

## MINUTES FOR THE JULY 18, 2011, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Emilia Feldman Clerk of Council

**Ron Garver** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Council members present:** Ron Garver, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Steve Johnston and Jim King. Also attending were Mayor Darlene Steele, Finance Director Jack Herrel, Public Service Director, Harold Walker, Parks and Rec. Director, Jack McDowell and Clerk of Council, Emilia Feldman

**Prayer** by Jack Herrel

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Steve Johnston

**Motion to adopt the agenda** by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Coburn

*Roll Call-All Yeas*

**Motion to adopt the minutes** of the July 5, 2011 Council meeting by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Otis

*Roll Call-All Yeas*

### **Recognition of Guests:**

**Taylor Sibbalds- Certificate of Recognition** – Taylor was honored at the council meeting for saving 2 children at the West Jefferson Municipal Pool. Jack McDowell noted that life guards have a lot of responsibility and he is very proud of Taylor. Mr. Coburn who has worked at the pool with Taylor said that he has a lot of respect for her and is a great asset to our community. The Mayor congratulated Taylor and she received a certificate. 10 TV News was also there to do a story on Taylor.

**New Business: New Business:** (next available number 11-048)

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 11-048 removing** the Village of West Jefferson Fee Schedule from the Zoning Ordinance Book and placing into a separate ordinance.  
*Discussion:* Mr. Garver noted that we received a 90 day notice to take action.

- B. Ordinance 11-049** Authorizing various supplemental appropriations

*Discussion:* Mr. Garver noted that on the actual legislation the account name needed to be changed to “Capital Projects Fund”. Mr. McDowell explained that the amount needed to be \$5750.00 instead of \$5500.00. Diving boards for the pool were ordered due to the stress fractures in our current ones. The amount was changed because the original estimate did not include shipping. The Public Service Department needs money for salt. Mr. Walker explained that we usually buy about 300 tons but due to the amount of ice last winter we had to order an extra ton. We will also have to buy a new salt bin because ours is deteriorating.

**Motion** by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. King.

*Roll Call – All Yeas*

**C. Resolution 11-050** authorizing the Village to join the 2012 Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Village Group Rating Plan and authorizing the director of Finance to pay the enrollment fee.

*Discussion:* Mr. Herrel explained that this is a worker's compensation group. We are in a pool with other Villages thought the state. This allows us to receive a better rate on our workers compensation plan. We get a 30-50% discount by being a part of this pool.

**Motion** by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. King.

**D. Motion not to have a hearing** for the Ohio Division of Liquor Control in regards to Umasiddhant Inc. transferring the liquor license classes C1 and C2 from West Jeff Express Inc. at 63 W. Main St. West Jefferson Ohio.

*Discussion:* Miss Feldman explained that this had come and that the new owners of the Valero gas station are transferring the liquor license into their company's name.

**Motion** by Mr. Coburn and seconded by Mr. Eakins

*Roll Call – All Yeas*

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Minutes were given out the members discussed how much the street sweeper would cost to fix because we want to maintain our downtown area. There was also talk of getting a new police cruiser.

**Police:** We will be trying to get a new police cruiser. This is the last year that they will be making the Crown Victoria police cruisers and we would like to have one before they quit making them.

**Employee Benefits:** Insurance policy will be going out to Village employees with their paychecks.

**Public Service:** None

**Development:** Finishing up fee schedule, there will be a meeting on Thursday July 21 at 5:30 in Village Hall.

**Parks and Recreation:** There will be a meeting this week

**Special Events:** Still taking Good Neighbor of the Month Nominations

**Director of Finance Report:** Mr. Herrel gave out the financial report.

**Director of Public Service Report:** Mr. Walker submitted problems and current issues with the water and sewer treatment plants. The current Sewer plant cannot meet EPA expectations. We have clay tiles in sewer collection that have little to no bottom left. We also need better power supply to the well field. The system is currently above ground and needs to be placed underground. Lyndon Johnson is back after having surgery he returned July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Walker also had elevator quotes. We may be considering getting an elevator because it is cheaper and will last longer than our lift.

Mr. Walker also received quotes on the removal of bat guano in the ceiling of Village Hall. It was also suggested that we contact a pest control company to get rid of the bats. Mr. Johnston made the point that we should get rid of the bats and then clean the ceilings. Mr. Walker noted that the estimates he received were for just Village Hall not Galbreath Hall.

**Director of Parks and Recreation Report:** Mr. McDowell has had foot surgery but is back and working hard. Also a big thanks to Kevin Dye of the Madison Press for having a nice article in the paper.

**Mayor's Report and Recognition:** The Mayor met with Rob Portman's legislative aide about the sewer plant and talked about grants as well as infrastructure problems. The Mayor also talked with Steve Stivers regarding commercial growth and grants. Columbia Gas will also be putting in remote read meters. They will start on August 15 and should finish by the end of August.

**Recognition of Clerk and Council:** Mrs. Nelson expressed her concern about the cups that were being put in the fence at Garrette Park for Vacation Bible School. Many of the cups had fallen out and were lying in the park. Also, the sign for the farmers market cannot be put on the sidewalk. It will be placed up against the side of the building instead.

Mr. Coburn noted that there are a lot of sidewalks, driveways and approaches in the Westwood area that have been filled with gravel. The Village used to offer to fix the concrete work and then put it on the taxes. However, we do not have the money or resources to do this anymore. It is the resident's responsibility to fix these hazards.

Mr. Johnston noted that there was concrete and asphalt being dumped by Little Darby Creek in the quarry.

**Motion to pay the bills** by Mr. King and Mr. Coburn

*Roll Call- All Yeas*

**Motion to approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00** by Mrs. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Eakins

*Roll Call- All Yeas*

**Motion to adjourn: 8:40 P.M.** by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Coburn

*Roll Call - All Yeas*

---

Clerk of Council

---

President of Council