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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on July 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Christie Maurer, Tim Cheney and Jason Hursey were present. Councilman Adam Fisher was not present. Officer Amanda Rossiter was also present. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to excuse absent member Adam Fisher. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on July 14, 2025. Roll call 3 yes and 2 abstained. This will be presented for approval again at the August 11, 2025 regular meeting.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the special council meeting held on July 21, 2025. Roll call 4 yes and 1 abstained.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving correspondence regarding potential one-way streets and alleys in the village. Councilman Adam Fisher will share more in his committee report.

Citizens' comments: Craig Bordenkircher was on the agenda to speak but was not able to make it and asked to be rescheduled for the next regular council meeting on August 11, 2025. Officer Amanda Rossiter, the School Resource Officer, coordinated a Guns & Hoses softball game to help raise money for a local student and his family, Tristan Goodwill, who is battling cancer. Officer Rossiter thanked all of the village and sponsors that donated and helped with the game stating that they raised \$3,062. Rossiter shared a thank-you card from Tristan's parents.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported discussing nuisance properties at 520 N. George, 121 E. Park and 320 E. Union.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

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Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing ordinance 2023-29 animal ordinance, looking to make some updates to eliminate items that are not enforceable. Resolution 2025-36 is a resolution to proceed with placing the general expense renewal levy language on the November ballot. Hursey read the ballot language and stated that the taxable value being used is based on property values from back in 1996 and is not an increase in taxes, but the same amount that has been renewed for years.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported a \$100 donation from the family of Pat Stephan. Security updates have been made as well as locks rekeyed at Burt Park.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher was not present. Councilman Jason Hursey reminded that burning trash in the village is not permissible. Only clean burning fuel is permitted. The sidewalks are being installed on N. Oak and are happy to report that no trees were harmed in the installation of the sidewalks.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported the sewer outfall project is moving forward well. The Street department has been doing a great job in getting the streets cleaned up and looking nice.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2025-31 establishing sewer rates will receive its second reading and does include an increase of 4% for the next 2 years that will take effect with the October billing cycle. Resolution 2025-33 will receive its second reading authorizing the mayor and/or village administrator to apply for funding through the Mayors Partnership for Progress for flooding issues in the village. Resolution 2025-34 will receive its second reading to add funds in the sewer fund to replace the roof on the wastewater plant due to damage received from a recent storm. A quote was received from ATD to replace the whole roof for \$5,600 and an insurance check will be received for \$4,162 to cover the repairs, leaving \$1,500 that needs to be added to the Sewer fund. Resolution 2025-35 will receive its second reading to sign an agreement with ISResponse, LLC who will be taking over the village IT services starting in September. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, was not present.

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Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that 595 N. George St. was reported as a nuisance property and will be looked at this week. Pot holes were filled in the alleys and the streets will be fixed next.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2025-31 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES, AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH Second Reading

2025-33 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEVERE FLOODING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO Second Reading

2025-34 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-48, ADDING FUNDS Second Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-34. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2025-34. Roll call 5 yes.

2025-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH ISRESPONSE, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Second Reading/Emergency

2025-36 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION (ORC 5705.03, 5705.19, AND 5705.25) First Reading/Emergency

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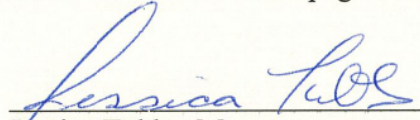
Other Business: Mayor Tubbs had no other business to discuss.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

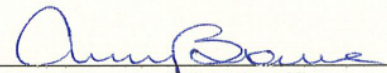
A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 yes.

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Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest: 

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer