

# Minutes of September 20 Council Meeting, 2007

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, September 20, 2007. Those council persons present were Ian Campbell, Carol Lunsford, David Mays, Russ Schenck, and Greg Thompson. Ron Nisius was excused.

## Motion:

**Carol Lunsford** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 4, 2007, seconded by David Mays. VV: 5 yea.

Bills #29473 - 29495 and 11258 - 11273 totaling \$37,669.79 were presented to Council for payment.

## Motion:

**David Mays** moved to pay the bills, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

## GUESTS:

Asst. Chief Timson, Karen Mays, Richard Hamm, Chris Day, Edna Shiverdecker, Rhonda Martin, and Chief Webb.

Richard Hamm, Twin Township trustee, spoke to Council concerning the article in the Register Herald and the Fire and EMS contracts. He stated that in the late seventies a group from Lewisburg came to the township meeting wanting to service part of the township. Costs have continued to increase. Mr. Goeke and Mr. Welch went to Eaton trying to obtain EMS service for the township. Mr. Hamm had no idea they were going to do this. He would like to discuss the contracts more. The Township is putting a 2 mil levy on the ballot for emergency services. Mr. Hamm would like to work with the Village. Russ Schenck stated the Fire Department and the EMS are finishing their proposed budgets for 2008. Then the Safety Committee will look at the budgets and decide about the contracts. Then they will present their recommendations to Council. Council thanked Mr. Hamm for coming. Edna Shiverdecker asked who had the idea to purchase a podium. Mayor Suggs stated that it as his idea after visiting a Gratis council meeting. Gratis had a podium that allowed the visitors to be heard at meetings. Mrs. Shiverdecker replied that the money could have been used to patch pot holes in the alley beside her house. She said the gravel was removed when someone complained about the gravel. She wants to know when the alley will be patched. Chris Day replied that the department is working on alleys. They started on the worst alleys. Mayor Suggs explained that there are a lot of bad alleys and asphalt is expensive.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

OML is offering a session on open records in Cincinnati on October 3rd. The session is 3 hours and free. Each elected official needs 3 hours of continuing education on open records each term of office. The Ohio EPA will hold a public information session on Tuesday, September 18th about the Preble County Landfill's proposal. Memo from the editor about news articles due October 12th. Cub Scout Pack 107 volunteered to pick up the walnuts and trash before the Oktoberfest.

## RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**First reading** of Resolution Amending 2007 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations by title.

## Motion:

**Ian Campbell** moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yea.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Carol Lunsford. Roll call vote: 5 yeas. **First reading** of the Resolution Regarding the Distribution of Local Government Funds and Local Revenue Assistance Funds by the Preble County Budget Commission Pursuant to an Alternative Distribution Formula (R.C. 5747.53 and 5747.63) by title.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to waive three readings, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yeas.

**Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ian Campbell. Roll call vote: 5 yeas. Rick Faber explained about Gasper Township's lawsuits for 2004 and 2005. The Village hired Chester, Willcox, and Saxbe to defend the Village for the 2004 lawsuit. Gasper has also filed for the year 2005. The decision will probably be held until the 2004 appeal has been settled. The Village needs defense for the 2005 lawsuit.

**Motion:**

**David Mays** moved to hire Chester, Willcox, and Saxbe for the legal defense and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Greg Thompson. Roll call vote: 5 yeas.

**CLERK:**

Gave the Council a written financial report for August.

**EMS:**

Chief Martin gave Mr. Mays the proposed budget for 2008. She will be at a state training October 1st through 5th. There have been 416 runs as of August 31st. Mr. Welch asked her if the village was working Twin's account the same as Lanier's. She told him yes. Mayor Suggs, the Safety Committee, and Chief Martin have been discussing what might happen if Twin Township does not sign the contract for fire and EMS service.

**POLICE:**

Chief Webb reported that the department has been issuing tickets in the school zone.

**ASSISTANT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

Chris Day explained that council needs to accept 2 easements for the Lanier Waterline.

**Motion:**

**Ian Campbell** moved to accept the easements from the Chabriens, contingent on their signatures, and Esther Myers on the Lanier Waterline, seconded by David Mays. Roll call vote: 5 yeas.

Mr. Day has been in contact with ODOT about the pavement in front of the barbershop. ODOT is aware of the situation and will repair it. Mr. Day still has had no reply from Mr. Bruns concerning the property. He wants Richard Faber to draft a letter to Mr. Bruns. Mr. Faber will look at his file and draft a letter. Kramer and Associates are drawing up a set of specifications to repair the fire station door. They will draw up an alternative to using bricks. Chris Day will check with Bill Bliss about putting a support in temporarily. After the easements are filed, work will begin on the Lanier waterline. There is a problem on the west side utility extension. Some lines were not where they were marked. Carol Lunsford asked if there had been any complaints on goats or chickens. There is no specific ordinance on animals. Most ordinances address noise or noxious odor. Some signs at Main & Dewey and Main & Elm have been moved. Two properties that have not complied with notices on maintenance have been turned over to the prosecuting attorney. Russ Schenck gave council copies of proposed changes to the building ordinance. The planning commission would like to add these to the codified ordinances. Richard Faber was given a copy. He will draw up an ordinance with these proposed changes.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Mays has received the proposed 2008 budget from the EMS. Bill Bliss is almost finished with the fire budget. The committee will then submit the budgets to the Safety Committee for consideration for the fire and EMS contracts.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

The committee needs to meet to discuss a park lease for baseball, soccer, and peewee football.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Carol Lunsford (reference the letter about the renewal levy) thinks the letter needs to be brief.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Suggs proclaimed October 11th- 13th Community Garage Sale Days and October 30th Beggars' Night. Beggars' Night will be from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Chris Day reported that the school traffic signal has been hit. The state said that they are doing a study as to whether the traffic signal is necessary. They may remove it. Mr. Day will wait to see what the state does before having it repaired.

## **Motion:**

**Greg Thompson** moved to adjourn, seconded by Carol Lunsford.

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