

September 22, 2025 Council final

Present for the regular meeting of the Village of West Liberty Council was Mayor Hudson, Administrator Ford, Mr. Spriggs, Mrs. Zerkle, Mrs. Griffith, Ms. Kauffman, Mr. Brower, Ms. Markin, and Clerk Boyd. Absent: None Guests: Fire Chief Leach and Nikki Burkhamer of Bellefontaine Examiner.

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

Mayor Hudson administered the Oath of Office to Rodney Brower to fill the term until December 31, 2027.

Darin Leach, Fire Chief, requested approval to hire Eric Weeks, who currently holds a 36-hour fire certification and is running for Huntsville. He has since purchased a house in our district. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve Eric Weeks. Motion Carried. 6-0

Fire Chief said he is also losing a firefighter, Derek Thurman. He is moving to Jackson Center with his wife and family.

The Fire Department received the BWC safety Grant with Administrator Ford's help. The guys will be fitted for gear next Monday. Administrator Ford said they will receive 6 sets of gear for about \$20,000 and we would pay about \$5000. We can apply for this every three years.

Fire Chief applied for the MARCS grant again.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Zerkle seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the Minutes September 8, 2025 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Markin seconded by Ms. Kauffman to approve the following bills in the amount of \$48131.39. Motion Carried.

855-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37
856-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55
857-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,510.87
858-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$245.41
859-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90
860-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,673.37
861-2025	DARREN E. DUNHAM	\$51.18
862-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60
863-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,700.99
864-2025	Hodge A. Hager	\$270.54
865-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$866.99
866-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,353.05
867-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,467.09
868-2025	Brett Mancini	\$188.78
869-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91
870-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94
871-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,312.23
872-2025	Brian P Snider	\$1,628.18
874-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$685.00
875-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,335.08
877-2025	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$61.96
878-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$166.95
879-2025	Wex Bank	\$1,871.07
880-2025	Your Hometown techs	\$112.00
881-2025	Your Hometown techs	\$1,000.00
882-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$419.72
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883-2025	Your Hometown techs	\$1,025.00

884-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$53.86
909-2025	Berry Digital Solutions	\$71.91
910-2025	AES Ohio	\$56.71
911-2025	AES Ohio	\$177.21
912-2025	AES Ohio	\$42.21
913-2025	AES Ohio	\$62.45
45018	COJACK LUMBER and SUPPLY	\$68.96
45019	Dollar General	\$5.00
45020	Cintas Locations LOC #02	\$810.44
45021	E J P	\$200.00
45022	Paula Cronkleton	\$100.00
45023	Patriots Attic	\$275.00
45024	GoGov	\$3,024.00
45025	RABENSTEIN ELECTRIC	\$90.00
45026	Core and Main	\$77.19
45027	Site Sweep LLC	\$1,200.00
45028	Robertson Heating Supply Co	\$6.51
45029	Dominic Burden	\$100.00
45030	Doug Lash	\$100.00
45031	Cynthia Barrlett	\$18.40
45032	Amy Laird	\$68.93
45033	Rudelle Mattews	\$13.90
45034	Bonita Fraim	\$82.00
45035	Darinda Saylor	\$71.27
45036	BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	\$73.41
45037	Treasurer State of Ohio	\$720.00
45038	Hertiage Cooperative	\$299.64
45039	Hawkins Inc.	\$160.00
45040	Integrity Ford of Bellefontaine LLC	\$73.10
45041	Compton Power Equipment Inc.	\$11.67
45042	BA Service and Repair	\$521.18
45043	MIAMI VALLEY LIGHTING, LLC	\$2,171.38
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45045	Kenneth Wilson	\$45.07
45046	BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	\$32.25
45047	THOMAN'S I G A	\$11.96
45048	Doug Lash	\$100.00
45049	CHEROKEE RUN LANDFILL	\$3,089.67

Administrator Ford received a few quotes for liability insurance. Wichert Insurance had 2 quotes. HPC did not cover all our buildings with the full coverage that Selective does so he recommended the Selective Quote.

1. \$39,651.00 from HPC
2. Selective was \$42,4258.00
3. Rob Beglin, PEPP \$45,674.00.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Spriggs, to approve Selective for our liability insurance. Motion Carried.

The finance committee needs to meet in October to discuss the budget.

Administrator Ford updated the council on the bridge easement. Mr. Ford talked with CEO of Heritage and their concern is something falling on RR tracks and delaying business. The CEO will bring it up at the next board meeting and maybe Mr. Ford can attend a future meeting to explain. Mr. Ford emailed the CEO and explained the bridge could collapse at any time and there would be precautionary measures.

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Mr. Ford said we still have two more weeks for the Ordinance for the Alley to go into effect. We need blockades or posts.

Mrs. Griffith talked about the Safety Council meeting. Josh Core, the K9 handler, was the speaker. Mrs. Griffith said she learned a lot, and it was interesting.

Clerk Boyd asked if anyone had changed their checking accounts for direct deposit. She needs account information from Mr. Brower and Ms. Markin.

Next meeting was discussed. We will not have a quorum, so it will be changed to October 14th.

Mr. Brower is concerned about a line of sight at Runkle and Taylor St. There are 2 trees, and he would like to know who is responsible for trimming or removing the trees. Mr. Ford will look at it and get back with Mr. Brower.

PINK OUT October 9th 6:00 PM at the gazebo

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn at 7:43 PM.
Motion Carried.

Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

Mayor Brad Hudson