaker asked about his request for tying onto the existing water line to another residence. He is building a new home and needs a source of water. Chris Day explained about the property and showed the area on a map. The Village policy is that a main has to be run from the Lanier water line to the residence. Richard Faber agrees with Mr. Day. He stated the property owner would also have to sign an annexation agreement that the property would be annexed into the Village when it becomes adjacent to the corporation line. Council can stay with the current policy or allow Mr. Brubaker's request. This could set a precedent for future requests.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to stay with the current village policy, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor read a thank you from the twin Valley FFA for the sign.

## CLERK:

Gave the May financial report.

## MAYOR:

Announced some dates for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be the celebration days. There will be parades. July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> the post office will have a special cancellation stamp. Chris Day and Mayor Lunsford attended the LEPC exercise.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**First reading** of an Ordinance Adopting a Tax Budget for the Year 2012 by title.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

## Motion:

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

**First reading** of a Resolution Adopted Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 in Preparation to Placing a Tax Levy (1.4 mills) on the Ballot at the November, 2011 General Election by title.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to waive three readings, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**First reading** of a Resolution Adopted Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 in **Motion:** Preparation to Placing a Tax Levy (1.5 mills) on the Ballot at the November General Election by title.

## Motion:

**Holly Robbins** moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

## Motion:

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

**First 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-one Dollars (\$41.00) with the Funds So Collected Being Used to Continue Street Lighting at Its Present Level by

title. Richard Faber explained about level 2 and 3 on the permissive license tax. The county did not pass an ordinance.

**First reading** of an Ordinance Repealing West Alexandria, Ohio, Ordinance No. 770, Entitled “An Ordinance Levying an Annual Motor Vehicle License Tax Pursuant to Section 4504.17 of the Ohio Revised Code at the Rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) Per Motor Vehicle in the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio” by title.

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to waive three readings, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**Motion:**

**Jim Wick** moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Deb Smith. David Mays mentioned that if the state decreases the local government funds, this could be a way for the village to have money for streets. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**First reading** of An Ordinance Repealing West Alexandria, Ohio, No. 771, Entitled “An Ordinance Levying an Annual Motor Vehicle License Tax Pursuant to Section 4504.171 of the Ohio Revised Code at the Rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) Per Motor Vehicle in the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio” by title.

**Motion:**

**Holly Robbins** moved to waive three readings, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**POLICE:**

Mayor Lunsford read resignation from Officer Monroe, effective May 31, 2011.

**Motion:**

**Jim Wick** moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Holly Robbins. Roll call vote: 6 yeas. Chief Webb gave the monthly report. The police association is sponsoring a golf outing on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Joshua Malcolm was presented a plaque as 2010 officer of the year. Chief Webb recommends Michael Smith as a part time officer. Mayor Lunsford appointed Michael Smith as a part time officer.

**Motion:**

**David Mays** moved to accept the Mayor’s appointment and start the officer at \$8.48 an hour, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**FIRE:**

Chief Shafer reported that the department has had 90 calls so far this year. One of his firefighters was injured at a barn fire on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Lance Pemberton has passed Level 1 firefighting. A concrete slab was poured behind the station.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mitch Suggs stated that a gentleman came in asking questions about having a used car lot. The area is zoned agriculture. The property owner would have to request that the area be rezoned.

**INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:**

Karen Mays reported she attended a SWOTAA meeting. She will be going back to court with tax cases. Then she will audit 2010 non-filers.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Chris Day reported that the department raised manholes on Main Street. He thanked the City of Eaton for helping with their equipment. The department also did concrete work. The Chamber is putting on “Toast of the Town” events. On June 30<sup>th</sup> Hilltop Equestrian will be the “Toast of the Town”. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Heaven’s Corner Zoo will be the “Toast of the Town”. The service department has been patching pot holes. The state will be voting later this month on whether to decrease the local government funding to cities, villages, townships, and counties. The tree at the fire station belongs to the village. It is in the alley right of way. The approximate cost to take the tree down is \$2000. People have been dumping brush. There is a huge pile. It will have to be chipped. Mr. Day is looking into hiring a company to chip the brush. Trash pickup is going fairly smoothly. Some property maintenance has been done. It will be applied to the refuse bills.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to table the ordinance on the fourth level of the permissive tax, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yeas.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council asked about the tree. Mr. Day replied that it will be removed. He advised council that a crane will be needed to remove the tree. Deb Smith asked about funds for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village being incorporated. Deb Smith stated the committee needs help funding the event, approximately \$1700.00 for music.

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to authorize expenditures up to \$2000, provided that invoices are given to the clerk, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Mays – yea, Robbins – yea, Smith – abstain, Suggs – yea, Wick – yea. Smith abstained because she is on the committee. 5 yeas. Motion carried.

**Motion:**

**Deb Smith** moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell. Motion carried.

**PASSED:** \_\_\_\_\_