

# January 20, 2009 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 Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, Ron Nisius, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Teufel. David Mays and Russ Schenck were excused.

## Motion:

**Mitch Suggs** moved to approve the January 5, 2009, minutes, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 4 yea. Bills #30430 - 30464 and **11755** - 11771 totaling \$56,262.50 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**Jim Teufel** moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 4 yea.

## GUESTS:

Chris Day, Roy Kouts, Chief Bliss, and Chief Webb.

## CLERK:

Gave the December report and the 2008 financial report.

## MAYOR:

Mayor appointed the following council committees:

Budget & Finance - **David Mays** & Ron Nisius

Streets, Alleys, & Storm Drains - **Russ Schenck** & Mitch Suggs

Sidewalks, Curbs, & Gutters - **Jim Teufel** & Ian Campbell Safety:

Fire, Police, & EMS - **Ian Campbell** & Russ Schenck

Buildings, Grounds, & Parks - **Ron Nisius** & Jim Teufel Health

Sanitation - **Mitch Suggs** & David Mays

**First person**(in red) listed is the chair person.

## Motion:

**Ron Nisius** moved to accept the appointments, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 4 yea.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**First reading** of Resolution Amending 2009 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations by title.

## FIRE:

Chief Bliss gave the year end report. There were 199 calls for 2008. He has purchased new radios because the sheriff's office is changing frequencies. The sheriff's office is also adding a frequency, so he has to have the radios reprogrammed.

## POLICE:

Chief Webb reported that Mark Stover was sworn in as a auxiliary officer. He gave the December report and the 2008 annual report. The department is switching to a new report system, which is a free report system. Some officers have trained on it and others will be trained Friday and Saturday. The department is looking into purchasing a Crown Vic at approximately \$20,000.00. It is in the 2009 budget.

## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the department is using the salt sparingly. They salt the intersections, hills, and curves. He has the bid tallies. There were four bids. The low bid was S & M Container Service. It was

rejected because it did not comply with the bid specifications nor did the company submit a performance bond. CA Shindeldecker & Sons at a bid of \$37, 230 is recommended by Kramer & Associates. Richard Faber, Kramer's, and Chris Day will get together to write a contract to give either party an option in case there are complications. One notice will be posted on Hugh Overton's building, one will be delivered to Hugh Overton by the police department, and one notice sent to Mr. Overton's attorney. Richard Faber read the letter being sent to Hugh Overton. Mitch Suggs is concerned about the owner getting his personal property out of the building. After the contract is awarded, there has to be an environmental study done before the building can be demolished. Ian Campbell stated that would probably give the owner more time. Richard Faber stated that the first letter was sent on October 8, 2008. The property owner has had time. Hugh Overton has not contacted council. He has talked with Chris Day once since he received the letter. Mr. Day told Mr. Overton to come to a council meeting. CA Shindeldecker & Sons is the lowest bidder that meets all the specifications.

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to accept the bid from CA Shindeldecker & Sons and proceed with the abatement by removal, seconded by Ron Nisius. Discussion on keeping January 25th as the date of removing personal property. Roll call vote: 4 yea.

Mr. Day spoke with a gentleman about Brenda Boulevard. The man stated that there's a blind spot when you pull up to the stop sign with the corporation sign there. Bill Bliss looked at the intersection. He did not see a problem, if you stop beyond the sign but still behind the white bar. He and Chief Webb think that speed is more of a problem than visibility. The speed limit is 50 miles per hour until one reaches the corporation limit. Chris Day will check with the state on the speed limit. There has been only one accident at the intersection of Brenda and Dayton Streets. Mitch Suggs suggested telling the gentleman to come to a council meeting if he has a problem. The Department of Natural Resources is looking at flood maps for Preble County. Chris Day and Bill Bliss have attended a meeting. Bill Bliss received a disk. Changes are made in red. It looks like the Community Christian Church may be in the flood plain. The flood plain around the wastewater plant has been widened. The Village (Bill Bliss and Chris Day) is obligated to notify residents of the village that they may be in the flood plain. A hearing may need to be held later in the year. Council has to approve flood plain regulations. Mr. Day recommended that the village have similar flood plain regulations as the county. Jim Teufel suggested putting a TV or camera downstairs so a handicapped person could view proceedings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mitch Suggs asked if anyone from the plastics company has contacted zoning. Mr. Bliss replied that no one has contacted him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mitch Suggs has a question about sharing a newsletter with Rohm and Haas. A representative will come to the next council meeting. Richard Faber stated that the village could not expend public funds for one private business.

**Motion:**

**Mitch Suggs** moved to adjourn, seconded by Ron Nisius.

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