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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Christie Maurer, Ron Lusk, Rich Wheeler, Craig Bordenkircher and Bo Fortune were present.

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to excuse Councilman Tim Cheney who is on vacation. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 council meeting. Roll Call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Ohio Insurance Services Agency who was a sponsor at the Ohio Mayor's Conference. A survey regarding village benefits was included and will be shared with the fiscal officer. The fiscal officer's request to be excused for tonight's meeting was approved by the mayor. A letter was received from the Coshocton County Engineer regarding Round 31 Project Applications that are due by Friday, August 19th. Requirements were reviewed. The information will be shared with the village administrator. A letter was received dated July 1st from W.E. Quicksall and Associates advising the village of the OWDA Loan Programs for sewer development and Ohio Water Development. The information will be shared with the village administrator. A letter was received dated July 6th from the National League of Cities advising the village of the National Conference of National League of Cities held in Pittsburgh November 16th and 19th.

Citizens' comments:

Luanne Justice presented a petition for the mayor and council's consideration. Luanne lives at 405 South Wall Street. Neighborhood residents attended for support. There are 23 homes in the neighborhood and most have septic systems approaching 60 years old. Per her information, the life of a septic system is 20 plus years. Luanne stated that most likely the systems would not meet today's standards. Neighbors have had collapsed lids and are unable to do laundry at home. One neighbor is spending more than \$10,000 on repairs and is concerned that the septic system may fail again. It has been dug up 3 times. They have had water and sewage back up in their basements, frequent pumping and endured refusal to pump due to a risk of a collapse. A petition signed by 14 of the 23 households was submitted. Appreciation was expressed for attention to the matter along with hopes of action being taken to allow for Village Sewer. The mayor noted that since Luanne contacted them last week research was done. Joy Padgett who now works for Ohio EPA contacted the mayor just within the last couple of weeks indicating that the Ohio EPA has Water and Sewer Grants that are coming available. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reiterated the letter he spoke of under correspondence regarding 0% interest

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loans. Upon research the mayor found that 2 or 3 years ago the village did an engineering study but money was not available for the project. The mayor explained the budget and there already being a need to look at water and sewer rate increases later this year. The mayor cannot make any guarantees. The mayor and village administrator have looked into the matter and are trying to resurrect that engineering study. The mayor scheduled a meeting next week to sit down with an engineer who is very familiar with the village water and sewer systems. They are going to look at what funding is available. This is not going to be a quick project but they will have some knowledge on where it is heading in the next 60 to 90 days. The mayor believes that the existing council is very interested in the project. The matter will be referred to the Public Works Committee for further review along with the village administrator. The mayor believes there is currently a better chance for funding than there has been in the past. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted speaking at this early state if the village were to run sewer to all of their homes, he is not sure if grants will include closing down the current then old septic systems. Prior landowner burden was discussed. The mayor cautioned if sewer touches properties in any way, the owner is mandated by the Ohio EPA to hook into it. The village's goal would be to fund all they possibly could. The mayor requested follow up in the next 60 to 90 days. If the project were to mature, it would be a 2017 project. A citizen noted the Fresno Sewer Project and a low interest income based USDA Grant that was available to the homeowners in case of a lack of affordability. The mayor confirmed that it would be researched and all options would be explored. It will be a mandate given to the engineering firm. The grant being a big unknown was reiterated. The mayor noted that he would call once he knows something and encouraged those with questions to call him. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher stated that the project would go to the forefront now. Rates being increased due to increased operating costs and the shortage of operators which gives them the ability to dictate what the village pays was noted. The mayor looked for it to be towards the end of the year before the project can be voted on.

Department Reports:

Fire: Fire Chief Glenn Hill distributed and reviewed the Fire Report for June. There were 2 fires, 4 rescue and emergency medical incidents, 1 hazardous condition, 1 good intent call, 1 false alarm and false call, and 2 special incidents. There were 2 incidents in the village, 2 in Lafayette Township, 2 in Linton Township, 1 in Oxford Township, 3 in White Eyes Township and 1 incident was out of district. 64 firefighters responded for a total payroll of \$640. 98.5 hours were volunteered. The fire loss for June 2016 was \$1,500. The year to date fire loss total is \$55,000. Last year's year to date fire loss total was \$217,500. The year to date call history is 73 versus 89 calls last year. The chief noted that Toby Manning resigned from the Fire Department. Don Lusk will replace Toby on the Fire Dependency Board. The mayor did not have a problem with the appointment noting the department's authority. The chief noted the fiscal officer would need to update the State Fire Marshall. Chief Glenn Hill took his Junior Firefighter to Hocking College yesterday evening. He entered into a Basic Fire Training Course. Once he passes the test, he will be a 36-hour firefighter for the Fire Department. Dorms were discussed.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer Sara Warne was excused.

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Police: Police Chief Stephen Klopfenstein reviewed the department's June Activity Report. There were 5 accident reports, 210 calls/ complaints, 16 criminal arrests, 4 domestics, 0 felony cases, 132 follow ups, 12 traffic arrests, 31 traffic stops, 25 warnings, 2,198 miles driven and 299.7 gallons of fuel used. The biggest day for offenses last month was Monday and Thursday. Offenses leading to arrest were reviewed. The departments average response time was 4 minutes. The chief expressed his thanks to a resident and her son who dropped off some Gatorade voicing their gratitude to the department. The chief noted two IRS scams in the village that were successfully deflected due to the managers and an employee of the Dollar General. Assistance was also received from the manager of Chase Bank. The scam was discussed. There was no money lost in both instances. The chief expressed his appreciation. The chief introduced the department's latest form of transportation. The bicycle was purchased especially for the chief due to his height. It will allow the ability to get into areas that vehicles cannot and allows for imminence. The chief noted that other officers would be seen utilizing bicycles as well. Ron Lusk discussed the crosswalk beside his home on Main Street with a part time officer. The signage being hard to enforce due to the verbiage was noted by the part time officer. The chief noted the visibility issue with not being able to see the signs until you are upon them. The chief suggested to the mayor to put one of the markers in the center of the crosswalk for better visibility. The problem of people hitting the sign was noted. Reflectiveness being added was also noted. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher requested council's opinion to move the signage for better visibility. The mayor stated he would have the village administrator move the signs to each side of the crosswalk if there was no objection from council. There were no objections.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor Bill Owens was not present.

Village Administrator: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that the village administrator was off ill. Village Administrator Tom Grier is working on dilapidated structures, trash issues (one has been rectified), and junk cars. The most recent issue is at the corner of 4th and Gay. The residents were contacted. Visibility was grossly reduced at the alley behind the residence. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher requested village employees to clear the intersection for visibility. The police department has issued a Ten Day Warning on the junk car. At 10 days, if they have not addressed the remaining issues, they will be sited in Municipal Court. Animals were discussed. A new construction possibly without the proper building permit is being looked into. Mayor Bordenkircher passed around the June Cash Summary and bills for review and signature prior to the Committee Reports.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Councilman Ron Lusk reported in Chairman Tim Cheney's absence. Chairman Tim Cheney already sent the mayor information regarding the north side. Councilman Ron Lusk inquired on the yellow house beside the car wash. The house has vines growing on the side and back of it. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher

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stated that he would look at the home. Per the mayor, when the committee met they went through a dozen or so properties. Councilman Bo Fortune informed the mayor of additional properties that need added to the list. The mayor will attempt to meet with the village administrator tomorrow to discuss those additions. The mayor estimated citations would be issued in the Municipal Court in about a week. Councilman Bo Fortune noted that the empty lot next to 305 N Oak was believed to have been discussed previously. They do not believe the prior village administrator could find the owner.

Community & Business Development: Chairman Bo Fortune had nothing to report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported the Chamber of Commerce's Homecoming will be July 28th, 29th and 30th. The Queen Contest will be Thursday, July 28, 2016. The parade will be July 29th. Interested participants can sign up with Ed Chapdelaine at Brother's Hardware. The theme is Coal was King.

Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer noted the fiscal officer notified her that a CD is maturing and would like to move the money into the village's Money Market Savings Account. Moving the money into the Money Market Savings Account would allow it to earn a better interest rate and be easily accessible if needed.

- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to move the money from the maturing CD into the village's Money Market Savings Account. Roll Call 5 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: There was nothing further to report.

Ordinance: Chairman Craig Bordenkircher had nothing to report. The mayor noted that he provided Chairman Craig Bordenkircher the police chief's request to consider accepting the State's Codified Ordinances, which has been done in the past. The committee will review and comment.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk noticed a little mark on one of the new picnic tables. The mayor received a call yesterday from Martha Owens who noticed someone carved their name into one of the new picnic tables. Chairman Ron Lusk discussed signage. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that Paula Cheney stepped down as the park scheduler. The mayor is fulfilling the role until September. The mayor's wife then plans to pick up the role.

Planning Commission: Chairman Ron Lusk noted there was nothing to report. The Executive Committee Meeting was cancelled.

Public Safety: Councilman Ron Lusk had nothing to report.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler had nothing to report.

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Records Retention: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Rules: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2016-30 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2017 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL OFFICER TO DELIVER THE BUDGET TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPOSITORY First Reading/ Emergency

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-30. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Resolution 2016-30. Roll Call 5 yes.

2016-31 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER 16260 TO VISA-VILLAGE MARKET A "THEN & NOW" PURCHASE ORDER First Reading/ Emergency

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-31. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Resolution 2016-31. Roll Call 5 yes.

2016-32 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER 16256 TO VISA-FRONTER POWER SUPPLY COMPANY A "THEN & NOW" PURCHASE ORDER First Reading/ Emergency

- A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-32. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2016-32. Roll Call 5 yes.

2016-33 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2016 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2016-26, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/ Emergency

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-33. Roll Call 5 yes.

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- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2016-33. Roll Call 5 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Finance-

Community & Business-

Ordinance- Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Park Board-

Public Safety/ Fire- Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Public Works- Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher received a request from 236 W Main Street located beside the laundry mat. There is a No Parking Sign in front of their house that they would like removed. The mayor checked with the current and prior village administrator. They cannot find any reason why the No Parking Sign was put up. The mayor and the village administrator have no problem taking down the sign but they need council's approval to do so.

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to take down the No Parking Sign in front of 236 W Main Street. Roll Call 5 yes.

The mayor noted that Councilman Craig Bordenkircher voiced his concern with Lafayette Mill's retention pond not being cleaned out. He has received a couple of complaints. The mayor has notified the village administrator and they will continue to follow up on the problem. The retention pond has a French Drain at the bottom of it. It is probable that the gravel needs dug out and replaced with new for it to drain properly.

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that he addressed the T&N's with the village administrator. The hope is for T&N's to be strictly for emergencies. The mayor is not sure if the process can be made any clearer.

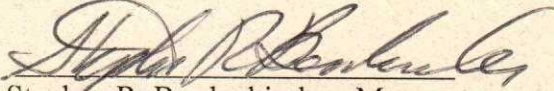
The mayor informed council that he listened to a segment regarding HB5 at the Mayor's Conference. The mayor spoke with the fiscal officer being greatly concerned with HB5 and the village's ability to administer it properly. The skill level and time is thought to be outside of the village's realm. The time factor required alone is incredible. One of the many state mandates is net loss carryforwards. The tax administrator and fiscal officer are still working on cleaning up what they have. The lack of affordability to go to RITA was discussed in the past. The fiscal officer attended the Tax Seminar last week for 3 days. The mayor and the fiscal officer have spoken and will speak more. The fiscal officer is convinced that the village does not have the manpower or the current talent to implement the new requirements. The mayor stated that no action is being requested tonight. It is believed that the village cannot afford to not go to RITA. The cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually was estimated high. If the village

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allows for a full versus partial credit, the cost will come down. At the Mayor's Conference and in the latest OML Newsletter there was discussion regarding pending legislation mandating a 100% credit. The mayor noted that the village might want to seriously consider using RITA in 2017. Waiting on the perfect case to repeal HB5 and Home Rule was discussed. Central collection was originally part of HB5 but it was removed. There is currently new legislation trying to mandate central collection.

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 yes.

*A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the council tab then selecting recorded minutes.



Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:



Sara Warne, Fiscal Officer