

## West Union Village Council

March 10, 2020

### **Town Hall Meeting**

Mayor Jason Buda called the Fire Department and Life Squad Levy “Town Hall Meeting” to order and started with the pledge to the flag. Council members present were: Mark Brewer, Randy Brewer, Jason Francis, Ted Grooms, John R Lafferty, and Steve Rothwell. Also, in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator/Fire Chief, Danni Studebaker – WULS. Visitors: Kathy Grooms, Robin Young, Skyler – WULS, Dakota Chaney – WUFD, Steve Downey, Billy Boone – WUFD, Donna Young, Dawn Jordan, Neil Morrison, Austin Rust – People’s Defender, Christeena Patrick – WULS & WUFD, Nicole Hackworth – WULS, David Stephenson II – WULS, James Hackworth – WUFD, Kent Bryan – CT Consultants, Nakoa Gast – WUFD, Shandra Irwin, Misty Gantzer – WULS, Amy Vogler, Kyle Warrington, Shawn Simmers – WUFD, Rachel McCann – WULS.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions to start with.

Robin Young questioned about the \$120,000.00 the Life Squad gets from the Adams County Commissioners, when the last Fire Department levy was up, how much in taxes Liberty, Tiffin and Brush Creek pay, the accountability of the Village, and all the taxes going up.

Neil Morrison discussed the cost of Medicare and Medicaid going up. The Village Administrator informed him the cost of drugs is sky rocketing and the drugs must be bought in bulk. He also informed him the equipment needs to be updated.

Dawn Jordan requested the cost differences between 2016 and 2019, Danni Studebaker, WULS, will get that information to her.

Council member, Mark Brewer discussed the cost of the Medical Director.

Council member, Ted Grooms talked about a few of the mandates of the West Union Fire Department and West Union Life Squad.

Robin Young spoke up and asked how much it cost to drive a fire engine to escort a basketball team through town after a win. Kirker told her not much, the cost of gas. She said it should be done away with. Council member, Steve Rothwell, informed her that was pride in the students of our school.

Other things that were discussed: the Adams County Sheriff Office owing the West Union Life Squad money, the length of hose that must be on every fire engine, and that there have been 496 runs for the Life Squad and 276 runs for the Fire Department so far this year.

Mayor Buda adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

### **West Union Village Council Meeting**

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 3-10-2020, at the Fire Department building, Mayor Jason Buda presiding. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and roll call: John R Lafferty – arrived at 7:02 p.m., Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – absent, Ted Grooms – present, Randy Brewer – present, Steve Rothwell - present; also in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator/Fire Chief, Tim Sanderson – Police Chief. Visitors: Danni Studebaker – WULS, Kathy Grooms Shandra Irwin, Shawn Simmers – WUFD, Steve Downey, Kyle Warrington, Christeena Patrick – WULS & WUFD, Nakoa Gast – WUFD, Amy Vogler, David Stephenson – WULS, Nicole Hackworth – WULS, Dakota Chaney – WUFD, Skyler Johnson – WUFD, Billy Boone – WUFD, Donna Young.

Motion by Randy Brewer to approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting on 2-25-2020 as distributed, second by Ted Grooms, roll call vote: 4 yea, Jason Francis – abstain, motion passed.

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Motion by Ted Grooms to approve payment of bills with a charge \$21.00 on the Super Fleet – EMS billing with no receipt, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Steve Rothwell to accept the statement of receipt for Mayor's Court for the month of February for the amount of: \$5024.50, second by Mark Brewer, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Danni Studebaker, WULS, advised Council on the number of runs since the first of the year for the Life Squad and the Fire Department.

Report from Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator/Fire Chief

1. Kirker told Council the bids for the Crackle Subdivision Sewer Project will be going out in the People's Defender on March the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. EPA will be at the Wastewater Plant Project on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. The paving project for 2020 will be: Walnut Street from Wilson Drive to Chestnut Ridge; Sparks Street from Logans Lane to SR 247; South Street from Knoll Avenue to McArthur Street. The sidewalk project will be on Cherry Street, it has a water problem.
4. The traffic light poles are still not in, because the factory still has not opened.
5. The Mexican Restaurant will be opened by the end of the month.
6. The "Bob Blake Block" sign has not arrived yet.

Tim Sanderson, Police Chief, spoke to Council on hiring a police officer; Council will discuss this at the Police & Safety Committee Meeting. Also, the Chief discussed about a person wanting to open a safe drug house in the Village, no action was taken.

The Clerk informed Council there will be no further action taken on the credit card fraud investigation.

Council member, Jason Francis spoke to the Village Administrator on the message board.

Council Member, Ted Grooms thanked Austin Rust for the article in the People's Defender for the West Union Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Levy.

Council member, Randy Brewer told Council about some needed information for the Village website, and a fire run on Tobe Lewis Road.

The Mayor thanked the EMS and Fire Department personnel for being here tonight.

Motion by Ted Grooms for executive session ORC 121.22 G3 legal action and G1 personnel, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Steve Rothwell to return to regular session, second by Ted Grooms, roll call vote: all yea.

Ted Grooms announced there will be a Police & Safety Committee Meeting on March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Other items discussed: pay for the fire fighters.

Motion by Steve Rothwell to adjourn, second by John R Lafferty, roll call vote: all yea, meeting adjourned.