



Minutes of September 19, 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, September 19, 2011. Those council persons present were David Mays, Deb Smith, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Wick. Ian Campbell and Holly Robbins were excused.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the August 15, 2011, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 4 yeas.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, seconded by Jim Wick. VV: 4 yeas

Bills #32238 – 32287 and 12585 – 12611 totaling \$99,313.52 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to pay the bills, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

GUESTS:

Linda Wick, Roy Kouts, Robert Raker, Chief Shafer, Karen Mays, Asst. Chief Gasper, Jim Tietge, Chief Webb, and Chris Day.

Roy Kouts stated that Salem Lutheran wants to put up a new sign and wants some guidance. Mitch Suggs told him to contact Bill Bliss, the zoning inspector.

Robert Raker sent a letter to each council member requesting a handicap ramp be put in so his son could have access to the library. Chris Day stated that there are too many stairs. He could get in the front door, but he would not have access to the restrooms. Mr. Day will research what options there are. David Mays reported that a ramp could be made, but the building might be condemned in the future. The municipality may need a new building. Mitch Suggs suggested contacting the district office and see if they have any funds. Chris Day will contact Abby.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The village received an unsigned letter dealing with an individual and a department head. The mayor and the village administrator will investigate with the department head.

CLERK:

Gave the August financial report.

MAYOR:

Mayor Lunsford reported that the anniversary committee had an appreciation dinner for the police, EMS, the fire department, and the service department. She wrote six proclamations. She went to the commissioners' office today to honor Kim Keller who oversees grants for the county. Our county has received six grants. The third grade classes are touring the town hall and the water treatment plant. Mayor Lunsford performed one wedding.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

None.

FIRE:

Chief Shafer thanked the mayor for honoring the fire department on Sunday. The department gave \$500 to the Fallen Heroes Foundation here in Ohio. Chief Shafer recommends Lance Pemberton as a volunteer firefighter. He has passed a drug screen and a physical exam. Mayor Lunsford appointed Lance Pemberton as a volunteer firefighter.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Deb Smith Roll call vote: 4 yeas. The department now has 23 members.

POLICE:

Chief Webb thanked the mayor and the committee for honoring the police department on Sunday. Mayor Lunsford presented plaques to the chief and to the police department. The Officer Phil program was done for K-3 in September. The police association is having a poker run this Saturday. The department now has video surveillance in the interview room. The association purchased the videos.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mitch Suggs reported that they met earlier tonight. No action was taken.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays stated that the state wants to do centralized collection of local income tax.

POLICE:

Chief Webb read a request from William Clevenger for a leave of absence from October 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to grant the request, seconded by Deb Smith. Roll call vote: 4 yeas. Mayor Lunsford read a letter of resignation from auxiliary officer Andrew Johnson.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 4 yeas.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the village was awarded the distress grant for approximately \$300,000. The village may also get a \$200,000 grant from Issue II. The project will start next year, possibly in July. The parking lot has been sealed and striped. Mr. Day leaves tonight for the AWWA conference. He sits on an advisory board for legislation. The state legislators want water to be available to everyone, but they haven't decided who will fund it or how it will be funded. The bridge on US 35 on the east side of the village will be out for approximately 75 days next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor announced that community garage sales will be October 6th – 8th. Beggars' Night will be October 31st, from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Motion:

Deb Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by David Mays. Motion carried.

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