

Minutes of July 20, 2009 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, July 20, 2009. Those council persons present were David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Teufel. Ian Campbell was excused.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the June 15, 2009, minutes, seconded by Jim Teufel. VV: 5 yea. Clerk stated there was an error on the May 18, 2009 minutes. "Legislation" was typed instead of "litigation" under "New Business".

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to amend the May 18, 2009 minutes to read "Jim Teufel moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Russ Schenck." Ron Nisius seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Bills #30785 - 30856 and 11902 - 11923 totaling \$124,724.65 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Deb Smith, Roy Kouts, Kevin Thorpe, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Webb, Karen Mays, and Chris Day.

CLERK:

Gave the June financial report.

MAYOR:

Announced that the Community Picnic will be August 13th School starts August 19th. She attended a meeting with Chris Day. She and Mr. Day attended Larry Justice's retirement party. He had 21 years on the volunteer fire department. The Boy Scouts toured the building. August 6th – 8th will be Community Garage Sale Days. She read a letter from the County Health Department about the Guard Care on August 8th & 9th and August 15th & 16th. Richard Faber explained that the Preble County Emergency Agency formed an emergency plan for the county in 1994. The organization is now called Preble County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. They have updated the 1994 contract. Council needs to make a motion if they want to accept the updated contract.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

Second reading of An Ordinance Authorizing the Appointment of Auxiliary Personnel for the West Alexandria Emergency Services Departments by title.

Third reading of A Resolution Providing that the Owners of Each Lot within the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, Shall Be Assessed an Estimated Amount of Forty Dollars, with the Funds So Collected Being Used to Continue Street Lighting at Its Previous Level by title.

Motion:

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

EMS:

Clerk received a call earlier today requesting that Council approve Megan Stamper as an EMT for the WAEMS. She has passed her drug screen and is a certified EMT.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to approve Megan Stamper, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Mayor thanked the EMS and the Fire Department for their service at the Bingham house fire.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the June report. Calls to 9 & 1 I Smith Street are down. Two families have moved. Freddie Alcorn is on auxiliary. Officer Setty has satisfactorily completed his probationary period. Chief Webb recommends that Officer Setty be accepted and given a 3% raise.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to accept Officer Setty and give him a 3% raise, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 5 yea. The new cruiser is now in service.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Russ Schenck recommended Debra Smith for the vacant seat on the planning commission. Mayor Lunsford appointed Debra Smith to the planning commission.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept Debra Smith for the vacant planning commission seat, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave her report. She attended the OML income tax seminar. The local government fund is down 15%. The Village penalties for non filing are low. She will review the ordinance and bring suggestions to council. Mitch Suggs requested samples of other cities and villages penalties and interest.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that there is a program on drug awareness for elected officials on July 28th at the Eaton High School. The Town Hall brick has been sealed. The merry-go-round at the park is being repaired. The Village budget is okay as of the end of June. There may be a decrease in the local income tax from local industry. The county has lost population over the past two years. Mr. Day is trying to get economic growth in the Village. Jim Teufel wanted to know if Dayton Development Coalition should be contacted and asked to come to a council meeting. Mr. Day is going to a meeting next week. He will report back at the next council meeting. He will also check with the Ohio Development Organization.

SIDEWALKS, CURBS, & GUTTERS:

Jim Teufel reported that he has been cruising around the village looking at curbs and gutters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Webb stated that there was a problem about an "alley" behind Doug Arnett's house. Mayor Lunsford, Mr. Day, and the clerk will check the ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Back in regular session at 8:12 P.M. No action taken.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to adjourn, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____