

MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST ALEXANDRIA

Special Meeting

Friday, July 19, 2019

MEETING DATE: 07/19/2019

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 5:04 PM

ROLL CALL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

All members of council were present: Jeff Hickey, Karen Mays, Ashley Meyers, Shannon Smith, Dan Utsinger, Holly Robbins arrived 5 minutes after the meeting was called to order

OTHERS PRESENT –Village representatives/employees who were present: Fiscal Officer -Wendy Chesney, Clifford Scott (Service Dept), Mike McDonald (WAPD),

Village Residents who signed in as present: Roger Pearce, David Mays, Pam Montgomery, Bev Spitler, Janice Pearce, Michelle Laughlin, Kim Pearce, Jerry Carter III, Pat Kincer, Troy Lunsford

GUESTS-none expected

Mayor Lunsford called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Mayor Lunsford stated the reasons for the meeting from the notice posted and stated that the council would start the meeting with discussing item number 2 while waiting on council member Holly Robbins to arrive:

- 1- Discuss and possibly take action regarding the WWTP construction project with regard to the excavated soil that needs to be removed from the project site.**
- 2- Discuss and possibly take action on the position of Water/Wastewater Operator**
- 3- Discuss and possibly take action on the location/worksites of the office location of the WAPD, the Fiscal Officer, and the Zoning Inspector**

Mayor Lunsford turned the meeting over to Councilman, Jeff Hickey, who was on the interviewing committee for the position of the water/wastewater operator. Mr. Hickey stated the position of the water/wastewater operator interviews went well and the candidate that was unanimously chosen to offer the position to Jim Hans, who has a class 3 water certification and a class 3 wastewater certification, with 10 yrs of experience working for the city of Lebanon, Ohio. Mr. Hickey stated that the offer the interviewing committee recommends the council make to Mr. Hans is that of \$62,500.00/ year as a salary-exempt position, contingent upon council approving the salary, along with 4 weeks of vacation, and health/life insurance that is offered to the full-time employees. Discussion was held regarding the candidate's experience and education, as well as insurance and other items suggested as part of the offer to Mr. Hans. Shannon Smith moved to hire Jim Hans as a water/wastewater operator for the Village of West Alexandria, at \$62,500.00/ year as a salary exempt position, with 4 weeks of vacation, and health insurance that is offered to the full-time employees, pending a successful drug screen result. Karen Mays seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Mr. Hans had presented a letter to the council asking for information regarding insurance and other items pending such as how vacation time would be determined. A formal letter of offer for employment will be sent to Mr. Hans by the Mayor, addressing his questions and the details of the employment offer.

Item number 1 on the list of meeting topics was opened for discussion. Updates included the fact that the Engineering firm, Jones and Henry and /or the contractor (Kirk Brothers) was to determine a figure for the cost of moving the 5000+ cubic yards of soil required to be moved from the excavation area. To-date, no figures have been received from either Kirk Brothers or the engineering firm. Cost figures were requested as of July 16, 2019. Discussion by council members included that the engineering firm had grossly underestimated the amount of dirt that would be excavated from the construction site, the need for said dirt to be moved from the project site, and the fact that no cost analysis was provided for such an issue/need ahead of moving or hauling it off the site. Originally none was expected to be moved or hauled off the worksite- rather it was to be used to backfill the excavation as needed throughout the project to build / grade the road to the project for equipment

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to be driven onto the worksite, or to level off at the end of the project. Further discussion was held regarding the location to which the dirt initial (approx.) 4000 cubic yards of dirt transported, that of Mr. Ray Waldeck at 73 N. Main Street, and that the construction company was using their equipment to smooth out the dirt on Mr. Waldeck's property once it was delivered. The cost of both hauling and spreading was indicated by the both the construction co and the engineering firm to be the responsibility of the village as part of the project, and the village disagrees. This point was in opposition and outside the scope of what the village understands and sites that it was not listed as part of the contractual agreement. Further, concern from a neighboring business (of 73 N Main Street) was discussed in regard to the large trucks driving on the alleyway and the amount of damage the repeated trips/weight might cause to the roads to the property past their business. Rexarc's CEO, Rob Moyer, sent a letter of concern and inquiry about the hauling of the dirt, and the grading of said property with regard to the change in landscape potentially causing drainage issues based on elevations and the amount of dirt that is being used/the height that is being built up. Investigation and review of the drainage will be made and discussed at a later date along with any other items related to the issue. Discussion as to how any additional dirt needing to be moved would be handled. Jeff Hickey moved to mandate that the dirt (the remaining 1000 cubic yards necessary for the project to proceed without stopping it altogether) be such that the dirt will be hauled first to a property owner with a swimming pool needing filled in, and then to Mr. Waldeck, both of whom will spread the dirt themselves. Motion was seconded by Shannon Smith. Roll Call vote 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

- 4- The last item on the agenda was to discuss and possibly take action on the location/worksite of the office location of the WAPD, the Fiscal Officer, and the Zoning Inspector. Discussion included the pros and cons of moving the Fiscal Officer and the Zoning Inspector to the Water Building and the WAPD to the Town Hall. Council member Karen Mays feels the village should consider reclaiming all spaces of the Town Hall as it was intended to be and is the municipal building but is being utilize for more than government usage. Quotes from a moving company were discussed for moving the WAPD and the Fiscal Officer/Zoning Inspector. Shannon Smith moved to accept the quoted price from the moving company in order to move the WAPD from the Chrismer Building to the Town Hall, not to exceed \$1,320.00. Dan Utsinger second the motion. Roll call votes: : 5 Ayes (Jeff Hickey, Ashley Meyers, Shannon Smith, Dan Utsinger, Holly Robbins), 1 Nay (Karen Mays). Motion Carried. Further investigation into a cost to move the Fiscal Officer and the Zoning Inspector will be completed. Holly Robbins moved that the moving of the offices of the Fiscal officer and the Zoning Inspector take place on the weekend of August 23, 2019. Motion was seconded by Shannon Smith. Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Holly Robbins and seconded by Dan Utsinger. Vocal Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

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MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER