

# June 4, 2007 Council Minutes

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, June 4, 2007. Those council persons present were Carol Lunsford, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck and Greg Thompson. Ian Campbell was late.

## Motion:

**Carol Lunsford** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 21, 2007, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #29258 – 29282 and 11151 – 11166 totaling \$39,542.12 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**David Mays** moved to pay the bills, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

## GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Asst. Chief Tim Timson, Aaron Eley, Karen Mays, Chris Day, Rhonda Martin, Alan Smith, Bill Bliss, Barb Schmidt, Edna Shiverdecker, and Chief Webb.

Rhonda Martin gave a report on the training exercise held Saturday. She thanked Alan Smith, Bill Bliss, and Tim Timson for their help. They were the first village departments to have all the paperwork filled out for the state evaluators. The state evaluator was pleased at the number of police personnel there. Denny Brisco, the Haz Mat instructor, was very impressed with the exercise. Bill Bliss stated that the police, EMS, and fire departments worked well together. Mayor Suggs stated that he was proud of all the departments and congratulated them for an excellent exercise.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

The Village has received a signed petition for an alley closing from Jay Unger and Jewel Tolson. Council needs to set a hearing date.

## Motion:

**Russ Schenck** moved to set a hearing date on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. and instruct the clerk to publish a notice of the hearing for six weeks, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

## ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Bids for the west end utility extension were received last meeting. Chris Day and Kramer and Associates have reviewed the bids. Kramer recommends C.A. Shindeldecker and Sons. Mr. Day has not met with Shindeldecker yet. He will report at the next meeting. Mr. Day is looking at the water and sewer rates and putting together a package of information. The state requires a cost analysis.

Ian Campbell arrived at 7:29 P.M.

The last time rates for water and sewer were raised was three years ago. Ron Nisius does not want to see an extension put at the west end and no development take place. Chris Day has a quote of \$169,000 for a demo sweeper. He will meet with Mike Doss of Lewisburg tomorrow about a joint purchase. Rick Faber has some questions about insurance and titling for joint ownership. Russ Schenck and David Mays would like to look into joint ownership. The contractor has to reinstall #2 well and then everything will be complete. Sunday, June 24th will be open house at the water treatment plant. Dumpster rates were adjusted several years ago when a different contractor picked up trash. Rumpke's charges are different. Ginny Schenck worked out an adjustment on current dumpster prices. Council said it was okay and to do an amendment to the ordinance. Carol Lunsford asked about property maintenance. Chris Day replied that most who received letters have complied. A couple have not. He will be talking with Mr. Copeland concerning their noncompliance. The big dump truck is being repaired.

## POLICE:

Chief Webb introduced Aaron Eley to Council. He is training with the department. Chief Webb gave the monthly report. Patrick McGinnis and Matthew Marion have completed their six months probation. Chief Webb recommends that they be accepted and given a raise to \$8.72 an hour.

**Motion:**

**Russ Schenck** moved to accept Patrick McGinnis and Matthew Marion and give them a raise to \$8.72 an hour, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 6 yea.

The department will be qualifying June 9th – 11th. Summer school starts at Twin Valley June 18th.

**EMS:**

Rhonda Martin stated there would be an open house July 14th – the 30th anniversary of West Alex EMS. Lewisburg and Gratis will man two units while the squad is away for the evening. They have had 268 runs to date.

**INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:**

Karen Mays gave a report. She has 194 people who have not filed for 2006 after sending out notices.

**BUDGET:**

David Mays reviewed the Ohio Insurance Plan presented by Swartzel. Chris Day is working on a spreadsheet. The current insurance will be extended until a decision is made. VFIS will be at the next council meeting.

**STREETS/ALLEYS:**

Carol Lunsford asked about chipping and sealing alleys. Mr. Day stated that the big truck is down for repairs. They will continue to patch alleys. The village was not part of the county's asphalt bidding.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Carol Lunsford asked about the Gasper Township lawsuit. A decision is not out from the Board. Mayor Suggs has talked with some of the mayors. The council of two villages are still holding firm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Russ Schenck stated the planning commission had an application for a variance. The property owner (Russ Schenck) wants to extend the roof for a porch and match existing areas of the current roof. The current roof extends approximately 14" into the alley right of way. This residence is in the old section of town. The planning commission voted to approve the variance and request council to approve the roof extension into the alley right of way.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to approve an approximate 14" extension of the new porch roof into the alley right of way to match the existing overhang, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Lunsford – yea, Mays – yea, Nisius – yea, Schenck – abstain, Thompson – yea. Russ Schenck abstained because he is the applicant. Motion carried.

**Motion:**

**David Mays** moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell.

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