

Minutes of Nov.3, 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, November 3, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, and Mitch Suggs. Greg Thompson was excused.

Motion:

David Mays moved to approve the October 20, 2008, minutes, seconded by Ian Campbell. VV: 5 yea.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #30288 – 30327 and 11679 – 11701 totaling \$137,268.96 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

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

GUESTS:

Chris Day, Mark Ulrich, Chief Webb, and Asst. Chief Timson.

MAYOR:

Thanked everyone for their help on Beggars' Night.

She announced that there is a winter preparedness meeting at the County engineer's office on November 18th.

POLICE:

Chief Webb stated he has resignations. He will patrol the school during voting tomorrow. Chief Webb is processing applications for part time and auxiliary positions. Mayor Lunsford read the letter of resignation from Officer Jones effective November 10, 2008.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to accept Officer Jones' resignation, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Mayor read letter of resignation from Asst. Chief Timson from his full time position. He wants to step down to auxiliary and take a year's leave of absence. His last day of work will be November 13th.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to accept his resignation from the full time position and his leave of absence from the auxiliary, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Chief Webb thanked Tim Timson for his years of service to the department and wished him luck in his new position. Chief Webb will move Tony Gasper up to the assistant chief position. He gave the monthly report.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Chris Day reported that the department has started picking up leaves. The generator at the water plant had problems. It shut itself down last Friday. The generator was still under warranty. It is now repaired. The paving is finished. An additional \$4000 was spent to pave the alley on the west side of town. Manholes still need to be raised. The fire hydrant at Salem Lutheran Church has been moved. Mr. Day has secured 100 tons of salt. He will try to pick it up some time this week and store it in the village. A temporary storage unit can be put up for approximately \$3000. He is looking at the option of a salt brine solution. A tank would be needed to pretreat it. Lanier Township is also looking at this option. The village may partner with Lanier. Less salt would be used. Mr. Overton has until the 14th of this month to do something about his building. Mitch Suggs asked what step and when is next. The next step would be to bid it out.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to have the village administrator to obtain bids to be opened December 1, 2008, at 7:30 P.M., seconded by Russ Schenck. Discussion. Mitch Suggs asked about provisions in the ordinance about personal property. Richard Faber stated that there are no provisions in the ordinance on the contents of the building. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

David Mays stated that he was supposed to check with other entities about the victim witness program. Some of the villages have refused to contribute.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to not contribute to the victim witness program, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll Call vote: 5 yea.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ian Campbell stated that Chris Day would explain the proposed fire and ambulance contracts. Mr. Day explained the proposed contracts. Lanier would pay \$101,471.00 annually and Twin would pay \$60,658.00 annually.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to send an ambulance contract to Lanier Township for \$101,471.00 annually and to Twin Township for \$60,658.00 annually, contingent upon both townships accepting the contracts with a deadline of November 28, 2008, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Mr. Day explained that the fire contracts will increase by 5%.

Motion:

David Mays moved to increase the fire contracts by 5% from 2008 for both townships, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Mayor Lunsford thanked Mr. Day for his work on the contracts. Mr. Day thanked Chief Martin and the clerk for their help.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elizabeth Watters has seven letters as of today. She will send a letter to each entity on the next step.

Chris Day and the Mayor have discussed going to one meeting per month.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell.

PASSED: _____