

West Union Village Council

May 26, 2020

West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on 5-26-2020, at the Fire Department, Mayor Jason Buda presiding. Call to order, pledge to the flag, and roll call: John R Lafferty – present, Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – present, Ted Grooms – present, Randy Brewer – present, Steve Rothwell - present; also in attendance: Tanya Johnson – Clerk, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Lisa Rothwell - Solicitor. Visitors: Lt. Ryan Myers, Tim Davis.

Tim Davis read a letter thanking the Council, Police Department, Fire Department and EMS for their help with the procession for the West Union 2020 Seniors.

Motion by Randy Brewer to approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting on 5-12-2020 as distributed, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yeas, motion passed.

Motion by Mark Brewer to approve payment of bills submitted, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yeas, motion passed.

Discussion on the smoke shelter, Council decided to table this until next meeting.

Lt. Ryan Myers requested an awning for above the back entrance of the Municipal Building, no action was taken.

Lisa Rothwell, Solicitor, informed Council she has written a few letters for the Crackle Subdivision Project. Also, she spoke to Council on the rental of the Village property at SR 41 and SR125, no action was taken by Council.

Mayor Buda asked that if any Council member would like to be on the Zoning Board to let him know.

Kent Bryan, CT Consultants, told Council the Crackle Subdivision Construction Loan would be approved on July 1, 2020. Lloyd Construction, LLC was awarded the bid for the Crackle Subdivision Sewer Construction Project. Bryan also discussed the North Street water line and paving project.

The Clerk informed Council on the official vote for the Fire and EMS levy: total votes – 430; for the levy – 160, against the levy – 270. She also asked about Village residents have yard sales, Council agreed as long as they use the protocol that is in place.

Council member, Randy Brewer, asked if SR 247 was deteriorating where they just repair, Council agreed it was.

Shelley Gifford, Treasurer, requested Council to sell two grave cemetery lots, Council agreed. Motion by Jason Francis to sell two grave lots for \$250.00, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all, motion passed.

Council member, John R Lafferty, asked if an exit sign could be placed in the cemetery, Council agreed. The Clerk will see that the sign get ordered and placed.

Council member, Mark Brewer, talked about placing the Fire and EMS levy back on the ballot in the fall, Council agreed. Brewer discussed the problem with homeless people in Village, and cemetery monuments that need to be cleaned, and including some that have fallen over or are leaning. He also thanked the Girl Scouts for putting the flags on the Veterans' graves.

Council member, Jason Francis, told Council about a communication policy and a logo for the Village letterhead.

Council member, Ted Grooms, had some complaints on properties that needs to be cleaned up: Chestnut Ridge, Boyd Avenue and SR 41 N, the Mayor will see to this matter.

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Mayor Buda spoke to Council on the Splash Pad. After some discussion, Council wants the Mayor to have the Village Administrator have it opened. The Mayor also discussed a grant for some fire equipment, and the auxiliary police officers.

Council member, Ted Grooms, announced there will be a Police & Safety Committee Meeting on June 9, in the Police Department office, at 6:00 p.m. before next the Council meeting.

Motion by Mark Brewer for executive session ORC 121.22 G3 G1 personnel, second by Jason Francis, roll call vote: all yea. Motion by Ted Grooms to return to regular session, second by Steve Rothwell, roll call vote: all yea.

Other items discussed were: cemetery niches, paying water/sewer bills online, opening up the Water/Sewer/Street Department and Mayor's Court Office.

Motion by Randy Brewer to adjourn, second by Ted Grooms, roll call vote: all yea, meeting adjourned.