

September 9, 2025 Council

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

Council met interviewing six Potential members to include James Burkhamer, Brenda Coy, Loretta Asbury, Andrea Naegele, Patty Kauffman and Rodney Brower

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025 as written/read. Motion Carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to approve the following bills in the amount of \$141,636.03. Motion Carried.

780-2025	Brad A. Hudson	\$360.05
781-2025	DARIN C. LEACH	\$1,337.15
782-2025	RICHARD D. MILLER	\$311.84
783-2025	Chris J. Moell	\$1,120.36
784-2025	STEPHEN D. RABENSTEIN	\$839.73
785-2025	Jeffery Scott Woodruff	\$600.14
788-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$759.28
789-2025	Richard Keith Amlin	\$2,016.37
790-2025	CINDEE M. BOYD	\$1,260.55
791-2025	Ryan S Campbell	\$1,455.04
792-2025	Jeffrey A Cornelius	\$108.21
793-2025	Liesl A Cornelius	\$1,280.90
794-2025	Lee F Deloye	\$1,502.68
795-2025	Richard Ford	\$1,718.60
796-2025	Shane J Freehauf	\$1,714.28
797-2025	Melissa A Hughes	\$880.77
798-2025	Benjamin E Hyland	\$1,183.11
799-2025	Rickey L Lowe I	\$1,282.24
800-2025	Mark E Nelson	\$1,704.91
801-2025	ANTHONY S. OELKER	\$1,947.94
802-2025	James T Simpson	\$1,286.65
803-2025	Brian P Snider	\$1,096.54
805-2025	Ohio Deferred Compensation	\$685.00
811-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$96.00
812-2025	AES Ohio	\$250.00
813-2025	AES Ohio	\$130.99
814-2025	AES Ohio	\$41.99
815-2025	LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT	\$94.44
816-2025	Internal Revenue Service	\$4,025.43
817-2025	OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION	\$2,320.44
818-2025	OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX	\$932.24
819-2025	Regional Income Tax Agency	\$979.66
820-2025	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIRE	\$10,203.51
821-2025	OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND	\$5,614.33
822-2025	Park National Bank	\$795.84
823-2025	Anthem	\$16,084.52
824-2025	Ohio Department of Commerce	\$1,079.15
825-2025	AES Ohio	\$152.27
826-2025	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO UAN	\$948.00
Cont 9-9		
827-2025	Uattend	\$93.00
828-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,800.64

829-2025	Uattend	\$93.00
830-2025	AES Ohio	\$422.86
831-2025	Ohio Data	\$124.06
832-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$112.75
833-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$67.95
834-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$64.69
835-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$76.09
836-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$64.69
837-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$64.69
838-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$64.69
839-2025	CenterPointEnergy	\$66.33
840-2025	AES Ohio	\$232.96
841-2025	AES Ohio	\$1,357.51
842-2025	AES Ohio	\$298.60
843-2025	AES Ohio	\$25.99
844-2025	AES Ohio	\$41.09
845-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$2,400.00
846-2025	PEOPLES SAVINGS & LOAN	\$2,201.26
847-2025	Anthem Life	\$87.50
848-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$53.86
849-2025	AES Ohio	\$79.54
850-2025	AES Ohio	\$162.54
851-2025	AES Ohio	\$107.45
852-2025	AES Ohio	\$167.68
853-2025	AES Ohio	\$23.45
854-2025	Vestis Uniforms and Workplace Supplies	\$58.89
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
876-2025	QUILL CORPORATION	\$243.95
877-2025	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$61.96
878-2025	Elan Financial Services	\$166.95
879-2025	Wex Bank	\$1,871.07
44996	Integrity Ford of Bellefontaine LLC	\$521.36
44997	Civista Bank	\$7,470.89
44998	ATT Mobility	\$279.94
44999	Spectrum	\$159.99
Cont 9-9		
	Bobcat Multi Works LLC	\$200.00
45001	VASU Communications	45000
45002	Concord Inspection LLC	\$470.40
45003	Watkins Electric	\$1,497.09
45004	Boldman Printing	\$96.88
45005	MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION of OHIO	\$50.00
45006	Artesian of Pioneer Inc.	\$4,900.00
45007	Logan County Sewer District	\$4,060.30

45008	LOGAN LAWN & LANDSCAPING	\$440.00
45009	M A S I	\$5,008.45
45010	Core and Main	\$581.54
45011	THOMAN'S I G A	\$24.93
45012	Ryan L Wirick	\$100.00
45013	Doug Lash	\$200.00
45014	CHEROKEE RUN LANDFILL	\$2,644.61
45015	Holder RD oil Co.	\$730.14
45016	Unique Paving Materials	\$156.75
45017	C T COMMUNICATIONS	\$795.77
45018	COJACK LUMBER and SUPPLY	\$68.96
45019	Dollar General	\$5.00
45020	Cintas Locations LOC #02	\$810.44

Ordinance 2025-11 "An Ordinance to Close Part of a Downtown Alley to Vehicular Traffic" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mr. Spriggs to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Motion Carried. 6-0 Mrs. Griffith has concerns about a Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Ford said the council needs to look at it as if it is ours to take care of and if the Business Association takes care of it, that's great. Council understands the alley is ours. The ordinance will not go into effect for 30 days.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR" was read. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to pass Resolution 2025-R10 on 1<sup>st</sup> and final reading. Motion Carried. 5-0

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Spriggs, to go into executive session as allowed by O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a Council seat. Motion Carried. 5-0

Out of the executive session at 7:22 PM.

Solicitor Moell researched the appointment and decision-making for council members.

Administrator Ford said the EPA will be conducting lead testing for approximately 200 homes. There will be no cost to the resident or the Village.

BWC Safety grant consultant was here and said we could apply for a safety grant for a V-plow – to plow alleys.. This would be a 3-1 grant.

Mr. Ford applied for Fire gear with a BWC safety grant. It would get us 6 sets of gear.

Mr. Ford is waiting on Heritage CEO to give an easement for the W Columbus St. Bridge grant. Ben Volrath thought if we were to contact the representative Huffman or Susan Manchester they may be able to speed things up. We do not want to lose the \$1.265 mil grant.

Mad River restoration grant was approved by the State EPA and submitted to US EPA for final approval. This grant would restore banks at Lions Park/Onion Creek in the amount of \$266K. Cont. September 9, 2025

Liability insurance quotes next meeting September 22, 2025

Mr. Ford asked if council members would be opposed to having one meeting a month. The last few meetings have been short. He said we could always hold a special meeting to pass an

ordinance or if something is pressing to be discussed. It was also discussed because of the Monday holiday's – maybe the meetings would be on a Tuesday instead. Clerk said just getting the mail over the weekend and trying to get everything ready on a Monday – Tuesday would work for her. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs, seconded by Ms. Kauffman to start one meeting a month in October on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Motion Carried.

Splash pad will be closed September 15, 2025 and features will be removed September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed the six potential council members. All council members started with top three picks then top 2 and top pick to fill the council seat until December 31, 2027. A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs, seconded by Mrs. Zerkle to appoint Rodney Brower as council member. The picks were very close. Clerk will remind each applicant there are 2 seats coming available in January.

Motion Carried. 5-0

### **Important Dates**

Next meeting September 22, 2025

Safety Council September 18, 2025 K-9 unit

PINK OUT October 9<sup>th</sup> – Please let me know if you would like to be involved 6:00 pm

A MOTION was made by Mr. Spriggs seconded by Ms. Kauffman to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion Carried.

---

Clerk Cindee M. Boyd

---

Mayor Bradley Hudson