Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 27, 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, Tim Cheney, Rich Wheeler, Craig Bordenkircher

and Bo Fortune were present.

- Also attending were Bill Owens-Village Solicitor, Tom Grier-Village Administrator and Sara Warne-Fiscal Officer.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

The mayor received a thank you letter addressed to the police department for their work with the Beyond the Bell Program. A ballot was received from Frontier Power requesting a vote for a trustee. The Consumer Confidence Report for 2015 has been circulated.

Citizens' comments:

Jeff Wherley was present on behalf of the Coshocton County Recycling and Litter Prevention Office to provide attendees with an update. The Village of West Lafayette's trailer on Main Street is by far their busiest of nine sites they have in the county. The program's potential changes were noted. Services will not be disrupted due to those changes. They will continue to accept comingled recyclables. Labels provide guidance on acceptable recyclable materials. A flyer notating what the office does and other recycling opportunities was distributed. The opportunities were discussed. Mr. Wherley expressed his appreciation for anyone who has reported that the trailer was getting full encouraging people to continue calling.

Department Reports:

Fire: Assistant Chief Damon Gould noted that they had nothing to report and were present for any questions regarding the Ordinance on this evening's agenda.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer Sara Warne had nothing to report.

Police: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that there was nothing to report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor Bill Owens had nothing to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tom Grier noted that the water reports were completed and sent out last Friday thanking his staff for getting them printed and

distributed in one day. His staff is now working to get the streets cleaned and the curbs painted in preparation for Homecoming. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted his distributing a list of property addresses noting the list consists of nine dilapidated structures along with those who have issues with mowing and trash. There is one issue with chickens. The mayor has not heard back from the Police Department regarding the chicken coup issue. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that the grass at 105 North Oak Street was addressed today. They cannot locate the owner of the property at this point. A neighbor assisted the village with taking care of the property. Several complaints have been received. The village has done their due diligence in attempting to locate the owner. Once the owner is located, they will be billed \$100 every time the village needs to take care of their property according to the Ordinance. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher requested that the dilapidated structure at 312 South Fair Street be added to the list. The other property that is not on the list is the Arnold building on the corner of Kirk and Main Street per the mayor. The issues were reiterated from the last council meeting. They are going to attempt to arrange a meeting with the property owner to discuss their concerns.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Councilman Tim Cheney had nothing to report. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher requested that the committee consider arranging a meeting to discuss a number of issues on the list distributed with the village administrator. One of the issues is a potential zoning violation. The lawn mowing repair business is located near the Dairy Hut.

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

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eat Stand. The Chamber of Commerce's Homecoming will be July 28th, 29th and 30th. The parade will be July 29th. Interested participants can sign up with Ed Chapdelaine at Brother's Hardware. The theme is Coal was King. The Community Business Watch is scheduled for tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted his being in the parade and invited council members to join him.

Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the committee met tonight to review the appropriations for next year and everything is looking good. There will be a Budget Hearing July 11th at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers prior to the next council meeting. It is a Public Hearing.

Fire Dependency Board: There was nothing to report.

Ordinance: Chairman Craig Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk noted that the Park Board had nothing to report but stated people seem to be leaving the new tables alone. He has been patrolling the area

once in awhile. There are about three prongs on the gazebos that need replaced yet. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that the young lady would be power washing the gazebos prior to the Homecoming.

Planning Commission: Chairman Ron Lusk noted there was nothing local to report but Regional had their meeting and is back on track.

Public Safety: Councilman Ron Lusk asked the Fire Department how many old fire hydrants needed replaced. Fire Chief Glenn Hill estimated 10.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler had nothing to report at this time. The mayor requested that the committee sit down with the village administrator during their next meeting to review water and sewer rates. In looking at the budget it appears that those rates will probably need increased. The mayor requested that the village administrator pull the necessary data to review those rates.

Records Retention: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Rules: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2016-25 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING A NEW FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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 Ordinance 2016-25. Roll Call 6 yes.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2016-25.
 Roll Call 6 yes.

2016-26 2016 AMENDED 2016 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. First Reading/ Emergency Mayor Bordenkircher noted a rectified typo.

- •A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2016-26. Roll Call 6 yes.
- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2016-26. Roll Call 6 yes.

2016-27 A RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE \$6,000 TO THE PARK FUND (220) FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101). First Reading/ Emergency

- •A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-27. Roll Call 6 yes.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2016-27. Roll Call 6 yes.

2016-28 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 Luck to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-28. Roll Call 6 yes.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2016-28. Roll Call 6 yes.

2016-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FINANCE A LOAN TO PURCHASE A TANKER. First Reading/ Emergency

- •A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2016-29. Roll Call 6 yes.
- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2016-29. Roll Call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property- Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Finance- Public Budget Hearing Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.
Community & BusinessOrdinancePark BoardPublic 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 noted that they are working to get rid of some of the sludge at the Sewer Treatment Plant. The mayor discussed his attendance at the Mayor's Conference and the clear upset over House Bill 5. The state pushing for central collection again was noted. The Ohio Municipal League is keeping the village informed via newsletter, which the mayor is sharing via email. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher informed attendees that another hot topic discussed was Ordinances on drones. It was stressed to not have an overly strict Ordinance. The main concern is the respect of privacy. Possible privacy issues and spelling those issues out within the Ordinance was discussed. Another matter that was discussed at the Mayor's Conference was body cameras. There is a big move towards body cameras within law enforcement right now. Procedures must be in place to govern when the camera is on and when it is off along with where the data is stored. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted the purchase being something the village will need to look at from a budget standpoint. The mayor received a request from a resident he believed to be located at 228 West Main Street. The resident lives next to 226 West Main Street. The resident is requesting a handicap parking sign in front of their house. One of the members of the household is in her nineties. She fell breaking her hip while recovering from a stroke. If they park in their driveway, it is too difficult to get her in and out of the house for doctor's appointments etc. The mayor noted the need to be careful due to their being a fire hydrant at the corner of their driveway. The mayor stated there was an issue with signage last fall. The need for the matter to come before council prior to the village administrator putting up the signage was made clear. The matter was discussed.

 A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to give the village administrator authority to address the handicap sign request as he sees fit. Roll Call 6 yes.

Councilman Ron Lusk noted the designated walkway on West Main Street that is marked by signs stating to yield for pedestrians. The signs are not being obeyed. The Police Department will be notified.

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher noted that the prior village administrator was given authority to order signs to mark the crosswalk on Railroad Street turning left onto Oak Street. The mayor requested an update from the new village administrator wanting the matter addressed before school starts.

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call 6 yes.
- •A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 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