Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on September 14, 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, David Kadri-Village Administrator, and Ken Smailes-WTNS.
- 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 Ron Lusk and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to approve as written, the minutes of the August 24, 2015 council meeting. Roll Call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

None

Citizens' comments:

Steve Bordenkircher had nothing to report. Penny Mast, Advisor of the Ridgewood STATS (Students Taking Action Through Service) Team was in attendance to discuss Make a Difference Day October 24, 2015. The team's idea is to replace the welcome signs for the village. Penny Mast applied for a one thousand dollar grant that she will turn down if the village declines her offer. The Village Administrator will check on zoning codes and contact Penny Mast tomorrow. Mayor Jack Patterson and Village Administrator David Kadri will meet Penny Mast later this week to show her where the prior sign was on State Route 93. Penny Mast will contact Lafayette Pointe for permission. Council is in favor of the project but it is necessary to check on the details. Phillip Shearrow was in attendance to discuss trucks driving through his yard at the corner of Kirk and Fairview. Phillip has spoken to the Village Administrator and is requesting for the issue to be fixed right. Village Administrator David Kadri stated that the intersection needed to be widened. The county engineer recommends a bell to push the trucks away from the property. Not all trucks are following the reroute instructions given by the contractors. The Village Administrator will investigate the property and research a plan of action right away. This project will be added to the schedule next year. The Village Administrator will come up with a temporary solution for the time being. Village Administrator Dave Kadri has a call into Bob Wright. The easiest option is to round the corner.

Department Reports:

Fire: No representatives were in attendance to report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer Sara Warne informed council of the village's single audit status and the resolution on the agenda requesting additional funds to cover the expense.

Police: No representatives were in attendance to report.

Solicitor: No representative in attendance to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator David Kadri reported that the Oak Street to the Western Corporation Limit paving project has begun. This is part of the CR 16 project. The VA noted that there are two traffic lights on the same controller. One is flashing red and the other is flashing green. The Issue II project was delayed seven to ten days in order for the county engineer to finish a project in Coshocton. The county is storing their grindings behind the village's street building. They are allowing the village to use this material to fill pot holes. There is currently fifteen to eighteen hundred tons of material being temporarily stored behind the street building. The county said they would have the material gone within a year. Private individuals have asked if the material was for sale. The material is dedicated to the municipality only as it was purchased with grant money. There was a waterline break on the one hundred block of East Russell. William Albert assisted with the dig. The cost of five to six hundred dollars was compared to the cost of buying a new back hoe. The VA will follow up on the light at the park. The trees ordered from Kobel's are guaranteed for one year. The graffiti on the park tables was discussed.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney was not present. The VA noted that the annexation was discussed and no action was being taken at this time.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported the Chamber will have a 6 p.m. meeting at the Band Stand or the Eat Stand September 22, 2015. The Lion's Club is having a 6 p.m. dinner tomorrow at Schumaker's and the Meet the Candidate Event will take place at 7 p.m. in the Produce Building.

Finance: Chairman Roger Warne: Nothing to report.

Fire Dependency Board: Mayor Jack Patterson: Nothing to report.

Ordinance: Chairman Craig Bordenkircher reported that the committee met September 2, 2015 to discuss the new tax ordinance. Action items were sent to Village Solicitor Bill Owens for review.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk reported that the trees for the park were ordered. Ideas on how to control vandalism in the park was discussed.

Planning Commission: Chairman Ron Lusk reported there was nothing local to report. Chairman Ron Lusk attended the Executive Meeting today at 3:30 p.m. regarding County Road 9.

Public Safety: Mayor Jack Patterson had nothing to report for the Police Department. Ron Lusk reported that the Fire Department is still seeking money for a tanker and hoping to get fifteen thousand dollars annually to help with payments. It is time for the Fire Contracts to be sent out again. The department is discussing a possible half mill increase. Fire Chief Glen Hill is working on two grants.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported the committee met September 2, 2015 to discuss a local citizen's issue with water drainage and a blacktop matter that needed investigated. Staffing was also discussed. The VA requested that the forty hour a week cap on the Labor Pool be increased to eighty hours a week until the end of leaf season. No one person is getting more than twenty hours a week as a rolling average. The applicants must demonstrate competency before they are allowed to drive village equipment. Mayor Jack Patterson reported that he gave the VA permission to add two employees to the Labor Pool and noted that the VA removed three employees from the Labor Pool.

 A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Christie Maurer to allow the Labor Pool to be utilized eighty hours a week through November 1, 2015 effective immediately. Roll Call 5 yes.

Records Retention: Mayor Jack Patterson: Nothing to report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2015-14: 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

Second Reading

2015-16: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2014-29, ADDING FUNDS

- A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Roger Warne to suspend the rules per the emergency clause for Resolution 2015-16. Roll Call 5 yes.
- A motion was made by Roger Warne and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Resolution 2015-16. Roll Call 5 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Finance- Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Public Works- Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 11 a.m.

Ordinance- Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 10 a.m.

Park- Pending

Public Safety/ Fire- Pending

Building & Property- Pending

Other Business:

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Roger Warne to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Calh yes.

Jack L. Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Sara Warne, Fiscal Officer