

October 14, 2025 Council Final

Present for this regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor Hudson, Administrator Ford, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Ms. Markin, Mrs. Zerkle, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: Mr. Brower. Guest: Nikki Burkhamer of Bellefontaine Examiner.

The meeting was opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Ms. Markin to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2025 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle, seconded by Mrs. Griffith, to approve the following bills in the amount of \$189,691.29. Motion Carried.

885-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37
886-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55
887-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,535.75
888-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$328.54
889-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90
890-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,502.68
891-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60
892-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,634.44
893-2025	Hodge A. Hager	\$139.28
894-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$918.69
895-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,183.11
896-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,328.45
897-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91
898-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94
899-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,286.65
900-2025	Brian P Snider	\$1,302.64
902-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$685.00
903-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,106.60
904-2025	OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION	\$1,513.83
905-2025	OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX	\$617.82
906-2025	Regional Income Tax Agency	\$667.93
907-2025	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	\$10,835.87
908-2025	OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND	\$5,787.62
914-2025	Brad A. Hudson	\$344.85
915-2025	DARIN C. LEACH	\$1,337.15
916-2025	RICHARD D. MILLER	\$311.84
917-2025	Chris J. Moell	\$1,120.36
918-2025	STEPHEN D. RABENSTEIN	\$839.73
919-2025	Jeffery Scott Woodruff	\$600.14
921-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$709.68
922-2025	AES Ohio	\$111.96
923-2025	AES Ohio	\$199.10
924-2025	Park National Bank	\$795.84
925-2025	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$219.20
926-2025	AES Ohio	\$42.34
927-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$61.07
928-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$53.86
929-2025	Anthem	\$16,084.52
930-2025	Anthem Life	\$87.50
931-2025	AES Ohio	\$152.27
932-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$2,201.26
933-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$2,400.00
934-2025	BUREAU OF WORKER'S COMP	\$1,356.96
935-2025	AES Ohio	\$41.07
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936-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37
937-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55
938-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,525.10
939-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$171.33

940-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90
941-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,572.50
942-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,634.44
943-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$884.22
944-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,225.59
945-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,328.47
946-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91
947-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94
948-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,388.96
949-2025	Brian P Snider	\$1,112.39
951-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60
953-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$685.00
954-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,106.23
955-2025	Ohio Data	\$124.06
956-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$72.21
957-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$65.76
958-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$67.04
959-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$77.36
960-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$65.76
961-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$69.03
962-2025	AES Ohio	\$25.85
963-2025	AES Ohio	\$255.72
964-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,552.71
965-2025	AES Ohio	\$256.23
966-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,069.78
967-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$89.73
968-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$256.98
969-2025	AES Ohio	\$86.97
970-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$53.86
970-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	-\$53.86
971-2025	AES Ohio	\$112.79
972-2025	AES Ohio	\$144.99
973-2025	AES Ohio	\$131.96
974-2025	AES Ohio	\$278.80
974-2025	AES Ohio	-\$0.72
975-2025	AES Ohio	\$113.09
976-2025	AES Ohio	\$23.31
977-2025	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	\$51.47
978-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$96.00
979-2025	TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	\$32.99
980-2025	QUILL CORPORATION	\$240.36
981-2025	Ohio Department of Commerce	\$150.00
982-2025	Wex Bank	\$1,629.70
45050	THOMSON AND WEST	\$934.00
45051	Bobcat Multi Works LLC	\$200.00
45052	THOMAN'S I G A	\$11.97
45053	Jackson Grain Systems LLC	\$783.12
45054	Boldman Printing	\$175.00
45055	Shane Long Concrete Construction LLC	\$600.00
45056	Heritage Cooperative	\$241.49
45057	Civista Bank	\$7,470.89
45058	Cintas Locations LOC #02	\$224.34
45059	C T COMMUNICATIONS	\$799.00
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45060	ATT Mobility	\$298.96
45061	Libby Garman	\$75.60
45062	My Splash Pad	\$2,275.00
45063	COJACK LUMBER and SUPPLY	\$200.37
45064	LOGAN LAWN & LANDSCAPING	\$110.00
45065	CHEROKEE RUN LANDFILL	\$3,234.75
45066	Holder RD oil Co.	\$659.41
45067	Doug Lash	\$200.00
45068	COJACK LUMBER and SUPPLY	\$18.44
45069	BA Service and Repair	\$344.63

45070	Jeremy Heater Excavating	\$2,550.00
45071	Shane Freehauf	\$55.00
45072	Easton Water Solutions	\$101.99
45073	Government Account Solutions	\$847.50
45074	Cintas Locations LOC #02	\$221.49
45075	THOMAN'S I G A	\$15.96
45076	Compton Power Equipment Inc.	\$47.24
45077	Buschur Electric	\$357.84
45078	Wichert Insurance	\$42,309.00
45079	Quality Paving	\$17,250.00

Resolution 2025-R12 was read “Establishing a Cemetery Special Revenue Fund for Donations” that don’t qualify for the Cemetery Bequest Fund (4951) where they currently reside. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Kauffman to pass Resolution 2025-R12 on 1st reading. Motion Carried. 5-0

Resolution 2025-R13 was read “Establishing a Cemetery Improvement Fund” for the Fair View Cemetery (4951). A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Zerkle, to pass Resolution 2025-R13 on 1st reading. Motion Carried. 5-0

Resolution 2025-R14 was read “Declaring the 2008 Ford Explorer no longer needed and can be disposed of by internet auction” using govedeals.com. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle, seconded by Mr. Spriggs, to pass Resolution 2025-R14 on 1st reading. Motion Carried. 5-0

Administrator Ford said the debt service budget of \$115,000 in the Garbage Rubbish fund was enough so that we could pay off the loan for the packer. The payoff for the packer is about \$80K and since it is in the budget and would save us about \$10,000 in interest, he suggested paying it off. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Zerkle, to pay off the packer from PS & L. Motion Carried.

The sewer department has a Loan CT28L through the Ohio Public Works Commission with semi-annual payments. The payoff would be about \$30K. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs, seconded by Ms. Kauffman, to pay off OPWC Loan CT28L. Motion Carried.

The administrator said the fire department received a grant in the amount of \$192,000 for SCBA’s. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Markin to authorize the Administrator to accept the bid lowest and best quote on October 27, 2025 bid opening. Motion Carried. 5-0

Administrator Ford discussed the Stop sign on E Newell St and North St. The Street department doesn’t know why that stop sign is there. Thought maybe it needs to be removed. He will contact the school transportation dept. for their input. He would like council members to go look at it and discuss at the next meeting.

Dave Matthews of 3D Maintenance will give a quote on 2 pumps for lift station and rebuilding the electric which could be up to \$30K-\$40K near Green Hills. This is an emergency and will be done soon. Mayor Hudson said they should check the pipes while they are in there.

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The trees were trimmed at SR 245/Taylor St. intersection that Mr. Brower spoke of last meeting.

Administrator Ford talked with Heritage Co-Operative about giving the easement for the bridge. The CEO called and they are now open to grant the easement. Solicitor Moell will work with them on that easement which was previously approved by Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Finance Committee met and discussed the budget and salary increases. Ordinance 2025-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pass Ordinance 2025-13 on 1st reading. Motion Carried. 5-0

Solicitor Moell said the parking lot is still in process but waiting on probate court.

Mrs. Griffith said Mr. Detrick talked about replacing all the street signs before he resigned and if we are still doing this. Administrator Ford said there is a Township Safety Sign Grant that could be used for the village signs as well. He has already talked with Liberty Township but the grant doesn't open until January.

The intersection at W Baird and Tupper St. was discussed again. The things we can consider is taking parking away or possibly a mirror that might help see cross-course traffic. Taking parking away is not a good option since the lack of parking is already an issue in the village. Administrator Ford will review the mirror options.

Important Dates

Next meetings November 18th and December 16th. Tuesday

Safety Council October 16, 2025 800 am

Cash Mob is on Wednesday at noon

Spooktacular October 23 5-7 PM

Trick or Treat October 23, 2025 6-730 PM

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Ms. Markin, to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Motion Carried. 5-0

Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Bradley Hudson