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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on May 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Jason Hursey, Brittany Howell, Tim Cheney, Adam Fisher and Christie Maurer were present. Police Chief Eckelberry was also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 12, 2025. Roll call 5 yes. Councilman Adam Fisher abstained.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving correspondence that will be discussed in reports later in the meeting.

Citizens' comments: None

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported discussing residences with high grass as well as nuisance citations issued with several not responding and being submitted to the Village Solicitor for legal action.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that We R WL will be meeting in June with the date to yet be determined. The flowers have been planted on Main St. Mayor Tubbs reported that the Boy Scouts assisted We R WL in posting the flags throughout the village.

Community Revitalization: Chairman Adam Fisher reported there will be another meeting scheduled soon.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported receiving the first half of the Park Levy distribution as well as fire contract money from Lafayette Township.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer provided a reminder to people visiting the Waterworks fields to place trash in the trash cans.

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Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported that mosquito spraying has begun in the village and the next spray is scheduled for May 29th, weather permitting. Bluck Acres and Plainfield will also be sprayed. Bike safety was discussed, stemming from a recent e-bike accident with injuries. The Police Department is planning a bike safety event. Bikes are to observe the same rules as a vehicle on the roads. Paved alleys will have Stop signs installed. Accident protocols and chains of commands were discussed. SxS's were discussed due to resident complaints of noise and speed. Fisher reported that though they are loud, most have been observing the laws regarding speed. A COPS grant opportunity was discussed for the hiring of a new police officer. The grant would pay for up to 75% of the 1st 3 years salary with the village responsibility being at least 25% for the 1st 3 years, then the full salary on year 4. More information is needed to determine if the budget can handle the village share.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing the stormwater study, a visit with the County Engineers office, and questions regarding Rumpke trash. Letters will be sent out in June from Rumpke trash regarding the new service.

Records Retention: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported meeting on May 13, 2025 and presented a request for records to be destroyed as well as changes to the retention schedule. Both forms have been submitted to the State for approval.

Rules: No report.

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Resolution 2025-19 will receive its third and final reading to for village trash regulations. The 2026 Tax Budget is due to the County Auditors office by July 18th. Bourne will be out of the office next Wednesday through Friday for a conference. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: Police Chief Eckelberry spoke regarding bike safety, referencing the e-bike accident last week that involved a couple of boys. Many complaints have been received regarding e-bikes, but bike safety in general is a concern. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the kids know the bike safety rules and follow them. The Police department is putting together a bike safety/awareness event with more details to come. Complaints have also been received about the noise and speed regarding side-by-sides. They do sound louder, but the majority have been following the rules. Chief Eckelberry discussed the COPS grant as noted earlier.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported receiving a petition regarding the trash ordinance and it is his recommendation to reject it for several reasons. The petitions are very rule sensitive. RC 731.29 requires a certified copy of the ordinance before circulating the petition and it was not filed. The petition must be signed by 10% of the electorate and only 61 signatures were

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obtained, not meeting the 10%. The current petition can't be remedied, and the process will need to start over should they want to continue the process. At the top of each petition has a section that needs to be printed in RED, and it was in black and white. There must have a committee of 3 and there are only 2 on most of the petitions, and 3 on one of them. There is no itemized statement included. 51 of the signatures were obtained prior to the ordinance being passed, which is premature. Once the petition is signed, the face of it can't be changed and there were alterations. Petitions can't be circulated by more than 1 individual and there were 2 signatures on one of the petitions. The petitions can't be reused, and they petitioners will need to start over.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported the trucking company that was responsible for hitting the flashing stop sign will be paying restitution. The sewer outfall project contractor is planning on mobilizing equipment the week of June 16th. The sidewalk project will be starting soon. The catch basin repairs should begin the end of this week, weather pending.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2025-19 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL REFUSE PICK-UP AND DISPOSAL SERVICE Third Reading

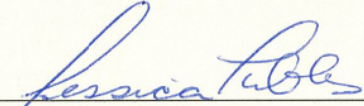
A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Ordinance 2025-19. Roll call 6 yes.

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

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

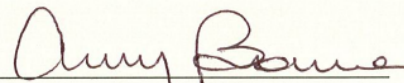
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be viewed by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on either the Facebook or YouTube link at the bottom of the page under CONTACTS.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer