Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on October 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jack L. Patterson presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

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

- Also attending were Sara Warne- Fiscal Officer and David Kadri-Village Administrator
- A motion was made by Roger Warne and seconded by Ron Lusk to excuse Councilman Tim Cheney. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to approve as written, the minutes of the September 28, 2015 council meeting. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to recognize Councilman Tim Cheney's arrival at 7:12 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

### Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Jack Patterson noted that Tax Administrator Shannon Hains was investigating electronic filing capabilities.

#### Citizens' comments:

Darren and Bethany Green were present to discuss the detachment of their property outside of town since the Village had received information from their attorney. Mayor Jack Patterson informed the Greens that he had been out of town the last two weeks and had missed the Building and Property meeting. Mayor Jack Patterson informed the Greens that Chairman Tim Cheney would be attending the meeting shortly to report on the matter. Mayor Jack Patterson stated that he had a copy of the Committee's Minutes but would prefer for Chairman Tim Cheney to address the matter. Darren Green agreed to wait on Chairman Tim Cheney's arrival.

Kenny Freetage was present to request the barking dog matter he is enduring be addressed. The dogs start barking at approximately seven or eight in the morning and continue to bark until about midnight before they are let back in the house. Mr. Freetage stated he had reported this matter to the Police Department four times and wants it resolved. Mr. Freetage reminded council of the Ordinance currently in place. Mayor Jack Patterson stated that he would personally speak to the Police Department.

Steve Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Gwen Bordenkircher informed council of the Mental Health Family Support Group Meeting being held November 9, 2015 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Coshocton Memorial Hospital. Community members affiliated with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold subsequent meetings at the same time and location on the second Monday of each month. Mayor Jack Patterson informed Gwen that a flyer will be posted at the Administration Office.

### **Department Reports:**

Fire: No representatives were in attendance to report.

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

Police: No representatives were in attendance to report.

Solicitor: No representative was in attendance to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator David Kadri reported that he was working with ODOT Transportation Administrator Bill Sullivan to address the paving condition of North Kirk Street. The VA reported that the Fifth Street paving was done well. The VA informed council that the cost of striping Fifth Street was not included in the Issue II grant money. The hydrant flushing is two thirds of the way complete. The night shift is completing the task. The VA reported he was happy with the replacement of the Street Building roof. The Village contracted with Mark Williams after reviewing three bids. Village Administrator David Kadri informed council that the trees in the park are scheduled to be planted the first of November. The first load of leaves were picked up and the Street Department hopes to pick up another load this Friday. Village Administrator David Kadri wanted to remind citizens to remove trash from their leaf piles due to the risk of causing damage to the machine. The Village will continue to comply with resident requests for special dumping. Village Administrator David Kadri received notification that the Village's agreement with Job and Family Service's Work First Program is due to expire at the end of the month and requested a motion to renew the Village's agreement. There is no cost to the Village. Workers Compensation is covered by the county.

 A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne granting Village Administrator David Kadri permission to renew the Village's agreement with Job and Family Services. Roll Call 6 yes.

Village Administrator David Kadri reported that he is in the process of obtaining his second estimate for the Kirk Street manhole covers. This cost was not included in the Wachtel Issue II grant money.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** Mayor Jack L. Patterson updated Chairman Tim Cheney on Mr. Green's presence and requested Chairman Tim Cheney's report. Chairman Tim Cheney reported that the committee met October 5, 2015 and the VA updated the committee on dilapidated housing. Village Administrator David Kadri reported that three of the four properties have been mowed. Chairman Tim Cheney reported that Village Administrator David Kadri provided a copy of the Village Solicitors response to detachment. The committee's general concern is the consequences of the detachment and the loss of revenue. Mr. Green was aware of the zoning when he purchased the property. The result of the committee's motion to allow the detachment was three nos. The committee is now presenting the matter to the entire council. Mayor Jack Patterson stated after reviewing the letter from the Village Solicitor he feels the Village has three main concerns. The Village's goal is to grow the community and the detachment discourages its ability. Tax Revenue loss is another factor to consider. The third concern is that the Village's Police Department would not get reimbursed for the services it would provide. Mayor Jack Patterson explained that if the committee declines a request the committee's Chairman may ask council for a majority vote to start the detachment. If the council does not act, the matter will no longer be addressed in council. No council members addressed the matter further. The committee is not in favor of the detachment. Mr. Green confirmed that he was aware of the zoning laws when he purchased the property. The Zoning Inspector has the authority to grant variances to help citizens in certain matters. Mayor Jack Patterson noted the village's accommodations and requested Mr. Green's reasoning for his detachment request. Mr. Green noted their personal beliefs and preference. Mayor Jack Patterson explained the general consensus of council is not in favor of decreasing the village in size. The Zoning Inspector has the authority to allow variances within reason and will work with Mr. Green. Mayor Jack Patterson confirmed that voting members of the community were in their conscious. This matter may seem minor in the beginning but could result in a trickling effect that would be disastrous.

Citizen Vickie Hahn reported that she was interested in detachment as well in order to have a small goat maintain her bank. She is interested in turning her storage shed into a small barn.

Mr. Green noted his respect for council and disappointment due to expecting more from an agricultural community. Mayor Jack Patterson apologized for the disappointment and encouraged Mr. Green to work with the Zoning Inspector assuring Mr. Green the village would do their best.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the Village Halloween Party will be held Saturday October 24, 2015 at Burt Park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Trick or Treat will take place Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jack Patterson noted that the Fire Department's siren will sound when Trick or Treat begins and ends.

**Finance:** Chairman Roger Warne had nothing to report. Mayor Jack Patterson discussed the need to start the 2016 Appropriations which must be in effect January 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the Village to spend any money in 2016.

Fire Dependency Board: No representatives were in attendance to report.

**Ordinance:** Chairman Craig Bordenkircher reported that the committee met October 6, 2015 to discuss the new Tax Ordinance and the amendments to the prior Ordinance. Ordinances are listed on the agenda this evening.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk reported that the committee met to discuss next year's projects.

**Planning Commission**: Chairman Ron Lusk reported that he missed the meeting today.

**Public Safety:** Ron Lusk reported that a Fire Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2015 at 5 p.m.

**Public Works:** Chairman Rich Wheeler had nothing to report. Councilman Roger Warne inquired on the status of the signs on Main Street. Mayor Jack Patterson reported a meeting will be scheduled that he will attend along with the Police Chief, Village Administrator and the business owner.

**Records Retention:** Mayor Jack Patterson had nothing to report. Village Administrator David Kadri reported that he will be taking items to Rock Tenn within the next couple of weeks for disposal.

#### Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2015-17: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REAFFIRM, & PRESERVE CHAPTER 801 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, STATE OF OHIO REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX AND CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 802, INCOME TAX ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016, REFLECTING MANDATORY AMENDMENTS REQUIRED BY HOUSE BILL 5 First Reading

**2015-18: ORDINANCE TO HIRE A SOLICITOR FOR THE YEAR 2016 & 2017** First Reading

#### **Committee Meetings:**

Finance- Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 10 a.m.; Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Public Works- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Ordinance- Pending

Park- Pending

Public Safety/ Fire- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Building & Property- Pending

#### Other Business:

Councilman Ron Lusk clarified that his traffic concern listed in the September 28, 2015 Minutes should reflect individuals traveling east on Main Street passing those turning left by the laundry mat are not obeying the law.

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, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

Jack L. Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Warne, Fiscal Officer