

# Minutes of January 7, 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, January 7, 2008. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck, and Greg Thompson.

## Motion:

**Greg Thompson** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 17, 2007, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #29671 - 29709 and 11359 - 11385 totaling \$119,302.31 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**Greg Thompson** moved to pay the village bills, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

## GUESTS:

Marion Singleton, Brinda Swihart, Pastor Curt Nies, Diana Day, Mitch Suggs, Londa Day, Sewell Day, Holly Robbins, Kevin Thorpe, Bill Bliss, Ray Waldeck, James Wick, Linda Wick, Deb Smith, Chris Day, Chief Martin, Chief Webb, Asst. Chief Timson, and Karen Mays.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**Third reading** of an Ordinance Amending Section 1040.01 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Water Rates by title.

### Motion:

**Russ Schenck** moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Discussion. Greg Thompson reported that he read about a city wanting to tax water. Roll call vote: Campbell - yea, Mays - yea, Nisius - nay, Schenck - yea, Thompson - yea. 4 yea 1 nay. Motion carried.

**Third reading** of an Ordinance Amending Section 1044.01 of the Codified Ordinances of West Alexandria, Ohio, Dealing with Sewer Rental Rates by title.

### Motion:

**Greg Thompson** moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Russ Schenck. Discussion. Greg Thompson stated it hurt his pocketbook to have to raise the rates, but to be eligible for grants and low interest loans it needs to be done. Roll call vote: Campbell - yea, Mays - yea, Nisius - nay, Schenck - yea, Thompson - yea. 4 yea 1 nay. Motion carried.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Chris Day reported that they are working on the west side extension. Greg Thompson asked if there was any word on the land for the wastewater plant. Chris Day replied that nothing has been in writing to the village. The attorney did make a recommendation to his client.

## POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the December report. Asst. Chief Timson has finished the year end report. Copies are available for the Mayor and council to review. Chief Webb granted a sixty day leave of absence to Craig Jones. He would like to recommend Brooks Glidewell for the part time position. Mayor Lunsford appointed Brooks Glidewell as a part time officer as of January 2, 2008. Chief Webb recommends the officer be paid \$8.48 an hour during his probationary period.

### **Motion:**

**Russ Schenck** moved to approve Brooks Glidewell as a part time officer starting January 2, 2008, at the rate of \$8.48 an hour during his probationary period, seconded by Ron Nisius. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

Chief Webb stated that a Ford Explorer has been ordered through the state bid list. Ron Nisius thought council should have been advised. Chief Webb had advised council at the December 3rd meeting. The safety committee advised council at the December 17th meeting that the chief had ordered a cruiser. The purchase of a new vehicle was in the 2007 budget at the beginning of 2007 and was discussed when the budget was discussed. The school time change went well. The police department will be monitoring the school this week. The "No Parking" zone is on the north side from the maintenance drive to the parking lot drive.

### **EMS:**

Chief Martin thanked Mr. Day and his department for putting the flag up. There were 681 runs for 2007. So far in January there have been 19. Greg Thompson congratulated Chief Martin and the EMS for good service.

### **FIRE:**

Chief Bliss gave council the 2007 year end report. There were 160 calls. They had a suspicious fire Sunday morning. One of the firefighters was injured. Work has started on the fire station door.

### **INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:**

Karen Mays gave a written report to council. Tax collection was down approximately \$25,000 from 2006. She has new office hours.

### **BUDGET:**

The 2008 budget has been completed.

### **SANITATION:**

David Mays reported that Chris Day took care of some problems with Rumpke.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Russ Schenck explained that there is a problem with a house extending into the right of way of an alley. Richard Faber can not think of any way to fix the matter quickly. He suggested that the owner hire another surveyor to survey the property. Marion Singleton, a real estate agent wants the council to sign something that states council would not require the owner to remove this section of the house. David Mays stated that he would prefer that the house was owned and not rented out, but he will not sign off on anything illegal. Richard Faber stated that the alley has to be narrowed or vacated after a public hearing - what is on the county recorder's record has to be corrected. This process takes approximately 90 days.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Russ Schenck nominated Mitch Suggs for the vacant council seat, seconded by Greg Thompson. Discussion. Ron Nisius wants more time to go over the other applications. Greg Thompson thinks Mitch Suggs is probably the most qualified person. He has been mayor and before that he was on

council for several years. Roll call: Campbell - yea, Mays - yea, Nisius - nay, Schenck - yea, Thompson - yea. 4 yea 1 nay. Mitch Suggs elected. Richard Faber swore in Mitch Suggs.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to approve the committees appointed by the Mayor, seconded by Russ Schenck. Budget & Finance - David Mays and Ron Nisius; Streets, Alleys, & Storm Drains - Russ Schenck and Mitch Suggs; Sidewalks, Curbs, & Gutters - Greg Thompson and Ian Campbell; Safety - Ian Campbell and Russ Schenck; Buildings, Grounds, & Parks - Ron Nisius and Greg Thompson, Health & Sanitation - Mitch Suggs and David Mays. (First person listed is chairperson.) Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Mitch Suggs nominated David Mays for president pro tempore, seconded by Russ Schenck. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to adjourn, seconded by Russ Schenck.

**PASSED:** \_\_\_\_\_