

Minutes of June 2, 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, June 2, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Mitch Suggs, and Greg Thompson. Ron Nisius was absent. Russ Schenck was excused.

David Mays stated that “by the landlord” needed to be inserted after “evicted” on the line of “COMMITTEE REPORTS”.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to approve the May 19, 2008, minutes as corrected, seconded by David Mays. VV: 4 yea.

Mitch Suggs stated that the May 5, 2008, minutes need to be corrected on the line “bills” from \$41,0006.11 to \$41,006.11 because of a typographical error.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept the correction of the May 5, 2008, minutes, seconded by Ian Campbell. VV: 4 yea.

Bills #29989 – 30016 and 11523 – 11541 totaling \$51,737.76 were presented to Council for payment.

Motion:

Mitch Suggs moved to pay the village bills, seconded by Greg Thompson. Roll call vote: 4 yea.

GUESTS:

Karen Mays, Mark Ulrich, Paula Penny, Dawn Culross, Roy Kouts, Edna Shiverdecker, and Chief Webb.

Dawn Culross stated that Chris Day should answer questions without an “attitude”. She wants to know who is responsible for sink holes – the property owner or the village. Mayor Lunsford stated that the storm drain on Paula Penny’s property was done without the village permission. Mr. Day is looking for parts to repair the storm drain. Dawn Culross reported that the drug store is closed. She wants to know what the village is doing about businesses leaving the village. David Mays replied that the lack of businesses and industry place a burden on the residents of the village. The village has had a problem with no land available for industry and the EPA demanding the village upgrade the wastewater facility. The village just upgraded the water treatment plant that the EPA wanted upgraded. Mitch Suggs stated that the residents are not buying from the local stores. Instead they are going to the mega stores. Greg Thompson stated that businesses are going overseas because people in America will not work for the wages people overseas will. Grant money for projects is drying up. Paula Penny stated that Mitch Suggs upset people when he stated that 1750 square feet houses that cost \$250,000 would bring the right people to town. Hal Yoder is trying to bring businesses to the county, but all the villages in the county are trying to attract businesses. Edna Shiverdecker doesn’t blame people for going to the mega stores, because the price of vegetables and bread are cheaper than at the grocery stores in Eaton. She started to read from a paper about an incident at a council meeting in September and a meeting in a store afterward. Mitch Suggs told Mayor Lunsford that Mrs. Shiverdecker should address council as a whole and not an individual member of council. If she has an issue with him, she should talk with him outside the council room. Mayor Lunsford allowed Edna Shiverdecker to continue. Greg Thompson told Mayor Lunsford she let Mrs. Shiverdecker “go on too long”. Greg Thompson moved to close the meeting. No second. Paula Penny stated that her neighbor asked her to speak to council about Smith Street Park. There is filthy language on the shelter house and the picnic tables. Something needs to be

done about the juveniles who write filthy language on the playground equipment and the picnic tables. She thinks the park needs to be closed at night.

Ms. Penny also wants to address Mr. Day's "attitude". When he came to her house today he told Ms. Culross that the storm drain was not a village storm drain that it was the home owner's property. She wants to know if the drain was put in without a permit, why it was not closed up. She has dealt with Chris Day for years and he has not mentioned that the village does not own it. One of the workers pulled "whirligigs" out of the drain and put them on the lawn.

MAYOR:

Read letter from Preble County Commissioners stating that Camden and West Manchester will receive CDBG money for their projects. The beautification committee planted flowers at the park.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the May report. Complaints are up. Summer school will be starting at the Third Street School and Twin Valley South.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave council a written report. Rental properties are increasing.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Mayor Lunsford asked Greg Thompson to have Ron Nisius look at the front of the Town Hall. Karen Mays asked him to check her office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mitch Suggs wants to clarify a statement that Ms. Penny stated he made about 1750 sq ft homes in the new zoning district. He does not think he stated any value for a home that size. Ms. Penny stated it was in the village newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Thompson would like the rules of the council meeting addressed and adhered to. He does not think council members should be attacked verbally. If a council member is addressed individually, the Presiding Officer (Mayor) is obligated to do something about it. A citizen should address council as a whole or sit down. If he/she will not sit down, then he/she should be escorted out. Richard Faber stated that citizens should not be talking unless they are on the agenda. He read the rules about guests.

Motion:

David Mays moved to adjourn, seconded by Greg Thompson.

PASSED: _____