

Minutes of March 17, 2008 Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag. Invocation was given by Mayor Lunsford.

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session in the Town Hall on Monday, March 17, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, Mitch Suggs, and Greg Thompson.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 3, 2008, seconded by Greg Thompson. VV: 6 yea.

Bills #29804 – 29836 and 11439 – 11454 totaling \$81,770.77 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to pay the bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Holly Robbins, Ray Waldeck, Mark Ulrich, Chief Webb, and Chris Day. Mark Ulrich wanted clarification on closing E. Dayton Street for the car show. Chris Day explained what section would be closed. Mr. Ulrich suggested having a sign that said local businesses could be accessed from E. Second Street.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Solicitor explained about the Supreme Court hearing on the Gasper Township lawsuit. The court heard oral arguments. The justices may have a decision in four - six months.

MAYOR:

Reported that WWII veterans are touring. They will stop at Peace Park, where she will read a proclamation. She and Chris Day will attend the county informational meeting on March 26th. The WABO parade will be April 26th at 11:00 A.M. This is opening day.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Third reading of Ordinance Regulating Public Records of the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb sated that the department received the new cruiser on Friday. The old cruiser is being stripped. The new cruiser should be on the road in one to two weeks. He wants to sell the old cruiser.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to put the old cruiser up for bids with the bid opening date set for April 21, 2008 at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea. The department has received a check from the state for training.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that they had finished laying the brick at the fire station and were tying the roof into the new wall. Then they will finish the inside trim. The village will be in the county asphalt bidding process. Bids will be opened April 17th. The sanitary sewer line is installed and tested on the old Sauer property. The water line is under the road. Connections on the north side still have to be completed. The street will be repaired when the weather allows. There has been no reply from Steve Bruns. The village joined the Eaton-Preble County Chamber of Commerce. Snow removal during the recent storms has gone well. Mr. Day has tried to coordinate efforts with the state and county. He is trying to find a site in the village to store salt. Chris Day is working on the CDBG application. Mr. Day would like to meet with the buildings and grounds committee to make short and long term plans for the Town Hall. David Mays stated he would like to know the cost for renovating the Town Hall. On March 11th, Chris Day, David Mays, Karen Mays, and Rick Faber attended the Supreme Court hearing on the Gasper Township appeal. Mr. Day thinks that an addition of 20 feet to the north would be possible on the EMS building. He would like to have the property surveyed to make sure of the boundaries. A cost estimate is being worked up. David Mays questioned adding a third bay when the third unit may not be reliable. The third unit is used for mutual aid.

SIDEWALKS:

Chris Day states that he has a file. Council needs to develop a program for sidewalks. The Second Street property went into foreclosure. He is discussing the Dayton Street property with the prosecutor, so a letter may be sent to the property owner.

STREETS:

Mr. Day reported that he is checking manhole covers and grates for repair. The service department will patch holes when the weather permits.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Mr. Day will check on the garage at the sports park. He has taken the letters out of the signboard in front of the Town Hall. Children were taking the letters because the plastic is broken. The sign board was not made for outdoor use. He and his department are trying to come up with something to use. Mr. Day will be sending letters to the library and the Lions Club that they are responsible for making sure the restrooms are clean after their organization uses the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mitch Suggs stated he saw a newspaper article that read Assistant Chief Webb, when it should have read Chief Bliss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Webb thanked Rod Rehmert and Chris Day for their help Saturday.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell.

PASSED: _____