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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on September 8, 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, Adam Fisher, Tim Cheney and Jason Hursey were present. Officer Abner King and Tyler Maple were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 25, 2025. Roll call 6 yes.

**Mayor's Correspondence:** Mayor Tubbs reported receiving no correspondence.

**Citizens' comments:** Bob Snavelly with Palmer Energy presented the PJM (grid operator) capacity memo and the RFP results for the new electric generation pricing for the village electric aggregation from the Ohio Municipal League Energy Program. Snavelly explained that there is a supply and demand imbalance with all of the new massive demands for electricity for things such as AI technology and data centers, and do not have the supply to keep up with it. Capacity makes up about 35% of the electric bill and in June 2025 there was a 10x increase and there is another increase for 2026. The current aggregation contract expires December 2025 at a rate of \$0.07243 through Constellation. The current utility price is roughly \$0.105. Proposed rates from Dynegy and Constellation were presented and it was recommended to go with a 12-month agreement considering where the pricing is now and the capacity is expected to start dropping. Locking in a high price for a long period does not make sense with hopes the supply demand imbalance will become more controlled. He also shared that PJM is making future data centers have their own generation station on site, rather than tapping into the grid, which will help the supply demand issue. The recommended price is Dynegy at \$0.1002 for 12 months. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to approve the Mayor to be the designated signer of the agreement for the village once updated pricing is obtained. Roll call 6 yes.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** Chairman Tim Cheney reported a dead tree cut down on E. Union. A preliminary citation was issued at 112 W. Main St. Suzanne Powell would like to split lots on George St.

**Community & Business Development:** Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the West Lafayette Historical Society/Museum held their ribbon cutting on Sunday, September 7, 2025. On Thursday, September 11, 2025 they will be holding a Troop Train Memorial ceremony for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the train wreck.

**Community Relations:** Chairwoman, Brittany Howell thanked those that helped with the Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, especially the Boy Scout Troop who were a tremendous

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help. The Eagle Scout project for the Village Welcome signs were reviewed and is coming along very well. We R WL is selling mums at Haarman's Treasure's for \$45 to sponsor the pots on Main St. Individual mums can be purchased for \$8 each. The Halloween party at Ridgewood Middle School will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and Trick-or-Treating will follow from 5:30-7pm.

**Community Revitalization:** No report.

**Finance:** Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting and reviewing the August end of month cash summary. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve August end of month cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

**Fire Dependency Board:** No report.

**Ordinance:** Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing the resolution for the TAP grant to add a bike path through the village, most likely on N. Kirk St. Resolution 2025-50 is to apply for another grant for greener energy options in the village from street lights and running the wastewater treatment plant and many other items.

**Park Board:** Chairwoman Christie Maurer asked residents to please not move the picnic tables under the Rotary pavilion at Burt Park unless they put them back to their original location. Also, please clean up the park and shelter when done using it.

**Planning Commission:** Chairman Jason Hursey reported there will be a meeting scheduled and posted soon.

**Public Safety:** Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing the crosswalk at S. Oak and 6<sup>th</sup> St. that will begin sometime in October. There have been many speeding complaints on E. Union in the 3-block area where there are no stop signs. Discussion was held regarding possibly placing stop signs there, but a traffic study would need to be done first.

**Public Works:** Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing solar lights/panels, 2026 paving projects, and widening Water St., which is still under consideration. The 2025 paving projects should start by the end of September. Ripple Lane that runs to the Wastewater plant was discussed and how it is not owned by the village.

**Records Retention:** No report.

**Rules:** No report.

## **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** See attached.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported Resolution 2025-37 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the Fiscal Officer and/or Village Administrator to sign agreements with Verdantas for engineering of the 2026 sidewalk project. Resolution 2025-39 to approve the

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rates and amounts from the County Budget Commission will receive its third and final reading. The inside millage amount expected would be \$66,887, the Police Levy set to expire in a couple of years is expected to bring \$47,614 and the General Expense levy that will be on the fall ballot for renewal is expected to bring \$69,354 should that pass in November. Ordinance 2025-44 will receive its second reading to update the village purchasing policy and increase the spending limit to \$75,000 before projects have to go out to bid, to align more with the federal and state guidelines. Ordinance 2025-49 will receive its first reading and is to amend the Village Employee Handbook. New policies were added that speak to Substance Abuse, Second Chance Policy, Employee Personal Development and Cell Phone Use. Bills were passed for approval.

**Police:** See attached.

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, stated that he completed more paperwork for the Opioid Settlement. He will reach out to Attorney Weir regarding the roadway to the wastewater plant that is not owned by the village.

**Village Administrator:** Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Resolution 2025-50 will authorize the village to apply for the Ohio Department of Development for advanced energy funds to possibly add solar lighting at the parks and will receive its first reading. Resolution 2025-51 will authorize the village to apply for the TAP grant for bicycle/pedestrian pathways in the village on SR 93. The Village Cleanup Day was Saturday and Boy Scout Troop 419 was a great help with unloading cars, trucks, and trailers. Lafayette Township donated one of the dumpsters. She thanked Ed Myers for using his dozer to smash down the trash to make more room. The next day will be sometime in April 2026.

### **Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:**

**2025-37 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VERDANTAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE** Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2025-37. Roll call 6 yes.

**2025-39 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR** Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-39. Roll call 6 yes.

**2025-43 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED** Second Reading

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**2025-44 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE PURCHASING POLICY AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH** Second Reading.

**2025-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH G&J PEPSI-COLA BOTTLERS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FULL-SERVICE VENDING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO** Second Reading

**2025-47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OHIO MIDEASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA) AND THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES** Second Reading

**2025-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ABANDONED MINE LAND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, (AMLER) GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES** Second Reading

**2025-49 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH** First Reading

**2025-50 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE ADVANCED ENERGY FUND GRANT AND ONCE THE GRANT OFFER IS RECEIVED, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT CONTRACT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** First Reading/Emergency

**2025-51 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, (TAP) AND ONCE THE OFFER IS RECEIVED, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO ACCEPT ANY MONTY AWARDED TO THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** First Reading/Emergency

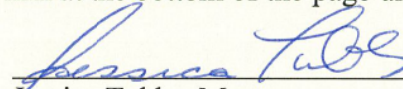
**Other Business:** Mayor Tubbs had no other business to discuss.

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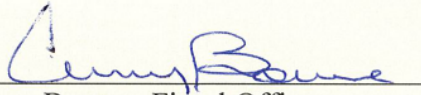
A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 8, 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](http://www.westlafayettevillage.com) and clicking on either the Facebook or YouTube link at the bottom of the page under CONTACTS.

  
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Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer

# West Lafayette Fire Department Monthly Report (August 2025)

651, Lafayette TWP	8/19/2025	15:58	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	None	Tuesday
651, Lafayette TWP	8/24/2025	20:04	111 - Building fire	2-Automatic Aid Received	Sunday
653, Lafayette TWP	8/27/2025	14:54	611 - Dispatched & canceled en route	None	Wednesday
659, Village of West Lafayette	8/18/2025	19:52	154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	None	Monday
659, Village of West Lafayette	8/25/2025	18:19	551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	None	Monday
661, Oxford TWP	8/6/2025	21:26	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2-Automatic Aid Received	Wednesday
661, Oxford TWP	8/10/2025	13:19	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Sunday
661, Oxford TWP		21:12	341 - Search for person on land	2-Automatic Aid Received	Sunday
662, Oxford TWP	8/3/2025	17:02	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Sunday
681, White Eyes TWP	8/8/2025	14:34	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Friday
Out Of District	8/19/2025	19:58	122 - Fire in motor home, camper, recreational vehicle	4-Automatic Aid Given	Tuesday
664, Special Box, Ravens Gleen & Unus	8/9/2025	8:23	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Saturday

August 2025: 12

Year-To-Date: 167

August 2025 Loss: \$30,000.00  
Year-To-Date Loss: \$372,000.00

August 2024: 11

Year-To-Date 2024: 138

August 2024 Loss: \$0  
Year-To-Date Loss 2024: \$142,610

Township	Count	Village of West Lafayette	Lafayette Township	Oxford Township	Linton Township	White Eyes Township	Out of District	Totals
2	38							
3	38							
5	44							
0	17							
1	13							
1	18							
12	168							

Month	Per Call Payroll	Training Payroll	Total
November-24	\$1,800.00	\$45.00	\$1,845.00
December-24	\$1,008.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.00
January-25	\$1,632.00	\$0.00	\$1,632.00
February-25	\$876.00	\$75.00	\$951.00
March-25	\$2,856.00	\$45.00	\$2,901.00
April-25	\$1,656.00	\$70.00	\$1,726.00
May-25	\$1,044.00	\$55.00	\$1,099.00
June-25	\$1,668.00	\$35.00	\$1,703.00
July-25	\$1,584.00	\$0.00	\$1,584.00
August-25	\$888.00	\$0.00	\$888.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0:00</b>	<b>\$325.00</b>	<b>\$15,337.00</b>

Monthly Activities	FF Count	Hours
Emergency Calls	74	124.5
Meetings	2	2
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	15	30
In Person Training	0	0
On-Line Training	0	0
Special Detail	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>156.5</b>



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: **August** 2025

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>890</b>
<b>Reports Taken</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Felony Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Misdemeanor Arrests</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Traffic Crashes</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OVI Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Warrant Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Paper Service</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fuel Used</b>	<b>\$ 1,041.05</b>

*Chief of Police Morgan E. Eckelberry*