

Minutes of February 5, 2007

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

The West Alexandria Village Council met in regular session in the Town Hall on Monday, February 5, 2007. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, Carol Lunsford, David Mays, Ron Nisius, and Greg Thompson. Russ Schenck was excused.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 16, 2007, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #28612 – 29049 and 10822 – 11027 totaling \$104,321.53 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

David Mays moved to pay the bills, seconded by Greg Thompson. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Karen Mays, Chris Day, Tim Timson, Mark Ulrich, Pete Hodapp, Douglas Brookhart, Roy Kouts, and Chief Webb.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Suggs stated that four boy scouts from Troop 107 achieved the rank of Eagle Scouts. Mayor Suggs is sending a letter of congratulations that he wants council members to sign. The ceremony will be held Sunday, February 25th at the First Church of God. Ohio Gateway of Ohio sent a letter about tourism in Preble County. They want the village to make a list of activities and facilities. Mayor read report from Ohio Coalition of Open Government regarding HB9. The state may be mandating public officials to attend seminars on open records. There are two clipboards in the clerk's office – one for any information the public wants to see and one for special meeting notification. Eaton National Bank sent an application to be a depository of public money.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept Eaton National Bank as a depository and enter into an agreement with them and authorize the mayor and clerk to sign the agreement, seconded by Carol Lunsford. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Third reading of Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Enter into an Agreement with the Preble County Building Department (through the County Commissioners of Preble County, Ohio) for the Enforcement of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Installation Standards by title.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the WTP is on line and removing iron from the water. There are still a few things to finish in the interior of the building before it can be occupied. There is a higher than normal chlorine content that will be corrected. Pete Hodapp and Doug Brookhart are here to answer any questions. Mr. Brookhart stops at the WWTP which has had many years of service. The village needs to start working on a WWTP.

Village personnel are reviewing the information received from American Legal Publishing on recodifying the village ordinances. Mr. Day stated that the village may participate in the county program for asphalt, if council passes a resolution.

First reading of Resolution Authorizing Portions of the West Alexandria, Ohio, Street Improvement Program to Be Bid Through the Preble County Commissioners' Office, the Awarding of the Same to Be Done by the Preble County Engineer's Office after Receiving Recommendations from the Preble County Engineer's Office and the Village Administrator, and authorizing the Mayor to Sign Any Documents, Contracts, or Agreements Necessary to Implement the Program by title.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Chris Day will meet with the street committee to rate the streets that need repair the worst. The price to tear down the building and fill in the pool is \$10,800. It will cost \$6500 to fill in the pool only and \$6000-\$7000 to tear the building down later depending on when it is done. Ron Nisius suggested keeping the trusses for a shelter house and putting sides up.

Motion:

David Mays moved to tear down the building and fill in the pool for a cost of \$10,800, seconded by Greg Thompson. Discussion. Ian Campbell suggested getting rid of the old building and starting new. Carol Lunsford would rather see the money go toward streets and alleys. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Lunsford – nay, Mays – yea, Nisius – nay, Thompson – yea. 3 yea 2 nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Day gave council a definition for manufactured houses – they are double wide and are HUD approved trailers and are administered by the Ohio Department of Health. They must be in a mobile home park that is licensed by the state. Industrialized homes are state approved facilities that construct homes and then ship them to the site.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. Asst. Chief Timson completed the annual report and gave a summary of the report. There have been incidents of bottle bombs. The school zone signs have been moved. Chief Webb recommends Brooks Glidewell and Craig Jones as auxiliary reserve officers (\$1.00 a year). Mayor Suggs appointed Brooks Glidewell and Craig Jones as auxiliary reserve officers.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Ian Campbell. VV: 5 yea.

FIRE:

Mayor Suggs read a letter of resignation from Lucian Hurst. Mr. Hurst is relocating to Louisiana.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Ian Campbell. VV: 5 yea.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays reported that the fourth village newsletter was mailed out to residents. She has met with Russ Carn about installing new software. She also met with Brent Copeland about prosecuting cases who did not file for 2004.

BUDGET:

David Mays stated that he would meet with Ian Campbell about final appropriations. The work shop will be February 20th at 7:00 P.M.

STREETS:

Greg Thompson asked if something could be done about the way water from the alley drains into his basement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol Lunsford mentioned that the fire and EMS have been out several times in this bad weather. She would like to thank them for their dedication. Greg Thompson asked about the Gasper Township lawsuit. Rick Faber stated that both parties had thirty days to get their briefs to the board. There was also a question as to whether Gasper Township had broken the sunshine law.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Day reported that he has worked with Kramer's office on a plan to provide utilities to the Sauer property for development. An approximate cost to get utilities to the site is \$100,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Day says council needs to discuss who will finance the work and how much it would cost. Rick Faber stated that according to the ordinance the village passed, the developer has to pay. The village has to make the utilities available and could help finance. Carol Lunsford stated she did not think the development would go very fast. Ron Nisius stated the village needs to give Mr. Gross a time span when things would be available. Mayor Suggs suggested the village get utilities to the property line then the developer pay the cost. David Mays stated there should be ways of funding the project. Ron Nisius moved to have Chris Day draft a letter to Mr. Gross stating utility services can be made available with options for funding and attach a copy of the resolution of services, seconded by Ian Campbell. VV: 5 yea.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Nisius.

PASSED: _____