

Council November 17, 2025

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor Hudson, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Zerkle, Ms. Kauffman, Ms. Markin, Mr. Brower, Solicitor Moell, Administrator Ford and Clerk Boyd. Guest: Kris Allen, WPKO. Absent: None.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kauffman seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025. Motion Carried. 6-0

Darin Leach, Richard Ford and Clerk Boyd had bid openings for SCBA equipment on October 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM. We had one bid of \$212,856.00 but if we ordered by October 31st, it would be \$184,793.00. After Chief Leach's review, there were 6 face masks missing. Chief Leach wants to order 2 additional masks. The Assistance to Firefighters grant from FEMA totaled \$192,669.52, with a 10% match from the department.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the following bills in the amount of \$ 291,288.24. Motion Carried. Mrs. Griffith said the only unusual bill was that the packer was paid off.

983-2025	Hometown	\$1,000.00	
984-2025	Your Hometown techs		\$112.00
985-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$89,428.55	
986-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies Inc.		\$58.89
987-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37	
988-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55	
989-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,532.19	
990-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$191.05	
991-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90	
992-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,626.83	
993-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,661.06	
994-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$884.22	
995-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,027.33	
996-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,282.24	
997-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91	
998-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94	
999-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,491.29	
1000-2025	Brian P Snider	\$1,191.70	
1002-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$185.00	
1003-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$3,743.83	
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1004-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60	
1006-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$500.00	
1007-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,124.96	
1008-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,568.27	
1009-2025	Berry Digital Solutions	\$71.91	
1010-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies Inc.	\$53.86	
1011-2025	AES Ohio	\$159.99	
1012-2025	AES Ohio	\$58.49	
1013-2025	AES Ohio	\$42.97	
1014-2025	AES Ohio	\$63.55	
1015-2025	QUILL CORPORATION	\$55.48	
1016-2025	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$332.73	
1017-2025	Brad A. Hudson	\$344.85	
1018-2025	DARIN C. LEACH	\$1,337.15	
1019-2025	RICHARD D. MILLER	\$311.84	
1020-2025	Chris J. Moell	\$1,120.36	
1021-2025	STEPHEN D. RABENSTEIN	\$839.73	
1022-2025	Jeffery Scott Woodruff	\$600.14	
1024-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$709.68	
1025-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies Inc.	\$58.89	

1026-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies Inc.	\$53.86
1027-2025	Park National Bank	\$795.84
1028-2025	AES Ohio	\$42.63
1029-2025	AES Ohio	\$85.15
1030-2025	AES Ohio	\$183.41
1031-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37
1032-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55
1033-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,479.97
1034-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$84.54
1035-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90
1036-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,502.68
1037-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60
1038-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,767.51
1039-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$884.22
1040-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,083.97
1041-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,328.45
1042-2025	Brett Mancini	\$385.53
1043-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91
1044-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94
1045-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,286.65
1046-2025	Brian P Snider	\$937.99
1048-2025	Uattend	\$93.00
1049-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,035.30
1050-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$685.00
1051-2025	OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION	\$1,473.17
1052-2025	OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX	\$598.87
1053-2025	Regional Income Tax Agency	\$646.29
1054-2025	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT S	\$15,212.91
1055-2025	OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND	\$8,752.69
1056-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$2,201.26
1057-2025	Anthem	\$16,084.52
1058-2025	AES Ohio	\$80.31
1059-2025	AES Ohio	\$200.65
1060-2025	AES Ohio	\$41.53
1061-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$98.17
1062-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$70.83
1063-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$71.27
1064-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$85.05
1065-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$89.58
1065-2025	CenterPointEnergy	-\$89.58
1066-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$83.46
1067-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$152.83
1068-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$89.56
1069-2025	QUILL CORPORATION	\$129.98
1070-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$57.01
1071-2025	AES Ohio	\$280.61
1072-2025	AES Ohio	\$118.16
1073-2025	AES Ohio	\$118.41
1074-2025	AES Ohio	\$132.31
1075-2025	AES Ohio	\$23.66
1076-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies Inc.	\$58.89
1077-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$66.99
1078-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,049.90
1079-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,627.50
1080-2025	AES Ohio	\$253.76
1081-2025	AES Ohio	\$26.20
1082-2025	AES Ohio	\$285.62
1083-2025	AES Ohio	\$83.91
1084-2025	AES Ohio	\$405.31
1085-2025	Anthem Life	\$87.50
1086-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$52.48
1087-2025	Gatchell Grant Resources LLC	\$3,500.00
1087-1097	Void	\$0.00
1098-2025	AES	\$137.82



45133	CHEROKEE RUN LANDFILL	\$2,538.85
45134	Cintas Locations LOC #02	\$63.06

Resolution 2025-R12 to establish a new fund for cemetery donations from bequest fund (4951) was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Ms. Markin to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Brower to adopt Resolution 2025-R12 on final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Resolution 2025-R13 to establish a new fund for donation of estate for cemetery from bequest fund (4951) was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Resolution 2025-R13 on final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Resolution 2025-R14 to sell explorer from police dept on Govdeals(OG fire dept). A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to adopt Resolution 2025-R14 on final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Resolution 2025-R11 entitled "To establish an EPA Grant Fund for Lions Park Stream and Riparian Restoration" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mrs. Griffith to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Resolution 2025-R11 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

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 Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Griffith to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Brower to adopt Ordinance 2025-13 on final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Ordinance 2025-14 entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Council meetings" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to adopt Ordinance 2025-14 on 1st and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0

Ordinance 2025-15 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2025-04 FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LIBERTY, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to waive the recommended readings. Motion Carried. 6-0 A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Griffith to adopt Ordinance 2025-15 on first and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0 This is passed as an emergency due to amending the appropriations.

Ordinance 2025-16 entitled "Amending Ordinance 313-11 Designation of Stop Streets" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Kauffman to pass on first reading. Motion Carried.

Administrator Ford said two policies need to be passed to accept the FEMA and EPA grants. The first is for the Federal Purchasing policy. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Brower to adopt this policy for the FEMA and EPA grants only. Motion Carried. 6-0

The second policy is the Standards of Conduct for the FEMA and EPA grants. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Brower to adopt this policy for the FEMA and EPA grants only. Motion Carried. 6-0

Richard Ford, Administrator, discussed the Riparian Grant for Mad River. Tom Allen has kept in touch with the Administrator and has plans for Lions Park.

The administrator said the software cost is about \$5,000-\$6,000 per year for short-term rentals. The Mayor and Administrator said the revenue would be maybe \$6K-\$10. They believe it would not be worth doing this at this time but will review next year once the County has some stats to share.

Jeremy Levan looked at the structure for the two pumps and electric near Green Hills. He has not given us a quote yet.

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Council will be appointing Park Board members in December.

Council discussed insurance for Medicare-eligible employees/spouses and paying for supplemental. The anthem premium would be about \$600 less and the Medicare supplemental would be less than \$200. The Administrator will draft a Resolution. He is also working on revising the handbook.

LUC has a Charging Station Grant for electric vehicles. There is a 20% match and application is due December 10<sup>th</sup>. Administrator will find out more information and get the application ready before the next meeting in case council wants us to apply.

Administrator Ford talked about Salt/grit and Salt options. If the street Dept. uses just salt it would cut down on cleaning out the storm sewers and would be better to melt the ice. Liberty Township will purchase the salt/grit we have at the city garage. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Brower to sell our leftover salt/grit to Liberty township. Motion Carried. 6-0

Administrator Ford explained that interest cannot be received into any other fund except General, Streets, State Hwy, PMVL, or a bequest fund. We are currently transferring interest amounts to other funds from the General fund (based on what it could have received if it was allowed), but we should just do lump sum amounts when NEEDED.

The Bridge easement is in process.

Mr. Brower asked how he can get a survey out to residents about seniors meeting possibility in the opera house.

The Village of West Liberty will stay with Dynegy for .928 KWT cents until December 2026.

The Dannon parcels are moving forward.

### **Important Dates**

Next Meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Safety Council November 20, 2025 800 am

Cash Mob is Tomorrow 12:00 meet at Sweetie Pies

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn 8:20 PM. Motion Carried.

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Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Bradley Hudson