

Minutes of September 28, 2009 Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

The West Alexandria Village Council met in special session in the Town Hall on Monday, September 28, 2009. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Mitch Suggs, and Jim Teufel.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to approve the August 31, 2009, minutes, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea. No meeting was held on September 21, 2009, due to a lack of a quorum.

Bills #30902 - 309591 and 11950 - 11974 totaling \$146,440.89 were approved by the Village Administrator and the Mayor for payment, since there was no meeting on September 21, 2009.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

GUESTS:

Deb Smith, Linda Wick, James Wick, Mark Ulrich, Kent Hickey, Michelle Hickey, Brandon Miller, Jayne Miller, Ken Tubesing, Asst. Chief Gasper, Chief Webb, and Karen Mays. Mark Ulrich spoke to Council about the school upgrade levy.

CLERK:

Gave the August financial report.

MAYOR:

Announced that community Garage Sales is October 1 - 3, Oktoberfest is October 10 & 11, and Beggars' Night is October 31. She performed one wedding. A sixth grader is here at the council meeting tonight. A few sixth graders have interviewed her as part of a school project.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of an Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

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

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Jim Teufel. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

First reading of a Resolution Amending 2009 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations for the Village of West Alexandria, Ohio, by title.

Motion:

Motion:

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

Motion:

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

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. He thanked the sheriff's department for the use of the dog. The department will do security for the homecoming dance and the Oktoberfest. They will have a booth at the Oktoberfest. They are working with the Eaton Police Department on solving a robbery in Eaton. Mayor Lunsford stated that the Town Hall was used as a training site for the police dogs.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave her report. The Village is still down in collections for the year. She thanked the police department for delivering subpoenas.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Day was at a seminar. Mayor Lunsford gave council his report. The paving for 2009 has been completed and the manholes have been raised. There was an additional cost of \$1864.51 for some additional tonnage of asphalt. Mr. Overton has signed an agreement to do the demolitions and repairs to the building. That agreement has been filed with the court. Mr. Overton has taken the wall down. It has been brought to Mayor Lunsford's attention that there should be a stop sign at the north end of Woodard Avenue. Parking across from the school on W. Third Street seems to be a problem. Mr. Day suggests making this a "No parking during school hours" like the other side of the street. The alley that was paved on the west side of the Marathon station seems to have become a parking lot. The alley was paved to improve traffic flow. Mr. Day recommends that area be posted no parking, as the residents have an area in the back where they can park. The ditch that Leon Brock installed through his subdivision is in serious need of maintenance. It is the owners' responsibility to maintain the ditch. ODOT will be repairing Dayton Street soon. Michelle Hickey would like to make Central Avenue a one way street going south off of Dayton Street. There are several options: 1) Leave it as a two way street, 2) widen the street to its full width of 23 feet 8 inches which would be from house to house, as both houses are built in the right of way, 3) make the street one way. This is the only through street from Dayton Street to the southeast section of the village. Ron Nisius thinks the street should be one way going north. Mitch Suggs reported that the residents in the area prefer the street one way going south. Residents further south don't want the street made one way. David Mays stated that one property owner would have to modify a fence if Central was one way going south. Mitch Suggs stated that the house set on the property lines. The visibility going north is bad. Ron Nisius stated that there is a higher probability of the house being hit if a car is turning onto Central going south. Pros and cons for a one way street. Mrs. Hickey stated it is a problem being a two way street. David Mays stated that it is a hazard for children whether Central is one way or two way.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to make Central Avenue one way going north, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: Campbell - nay, Mays - yea, Nisius - yea, Suggs - nay, Teufel - nay. 2 yea 3 nay. Motion defeated.

Motion:

Jim Teufel moved to make Central Avenue one way going south, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: Campbell - yea, Mays - nay, Nisius - nay, Suggs - nay, Teufel - yea. 2 yea 3 nay. Motion defeated.

St John Church has agreed to allow the village to install a storm drain line down the south side of the parsonage allowing water to run in the back yard toward Peace Park. Once the line is installed Kramer & Associates will draw up a description and the village will attach an easement to the deed for maintenance purposes in the future. Chris Day talked with Steve Chrismer on the

rental of the building. The Village would lease the building for \$300.00 a month for a five year term with a possible buy out clause for early termination (\$3600.00 for early termination). The village would be responsible for all maintenance to the interior of the building. Drake State Air will pay the water, sewer, and sanitation bill. The village would pay all other expenses. The village would need \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance. The village would have to pay a \$500.00 deposit. The back door to Subway opens into the hallway of which would be the police department. This has to remain open, as it is the emergency exit for Subway. This area opens up to the back two rooms that the police would be using. Chief Webb stated that the department has outgrown the current space they are leasing. There is not enough storage space and there are mice. David Mays asked if the police department had \$3600 in their budget for early termination of the contract with Chrismer Services Inc. He also asked about the interior maintenance. The landlord usually does this, why should the village do it. Ron Nisius suggested Chris Day should talk with Mr. Chrismer and bring contract to the next council meeting. Mitch Suggs stated that there has been a decrease in income tax collection. Can the police department keep the same budget as this year. The rent and the utilities costs will increase. Mr. Suggs wants to know if the village can increase the police department budget. David Mays wants to see a firmer contract and more accurate data on the cost of moving. Ron Nisius wants Steve Chrismer and Chris Day to talk and have Mr. Chrismer write a more detailed contract.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to have Chris Day bring a contract proposal for the back part of the building for the police department and a separate contract for the front part for a council meeting room, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Mays stated that the village needs to move on the wastewater treatment plant. We should purchase land. The village should start on eminent domain if that is necessary. Mitch Suggs stated that the property is outside the village. Mr. Day has been talking with an attorney. Mr. Mays stated that someone should talk with Mr. Gross on developing his property. The village needs input from him. Mayor Lunsford stated that she will contact Mr. Gross. Mr. Mays and Mr. Day tried to talk with him, but he was unavailable.

Motion:

Ron Nisius moved to have the Mayor fill the vacant council seat, seconded by Ian Campbell. Discussion. Mitch Suggs asked about the Mayor stating at the last meeting that she would wait until the next council meeting to let council fill the vacant seat. Mr. Mays stated that the Mayor would relinquish her right until the next council meeting. Roll call vote: Campbell - nay, Mays - nay, Nisius - yea, Suggs - nay, Teufel - yea. 1 yea 4 nay. Motion defeated.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Mays stated that the vacant council seat needs to be filled.

Nomination:

David Mays nominated Jim Wick for the vacant council seat, seconded by Mitch Suggs. Roll call vote: 5 yea. Mayor Lunsford swore in Jim Wick as councilman.

Motion:

Jim Wick moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Teufel. Motion carried.

PASSED: _____