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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on July 08, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., in the municipal building with Mayor Jack L. Patterson presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Dave Rogers, Roger Warne, Ron Lusk, and Christie Maurer were present.

Motion to excuse council member Gossett and Wears. Motion seconded. (RC 4 yes)

Also attending were Police Chief Mardis, Lisa Stiteler- Fiscal Officer, David Kadri-Village Administrator, Bill Casteel- Newcomerstown News and Katie Hultz – WTNS.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013 council meeting. (RC 4 yes)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on July 2, 2013. (RC 4 yes)

Mayor's Correspondence – Mayor wanted to clear up some concerns that Council Woman Maurer had regarding the new officers that have been hired. She questioned whether the new hires were properly brought in front of council and approved before being put on payroll. On March 11, 2013, Lusk made a motion to approve hiring Ducoty Cochran and Christopher Johnson for the police department. Motion seconded by Warne. (RC 5 yes) Christie was not at this council meeting. Christie still felt that things just weren't done by the book. Chief explained that he was aware that he didn't do the hiring by the book, however; he did apologize for this on the March 11, 2013 council meeting that Christie did not attend. Again, he assured the council members, including Christie and the Mayor that moving forward he will bring any new officer to council for approval before putting them on payroll.

Citizens' comments – Todd Shroyer expressed his concerns to the Mayor and Council regarding the council possibly seeking additional millage to support the police department. He is concerned that if the voters pass a new or replacement levy the state will no longer pay the 12-1/2% Homestead and Rollback. The State of Ohio introduced HB 59, which eliminates reimbursing local entities the rollback. Therefore, if a new or replacement levy is passed vs. and renewal with and increase, it will cost a taxpayer more in the end. The taxpayer will not receive the rollback benefit; they will have to pay the full 100% of their tax bill. He suggested maybe the village could look into doing a renewal with an increase. This would still grandfather the current 3 mills. The taxpayer will pay 100% of the 4 mill increase. Lisa will look into this and report back any information.

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Reports:

Village Administrator: The bid opening for the storm drain project on Union and Kirk was last week. William Albert, Inc. was the lowest bid of \$45,000.00. The paving portion of this project will be opened tomorrow.

Police: Monthly report

Complaints filed	328	Follow ups	223
Traffic stops	52	Traffic arrest	14
Written warnings	35	Criminal arrest	14
Felony cases	1	Accident Reports	2
Total miles driven	1705	Domestic	4

Annexation: N/A

Community Service: N/A

Finance: Committee met and discussed June end of the month balancing reports and 2014 tax budget.

Fire: N/A

Fire Dependency Board: N/A

Grant Applications: Dave is checking into the final stages of the safe route to school program. Deadline to submit all the information that they grant committee needs is July 16th.

Insurance: Lisa reported that she received the final quote for the property and casualty insurance premium. The total premium is \$30,088. This is up about \$5,000 from last year. The major increase is due to increasing property and machinery values and the increased value of fire and rescue replacement cost. Lusk made a motion to authorize Lisa to renew the P & C insurance policy. Motion seconded by Rogers. (RC 4 yes) Assistant Fire Chief Hill asked Lisa to get a quote on an accidental death and dismemberment policy for the fireman. Lisa received a quote from McBane Insurance Agency from Provident for principal sum of \$50,000 for 20 members at annual premium of \$720.00. This is the same policy that is offered to our police officers. Lisa asked for council to authorize her to sign the annual contract for this policy. Lusk made a motion to authorize Lisa to sign the contract for the supplement accidental death and dismemberment policy for the fireman. Motion seconded by Rogers. (RC 4 yes)

Ordinance: N/A

Planning Commission: N/A

Rep to Chamber of Commerce: Homecoming is July 25, 26 and 27th. Chamber will be meeting on the 16th at 6:00PM at the eat stand and also on the 23rd for final prep work.

Street: Lusk asked about the possibility of getting some gravel in some of the alleys that need some major attention.

Utility: N/A

Building: N/A

Clerk's report:

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2013-20 RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION – First reading only. The County Auditor, Christine Sycks, certified the 7 mills at \$157,092. Lusk

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made a motion to accept the certificate of estimated property tax revenue certified from the county auditor. Motion seconded by Rogers. (RC 4 yes)

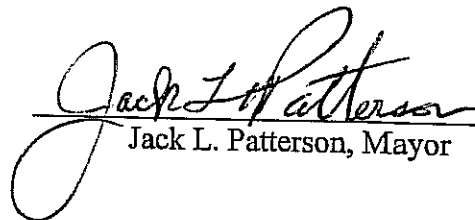
Committee Meetings:

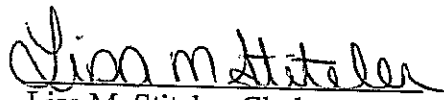
Fire	July 10, 2013	6:00 PM
Ordinance	July 15, 2013	5:00 PM

A motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of bills as presented.
(RC 4 yes)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next regular meeting on July 22, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. (RC 4 yes)

Attest:


Jack L. Patterson, Mayor


Lisa M. Stiteler, Clerk