

Minutes of Dec.1, 2008 Council Meeting

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, December 1, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, Mitch Suggs, and Greg Thompson.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the November 3, 2008, minutes, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 6 yea.

Bills #30328 - 30365 and 11702 - 11718 totaling \$69,058.50 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Chris Day, Mark Ulrich, Jim Teufel, Ken Tubesing, Ryan Peverly, Matt Marion, Rachel Marion, Bill Bliss, Paula Penny, Roy Kouts, Chief Webb, and Asst. Chief Gasper.

MAYOR:

Thanked Chris Day, Karen Mays, the EMS, and the Fire Department for attending the Lanier celebration. She thanked all the departments for helping decorate the village and participating in "Christmas in the Village". There was an article in the Dayton paper about Peace Park.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of a Resolution to Amend 2008 Estimated Revenue and appropriations by title.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote; 6 yea.

First reading of a Resolution Amending 2009 Estimated Revenue by title.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Establishing 2009 Appropriations by title.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

FIRE:

Chief Bliss stated the department has had 182 calls to date. This is a record year. The fire house now has a generator. The Firemen's Association purchased the generator. Mayor Lunsford thanked the Firemen's Association for purchasing the generator.

POLICE:

Chief Webb moved Tony Gasper to the position of assistant chief. He had three applicants for the full time position. He recommends Matthew Marion be appointed to the full time position. He has had the physical exam required by the police and firemen pension fund. The clerk has not received the paperwork yet. She has a paper signed by the doctor that he did not see any reason Mr. Marion could not be a fulltime police officer. Mayor Lunsford appointed Matthew Marion as a full time police officer.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to accept the Mayor's appointment, subject to the clerk receiving the paperwork, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Chief Webb gave the monthly report for November.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the department has finished leaf pickup, because they needed to put the salt spreader on the truck. They broke a crank in the motor. He had to purchase a new motor and impeller. The Village Christmas decorations are up. He thanked Roger Dawson for his help. Some of the decorations are in bad shape.

The department has to purchase fluorescent green vests. State law states that anyone in the right of way has to wear specific vests. Mayor Lunsford and he have been discussing going from two council meetings a month to one meeting a month. Set the meeting on the third Monday of the month. A special meeting can be called if necessary. David Mays stated that money could be saved if there was only one meeting a month. Russ Schenck stated that council sometimes struggles to get business done and come to a decision with two meetings a month. Ron Nisius thinks two meetings a month is necessary, because sometimes things need to be decided before the next month. David Mays said to remember that council is a legislative body, not an administrative body. Mayor Lunsford stated that they would stay at two meetings a month (except for February and November). Chris Day has signed fire and ambulance contracts from both townships.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the contracts, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea. Mayor Lunsford thanked Chris Day for presenting the contracts to the townships. In reference to bids for tearing down the building, several questions have come up. **Question number one** - how to handle the buildings which will have exposed walls now. The buildings do not share walls. The exposed wall is on another owner's property. Mr. Day contacted Kramer and Associates. They will help him draw up a document. **Question number two** - is there an environmental concern. There should be a clause in the contract in case the company runs into an environmental problem, such as asbestos or lead. An asbestos study will have to be done. The contractor will be responsible for hazards. David Mays asked what would happen if the owner did not remove his personal property. The owner has not contacted the village about his property yet. **Question number three** is what type of restoration and the time frame for demolition. The usual restoration is to grade and seed. Mitch Suggs stated that by the time the bids come back, the owner should have a reasonable amount of time.

Richard Faber stated that the village could put out a notice to the owner. He suggested opening bids at the first meeting in January.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to request bids for the demolition and removal of the building located at 3 West Dayton Street, West Alexandria, Ohio, 45381, owned by Hugh J. Overton, known as Part Lot No. 24, West Alexandria, Ohio, the bids to be opened at the January 5, 2009, Council meeting, at 7:30 P.M., the specifications and terms of the contract to be determined by the Village Administrator in consultation with Kramer and Associates, with a target date for removal and destruction on or before March 31, 2009. The reason for this motion and further action is spelled out in a letter from the Village Administrator to Hugh J. Overton dated October 8, 2008, and the lack of an abatement of the public nuisance by said owner. David Mays seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb recommends starting Matthew Marion at \$13.00 an hour.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to start Matthew Marion at \$13.00 an hour, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea. He will present awards to the children who won the coloring contest at the Oktoberfest.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lunsford appointed Ian Campbell and Russ Schenck to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents' Fund Board.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Greg Thompson. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Mayor Lunsford appointed Jim Teufel to the Planning Commission.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Chief Bliss recommends Wendell Mackie as a volunteer firefighter. He has passed a drug screen and a physical exam.

Motion:

Ian Campbell moved to accept Wendell Mackie as a volunteer firefighter, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Mayor Lunsford read, with regret, a letter of resignation from Greg Thompson effective as of December 31, 2008.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept the resignation, with regret, seconded by Ron Nisius, with regret. Roll call vote: Campbell - yea, Mays - yea, Nisius - yea, Schenck - nay, Suggs - yea. 4 yea 1 nay. Motion carried.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by David Mays.

PASSED: _____