

Minutes of August 6, 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, August 6, 2007. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, Carol Lunsford, David Mays, Russ Schenck, and Greg Thompson. Ron Nisius was late.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 16, 2007, seconded by Russ Schenck. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #29384 – 29417 and 11209 – 11228 totaling \$162,738.11 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

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

GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Asst. Chief Tim Timson, Aaron Eley, Karen Mays, Kevin Thorpe, Jay Unger, Edna Shiverdecker, Eddie Mowen, Roy Kouts, and Chief Webb. Ray Waldeck asked why the residents were not warned there was no water on Monday. Chris Day replied that there was a problem with the controls at the water treatment plant. If the system fails, an alarm is supposed to go off. No alarm went off to notify Mr. Day there was a problem. He has an electrician coming to check and repair the problem. Edna Shiverdecker stated that she came to the last council meeting to talk with the Mayor about a water problem. She did not like Mr. Thompson's remark. She wants an apology from him. Mayor Suggs apologized on behalf of the council. Mr. Thompson also apologized.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Suggs read a letter from the 4-H syndicate thanking the village personnel for watering the flowers at the Twin Valley School.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of A Resolution Amending 2007 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title. The EMS has received a grant for \$10,000.00.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the overhead door at the fire station is sagging. The door was widened about two years ago. He had Kramer and Associates look at the door. The door needs to be repaired. Kramer and Associates will draw up a plan. He will do research on who put the door in originally. He is working on obtaining signatures for the Lanier water line. He is trying to get the people involved together this week to work out the easements. The department has replaced the catch basin on Central Avenue. They used approximately \$2000 worth of materials. They are now patching holes. Carol Lunsford asked if the school waters the football field. Mr. Day replied that the school waters the football field, the baseball diamond, and the practice field. The school purchased a deduct meter.

Ron Nisius arrived at 7:27 P.M.

Council asked about water usage during the drought. Mr. Day replied that at this time there are no water restrictions. The water is monitored on a weekly basis.

7:30 P.M. Public Hearing on Alley Closing

Mayor Suggs stated that the alley runs north to south bounded by lots 93 and 96. It was never developed because the railroad went through there. If the alley is vacated it would go to the adjoining lots. Mayor Suggs asked if there were any questions or comments pro or con on the alley closing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Suggs declared the hearing closed at 7:33 P.M.

First reading of An Ordinance Vacating the North-South Alley Running South from Second Street Bounded by Lots 93 and 96 in the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Mayor Suggs explained that there is a 30 day referendum after the passage of the ordinance. Mayor thanked Jay Unger for taking down an eyesore.

CLERK:

Gave a written July financial report to council and a copy of the audit report.

MAYOR:

Stated that the state auditor said it was very clean audit.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. Carol Lunsford asked if there were curfews. Chief replied that there are curfews. Ms. Lunsford also stated that people are parking cars on Voge Street too close to the intersection at Voge and Dayton Streets. Chief Webb will talk with the residents.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave a written report. Gratis called about income tax and asked Karen to talk to the council on August 2nd. The Gratis council asked for a copy of the village zoning ordinance a few weeks ago. Their council is going to adopt a zoning ordinance similar to our village.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Russ Schenck mentioned that they are working on housing standards.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ian Campbell has quotes for safety lights for the school zone, for an amount not to exceed \$10,570.80. This includes two poles and a flasher system. Russ Schenck would like to talk with the two schools about helping finance the flasher system. Mayor Suggs will meet with both schools and report back to council at the next council meeting. The service department will paint the school zones. Chris Day is checking with ODOT on the proper markings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron Nisius stated that a pot hole needed grading again.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell.

PASSED: _____