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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jack L. Patterson presiding.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Christie Maurer, Tim Cheney, Roger Warne, Rich Wheeler and Ron Lusk were present.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to excuse Craig Bordenkircher. (RC 5 yes)

Also attending were David Kadri- Village Administrator, Bill Casteel-Newcomerstown News, Amanda Emmons- WTNS, Steve Bordenkircher, Fire Chief Glen Hill, and Junior Fire Candidate Brennen Walker

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to approve as written, the Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent).

### Mayor's Correspondence – None

**Citizens' comments** – Steve Bordenkircher asked about paving Fifth Street. David Kadri, Village Administrator (VA) explained the paving projects planned for 2015. Assuming all of the grant and matching funds become available, the VA indicated the following projects are planned:

- Fifth Street from Oak Street to Center Street.
- Oak Street from Main Street to Union Avenue.
- West Stewart from Kirk Street to end of street.
- Orchard Street gets widen from Main Street to Railroad Street.
- Main Street from Oak Street to the western corporation limit.

### Department Reports:

**Fire:** Chief Glen Hill gave a report on the age and functionality of the rolling stock maintained by the Volunteer Fire Department:

- Unit 601 is a 1982 Dodge Ram pickup used for grass fires.
- Unit 602 is a 1985 Dash Pierce Engine which goes out on all calls.
- Unit 603 is a 1998 Quantum Pierce Engine.
- Unit 604 is a 1986 Pierce Mini Pumper.
- Unit 605 is a 1996 Freightliner FL70 Tanker which goes out on all fire calls.
- Unit 606 is a 1997 Ford Rescue Vehicle.
- Unit 607 is a 1997 Ford ½ Ton Pickup used to carry equipment to a major event.
- Unit 608 is a Polaris 6x6 Off-Road Utility Vehicle.

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- Unit 609 is a 2011 Ford F-250 Pickup used for pulling the Polaris and the 1958 Rescue Boat. The motor on the boat was replaced in 2004.

The Chief briefly talked about the annual pump test requirements for the Engines. The Engines have been passing these tests, but parts are getting harder to find and a lot more expensive. The Chief then talked about the cost of replacing an engine. The cost of an engine with the needed equipment is around \$500,000 and a bare bones engine is over \$250,000.

The Chief mentioned in the past Local Government funds were used to help purchase fire engines. The state has drastically reduced the amount of Local Government funds being distributed to the Village and the State has not replaced this funding with other revenue streams. The only revenue the department receives is from the contracts with the townships of Oxford, Linton, White Eyes, and Lafayette. This brings in around \$90,000 annually. The department also provides mutual aid to the surrounding departments.

The Chief mentioned each Firefighter only gets paid ten dollars (\$10) per run and must take at least 36 hours of continuing education per year. Trainers have additional continuing education requirements.

The Mayor then spoke up and asked the media to get the above information from Chief Hill and see if they could get the message out about the age of the equipment and the need to replace it.

Chief Hill then asked for approval from Council to appoint Brennen Walker as a Junior Firefighter and approve a firefighting class at a cost of \$525 in Nelsonville for Brennen.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to approve Brennen Walker as a Junior Firefighter. (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent)

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to approve the \$525 to send Brennen Walker to the firefighting class in Nelsonville. (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent)

Chief Hill then asked for approval to appoint Trent Parkhill as a firefighter. Trent previously was with Three Rivers Fire District.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to approve Trent Parkhill as a Firefighter. (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent)

**Fiscal Officer:** Did not attend. Nothing reported.

**Police:** No representatives were in attendance to report.

**Solicitor:** William Owens. Nothing reported.

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**Village Administrator:** David Kadri, VA, reported John N. and Terri J. are working on filling in potholes with cold mix. Also, the parts needed to repair the street sweeper are on order. The VA also informed the Council that the County Commissioners have awarded the bid for paving West Stewart Avenue and widening Orchard Street to Small's Sand & Gravel Inc. This work is being funded by the CDBG Neighbor Stabilization Grant.

The VA also asked Council to approve a utility bill credit in the amount of \$609.28 for a broken water line at 308 West Main Street Rear. The credit is for sewer since the water never entered the sanitary system. The line broke between the trailer and the meter.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Rich Wheeler to approve the credit in the amount of \$609.28. (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent)

## **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** Tim Cheney had nothing to report

**Community Relations:** Christie Maurer reported that Yellow Flag Yard Sales will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also the Chamber will meet in the Municipal Building on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**Finance:** Roger Warne reported the committee met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm and the Village finances were in good shape. The David Kadri, VA, reported in the meeting about some upcoming expenses for a Backflow Program required by O-EPA. Also David provided the committee with an update on overtime in his departments.

**Fire Dependency Board:** Jack Patterson had nothing to report.

**Ordinance:** David Kadri in Craig's absence indicated there was nothing to report.

**Park Board:** Ron Lusk reported the committee meet with Maria Prater and Wendy Croy of Ridgewood Recreation. The committee wanted to understand how they could use some of the levy funds to reduce the financial burden on the program participants. After a short discussion, the committee felt \$6,000 of the levy funds could be used to support Ridgewood Recreation. The funds will be used to buy uniforms, bats, balls and other pieces of equipment. Then in the future the parents would not have to supply water and sports drinks as requested by the Rec. Board. The levy generates \$25,000 annually and the fund had a carry-over of around \$11,000 from the prior years.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to prepare a resolution transferring \$6000 from the park reserve to the park expense account. (RC 5 yes, Bordenkircher absent)

David Kadri, VA, also provide an update on the bids for the Bandstand improvements. Maple & Sons Construction was the low bidder to do the work. Improvements include two new roll-up doors and vinyl siding. Also, six new



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trees will be planted consisting of two Red Oaks, two Sterling Silver Linden, and two Greenspire Little Leaf Kinden.

**Planning Commission:** Ron Lusk reported the county met and nothing to report at the local level.

**Public Safety:** Jack Patterson had nothing to report for the Police Department. Ron Lusk reported the Fire Department made 20 runs in the previous month.

**Public Works:** Rich Wheeler reported the committee went into executive session to discuss the appointment of personnel. No action was taken by the committee.

**Records Retention:** Jack Patterson had nothing to report

**Hiring Committee:** Roger Warne, reported an ad was placed for a fiscal officer on the Jobs and Family Services website. The deadline for submitting resumes was March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

**2015-04      AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Second Reading was given by the Mayor.

**2015-06:      AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

Second Reading was given by the Mayor.

A motion was made by Roger Warne and seconded by Ron Lusk to recognize the arrival of Councilman Craig Bordenkircher. (RC 6 yes)

## **Committee Meetings:**

Hiring – Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Ordinance- Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Public Works - Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Building & Property – Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

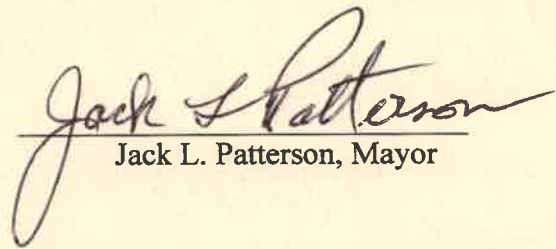
Public Safety - Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

## **Other Business:**

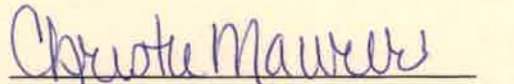
A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to pay the bills as presented. (RC 6 yes)

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. (RC 6 yes)

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Jack L. Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Christie Maurer, Acting Council Clerk