

# Minutes of November 15, 2010 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, November 15, 2010. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Holly Robbins, Debra Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick.

## Motion:

**David Mays** moved to approve the October 18, 2010, minutes as corrected, seconded by Mitch Suggs. VV: 6 yea.

Bills #31674 – 31731 and 12308 – 12331 totaling \$148,214.52 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**Holly Robbins** moved to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

## GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Stacy Copley, Chief Shafer, Christopher Fairchild, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Webb, Chris Day, and Karen Mays.

## CLERK:

Gave the October financial report.

## MAYOR:

Reported that she performed one wedding. She attended the mayors' meeting and the Twin Township meeting. Mayor Lunsford thanked all the departments for their help on Beggars' Night. She announced that Christmas in the Village will be November 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**Second reading** of an Ordinance Amending Section 880.06(h) of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Owner/Lessor "Collection at Source" Reporting Requirements under the Village Earned Income Tax Law by title.

## Motion:

**David Mays** moved to waive three readings, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Richard Faber explained the four ordinances that the planning commission is recommending to change the zoning ordinance. One ordinance concerns signs in residential areas. One deals with political signs in undeveloped areas, one deals with the central business district and allows single residences to exist in this area, another ordinance changes the square footage in residential areas. Council needs to set a public hearing date. Council can read the ordinances after the public hearing.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to set December 13, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. for the public hearing, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

## FIRE:

Chief Shafer reported that the county meeting would be held at the fire station Wednesday night. The retirement party for Joey Thompson will be in January.

## POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. He introduced Christopher Fairchild. Mayor Lunsford read a letter of resignation from Leo Dunin.

## Motion:

**Jim Wick** moved to accept his resignation, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

The house next to the football field has been foreclosed. The junk cars have been removed. The department is applying for a grant through Wal-Mart to purchase a voice stress machine.

## INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays reported that she is sending letters to the landlords in reference to the change in the ordinance. She gave council a copy of the letter. There are 35 cases pending in court. The business collection is approximately 64% of the tax collected.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mitch Suggs reported that the planning commission met tonight. They discussed the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. Chief Shafer asked the planning commission about purchasing land. It would have to be a conditional use. The planning commission took it under advisement until next month. Some people have been looking into a municipal building. If council has any thoughts, contact a planning commission member.

## **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Chris Day reported that the paving is completed. The residents seem to be satisfied. The department is now picking up leaves. If the department is to continue picking up leaves, they need to replace some parts or purchase a new machine next year. Council needs to think about this. He is working on the budgets for next year, trying to keep costs down. He recommends a 5% increase in the ambulance and fire contracts for 2011, since there was no increase this year.

### **Motion:**

**David Mays** moved to increase the ambulance and fire contracts 5% across the board for 2011, seconded by Jim Wick. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Salem Lutheran moved the fire hydrant in their parking lot. The existing pipe blew a hole. He had to order special fittings. It will be repaired weather permitting. The recycling bin is coming back to the school. Mr. Day does not know when this will happen. Jim Wick stated that Chuck McCarty had approached him about marking a handicapped parking space in front of his house. Richard Faber stated that the handicapped space would be open to the public not just Mr. McCarty. Streets are dedicated to the public.

## **HEALTH/SANITATION:**

David Mays and Jim Wick surveyed three surrounding communities about trash pickup. None of these communities had problems with trash pickup on the streets. Some do limit the size of the truck. Jim Wick and David Mays recommend trash in the village be picked up on the streets, instead of the alleys. This would keep the alleys from being torn up. They will visit Camden, Gratis, and Lewisburg to learn about their trash pickup. Jim Wick stated that 50% of the village residents take their trash to the street for pickup. Mitch Suggs suggested limiting Rumpke's truck size.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **Motion:**

**Holly Robbins** moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Wick. Motion carried.

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