

Minutes of January 5, 2009

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, January 5, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, and Mitch Suggs.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the December 17, 2008 minutes, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #30400 – 30429 and 11741 – 11754 totaling \$52,489.96 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

David Mays moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Chris Day, Karen Mays, Rhonda Martin, Roy Kouts, Paula Penny, James Teufel, Mr. Klapper, Ken Tubesing, Michelle Buckley, Darrell Buckley, Garon Flora, and Chief Webb. Paula Penny addressed council. She stated that a gentleman asked her about handicap accessibility to the council room. She also mentioned the sidewalk closure uptown. She said it made people walk in the street. Paula Penny also has some concerns about officer safety. She has not spoken with the police chief about these concerns. She stated there were specific reflective vests for police officers, so they were not targets. Radar units should be mounted outside the police cruisers, because they could cause cancer. She stated there were only two repeaters in the county. There should be one somewhere around West Alexandria. She wants a repeater system put in for the safety of the officers. She wants resolutions and ordinances read three times, not waived. She wants to know what the resolution or ordinance is. Mayor told Ms. Penny she could get a copy from the clerk. The village ordinances are available through the village web site. Chief Webb stated there are repeater systems at Gratis, Camden, Lewisburg, and the sheriff's office. There will be a repeater put on Quaker Trace Road. The reflective vests are state mandated for officers or others doing traffic detail or at accident scenes for personnel safety

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of Resolution to Contract with Richard V. Faber Jr. as Village Solicitor by title.

Motion:

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

Motion:

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

EMS:

Chief Martin has nothing to report.

POLICE:

Chief Webb has the statistics for December. He could not print out a December report because the department is having problems with the computer. He has a resignation from Aaron Eely effective December 21, 2008.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to accept the resignation, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea. He recommends moving Patrolman Setty from auxiliary to part time. Mayor Lunsford appointed Patrolman Setty as a part time officer.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to accept the appointment and start Patrolman Setty at \$8.48 an hour, seconded by David Mays Roll call vote: 5 yea

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the village is getting a new traffic signal at Voge Street. A new income tax administrator needs to be appointed.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to appoint Karen Mays as income tax administrator at the same rate of pay and benefits she was receiving as of October, 2008, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Ron Nisius asked about the starting rate of pay for a new person. Council determines starting rate of pay for new people. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Mays – abstain (spouse), Nisius – yea, Schenck – yea, Suggs – yea. 4 yea 1 abstention

Ken Tubesing came into the office to talk with Mr. Day. His roof hangs over the building which may be demolished. He wants to know who will take care of the cost if his roof is damaged when the building is demolished. The property owner okayed Mr. Tubesing putting a new roof on his (Mr. Tubesing's building) with the roof overhanging Mr. Overton's property. Mr. Tubesing has not been able to contact the roofer. He will try to contact the roofer again. He asked if there was damage if the village would pay for the repair or reimburse him.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion:

Mitch Suggs nominated David Mays for president pro tempore, seconded by Ron Nisius.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to close nominations, seconded by Mitch Suggs. VV: 5 yea. Roll call vote to elect Mr. Mays: Campbell – yea, Mays- nay, Nisius – yea, Schenck – yea, Suggs – yea. 4 yea 1 nay David Mays elected.

7:30 P.M. Bid Opening

S & M Container Service Inc. (Arcanum)	\$28,000.00
Prograde Excavation & Demolition LLC (Eaton)	\$40,555.00
CK Excavating (Eaton)	\$52,913.20
CA Shindeldecker & Sons (West Alexandria)	\$37,230.00

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to have Kramer and Associates review the quotes and give advisement at the next council meeting on January 20, 2009, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Back in regular session at 7:56 P.M. No action taken.

Mayor read the four applications for the vacant council seat: Jim Teufel, Holly Robbins, Paula Penny, and Roy Bowman. Russ Schenck recommends Jim Teufel. He is a member of the planning commission.

Motion:

David Mays nominated Jim Teufel, seconded by Russ Schenck. No other nominations. Roll call vote: Campbell – yea, Mays – yea, Nisius – yea , Schenck – yea, Suggs – yea. 5 yea

Richard Faber swore Jim Teufel into office.

Mitch Suggs mentioned that Holly Robbins was interested in any open position. He suggested her for the planning commission. Jim Teufel read his resignation from the planning commission.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept his resignation, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to adjourn, seconded by Russ Schenck.

PASSED: _____