

## MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Emilia Feldman Clerk of Council

**Darlene Steele** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Council members present:** Doug Eakins, Ron Garver, Sheila Nelson, Randy Otis, Cory Coburn, Jim King, Darlene Steele. Also attending were Finance Director Jack Herrel, Public Service Director Harold Walker and Director of Parks and Recreation Jack McDowell

**Prayer** by Doug Eakins

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Randy Otis

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

*Roll Call-All Yeas*

**Motion to adopt the minutes** of the September 7, 2010 Council meeting by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. Otis

*Roll Call-All Yeas*

**Recognition of Guests:** None

**Old Business:**

**Review resident concerns** from last meeting. (None)

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance 10-080** authorizing the vacation of a certain section of Water Street in the Village of West Jefferson.

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

*Roll Call-All Yeas*

**New Business:**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance 10-081** an ordinance determining certain real estate, to be not necessary for municipal purposes, to authorize the mayor of the Village of West Jefferson to sign, execute and deliver a warranty deed for said real estate and a temporary easement over real estate described to the commissioners of Madison County, Ohio and declaring it an emergency.

*Discussion:*

Mr. Walker explained that the new bridge on Taylor-Blair Road needed part of Village ground and the piece of ground is 1/600th of an acre.

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

*Roll Call- All Yeas*

**B. Reading of Resolution 10-082** determining the surety bond of the mayor of said village to be in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and to authorize payment of the premium of said bond by the Village of West Jefferson.

*Discussion:* Ms. Steele said that this was suggested by Ron Parsons. Mayors should be bonded as a requirement by the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. King questioned if \$10,000.00 was enough for the bond. Jack Herrel stated that Village has a \$25,000.00 blanket bond. Ron Garver questioned why this bond was needed when there is a \$25,000.00 blanket bond in place.

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

*Roll Call- 3 Yeas- Mr. King, Mr. Coburn and Mr. Eakins*

*3 Nays – Mr. Garver, Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. Otis*

*1 abstention- Ms. Steele, (mentioned conflict of interest)*

*Resolution Failed*

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** None

**Police:** New radios as mandated by the FCC by January 1, 2013. Trade-in of old radios before January 1 of 2011 will give the police a rebate. Base station will cost

approximately \$15,000.00 and new radios approximately \$57,000.00. The police committee will meet this week on Wednesday.

**Employee Benefits:** None

**Public Service:** None

**Development:** None

**Parks and Recreation:** Meeting on Tuesday.

**Special Events:** None

**Director of Finance Report:** Jack Herrel gave out a financial report for the Village.

**Director of Public Service Report:** Gave out a list of appropriations including the need for council to help narrow down applicants for a position in the water department. There were 67 applicants for the Water Department Clerk position. Mr. Walker could no longer wait for Mr. Parsons to acquire the piece of property needed to install new sanitary sewer that Battelle ties into. Work on this project began 9/20/10. Mr. Graver questioned the estimate on Main Street Project of \$134,370.00. Mr. Walker explained that there would be a reimbursement of some of the money spent on the Main Street Project. There was also discussion of the selling of the street sweeper. Mrs. Nelson asked if the sweeper was ready to sell, and Mr. Walker explained that it needs new brushes. Mr. King also commented that street sweepers are known to have high maintenance costs. There were only 2 employees trained to run sweeper.

**Director of Parks and Recreation Report:** Basketball court has been painted. The roof on Galbreath Hall has been repaired. There was also discussion of having bat droppings removed from village hall roof. Jack Herrel brought up that there are health concerns when removing the bat droppings. There are other projects being donated to the Village by the Boy Scouts.

**Mayor's Report and Recognition:** Absent

**Recognition of Clerk and Council:**

Jim King brought up the estimate by RGIS to take an inventory of village property. There is no current inventory list and we would not know if something goes missing. Service Department has no inventory list. The police department has their own inventory list. Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Otis suggested that the department heads should take inventory of their departments rather than outsourcing the job to RGIS.

Sound equipment for council has been suggested by the Law Director, Ron Parsons. Mr. King has gotten an estimate for the cost to put in new equipment. Mrs. Nelson suggested that council obtain more estimates to make the most informed decision. Tom Phillips suggested that the job should be up for bid. He also stated that it is the service director's job to find more estimates. Mr. King has offered to help with this project. It was also noted that the meetings are recommended to be recorded by the Sunshine laws.

Mr. Walker wanted to let everyone know that a portion of lights are out on the north side of Main Street due to the storm that passed through. An electrician will be coming to fix the wiring that was damaged.

Darlene Steele will accept the offer to be Mayor due to the results of the recall election. Ms. Steele will be Mayor for the rest of Scott Hockenbery's term.

**Additional Business:** None

**Motion to pay bills** by Mr. Eakins and seconded by Mr. King  
*Roll Call- All Yeas*

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

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:12 p.m. by Mr. Eakins and Mr. King