

Minutes of July 2, 2007 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 2, 2007. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, Carol Lunsford, David Mays, Ron Nisius, Russ Schenck and Greg Thompson.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 21, 2007, seconded by David Mays. VV: 6 yea.

Bills #29323 - 29355 and 11180 - 11195 totaling \$98,797.20 were presented to Council for payment. Check # 11122 was voided because the SWOWEA meeting was cancelled and not rescheduled.

Motion:

David Mays moved to pay the bills, seconded by Greg Thompson_ *Roll* call vote: 6 yea.

GUESTS:

Mark Ulrich, Asst. Chief Tim Timson, Chief Charles Webb, Karen Mays, Rhonda Martin, Larry Johnson, Jerry Chabrian, James Miller, Jayne Miller, Eddie Mowen, Bill Bliss, Bill Lange, Steve Unger, and Roy Kouts. Jerry Chabrian stated he has been in contact with Chris Day. They are working on an easement. Mayor Suggs stated that the Hansfords and the Chabrians need to meet with Chris Day when he returns from vacation. James Miller is on the water line and has a question about hook up.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Suggs reported that there is a school board meeting tonight.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

First reading of Ordinance Creating and/or Establishing a Fund for the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, to Assist the Village Clerk and Village on Accounting and Budgetary Matters by title.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to waive three readings, seconded by Greg Thompson. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

First reading of an Ordinance Creating and/or Establishing a Fund for the Village of West Alexandria, Preble County, Ohio, to Assist the Village Clerk and Village on Accounting And Budgetary Matters Per the Recommendation of the State Auditor's Office by title.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to waive three readings, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Motion:

Carol Lunsford moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

Second reading of Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation by title.

Second reading of Ordinance Amending Section 1060.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of West Alexandria Revising Collection *Charges of Chapter 1060* Garbage and Refuse Collection and Disposal within the Village by title.

ACTING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Mayor Suggs reported that Chris Day is on vacation. There was a nice turnout for the open house at the WTP on June 24th. The plant is producing a very good quality of water. The staff is continuing to work on finding the ideal operating conditions. Mr. Day would like to thank the staff for their work on this project and other projects over the past few years - Judy, Karen, and Ginny (the office staff) and Rod, Doug, and Tony. He would also like to thank council and the Mayor for all their support throughout this project. Mr. Day will schedule a tour for anyone who missed the open house. We are still working on recodifying the village ordinances. The zoning ordinance still has to be reviewed. Mr. Day is working with Mr. Doss on possible options for purchasing a street sweeper. Kramer and Associates are currently preparing the contractual documents on the Sauer property. They will be signed next week. The manhole materials have been ordered. Most residents have complied with the property maintenance. The prosecuting attorney has been notified that the village is prepared to move forward with enforcement. Mr. Day is still gathering information from the surrounding communities on their water and sewer rates. Mr. Day gave council spread sheets concerning the two insurance quotes - VFIS and Swartzel. Mr. Day recommends staying with our current carrier (VFIS). Mayor Suggs asked if council had any specific questions to ask about the coverage.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to stay with the present insurance carrier, seconded by David Mays. Chief Bliss and Chief Martin reported that they have good communication with our present carrier. The Clerk commented that she has had excellent response from VFIS when the village has had a claim. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

POLICE:

Chief Webb gave the monthly report. Chief Martin asked what she needed to do to have the EMS calls simulcast. Mayor Suggs will check into this matter.

EMS:

Mayor Suggs read a letter of resignation from Cari Helling as a part time general service worker, but she will continue to work as a volunteer EMT-I.

Motion:

David Mays moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Ron Nisius. VV: 6 yea. The position has been posted in house. Interviews will be next week. She has a board that will interview the applicants.

Motion:

Russ Schenck moved to start the person selected at \$8.43 an hour with no benefits other than PERS, with the person to start training the week of July 9, 2007, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 6 yea.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Karen Mays gave a written report to council.

BUDGET:

The proposed budget for 2008 totals \$1,330,234.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to accept the 2008 proposed budget, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll Call vote: 6 yea.

STREETS & ALLEYS:

Carol Lunsford asked about the alley repairing. Mayor Suggs replied the service department has been working on the alley at Rexarc. Carol Lunsford stated that there is a big hole at Arthur King's apartments.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Mays wants to know why the stop sign at Phil Hurst's is not there. Russ Schenck stated that the village has not put up stop signs because they would have to put stop signs at all intersections which could be costly.

Motion:

David Mays moved to install 4 stop signs at that alley intersection, seconded by Russ Schenck. VV: 6 yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Motion:

Greg Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Ian Campbell.

PASSED: _____