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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 9, 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, Kelly Gossett, Ron Lusk, Christie Maurer and Dean Wears were present.

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

A motion was made by Lusk and seconded by Wears to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 25, 2013 council meeting. (RC 6 yes)

Mayor's Correspondence – Mayor received a letter from Habitat for Humanity announcing the first veterans' built home. The ceremony will be held at 717 South Gay Street, West Lafayette, Ohio at 2 PM on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

Mayor received a letter from Columbia Gas announcing that they are investing in an infrastructure program. Customers can expect an increase of about \$1.13 per month starting in May 2014.

Mayor received a letter from Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission requesting the village to renewal annual membership. The annual dues are \$116; based on the latest census information. Mayor questioned the council as to what does the village gain from this membership? With funds continuing to decrease, is this something we need to continue? This will be tabled until next meeting and our regional planning commission committee chairman will report more information.

Citizens' comments – N/A

### **Department Reports:**

**Police:** N/A

**Village Administrator:** Dave reported that leaf pick up is now done. If residents still have leaves, they must bag them and set them out for their trash pickup. Do not rake leaves into the streets. Dave also reported that the installation of the new fire hydrants has been started by William Alberts.

**Fire:** N/A

**Fiscal Officer:** Lisa reported that she was contacted by OPERS to be informed about reporting changes starting January 1, 2014. During the conversation, she requested to see the current pay ordinance for the council members. Then it was discovered that council members are paid "per meeting" not based on an annual salary. OPERS informed Lisa that all contributions paid year to date for all council members that were based on a "per meeting" basis will be refunded all money the employee contributed. Per meeting payments are not considered "earned" and therefore not pensionable. Lisa gave all

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effective council members a copy of the correspondence from OPERS with a contact number to call if further questions.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Annexation:** N/A

**Building and Property:** N/A

**Community Service:** N/A

**Finance:** Committee met this evening and reviewed 2014 annual appropriations, insurance quotes, and end of month October and November reports.

**Fire:** Department had their annual Christmas Dinner last week. Dave reported that the two FEMA grants were submitted last week. Lisa reported that the County FEMA grant application for the communication equipment was not submitted. The County notified the department and said they were not applying due to lack of commitment from other entities.

**Fire Dependency Board:** Lisa received the annual paper work to be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup> for the board information.

**Grant Applications:** Ron asked Dave to contact the grant writer that has been helping our fire department submit our FEMA grants. The fees seem to be more affordable than the writer the County was looking to use. Maybe we can try to submit the application next year for the communication equipment.

**Insurance:** Lisa explained to the Mayor and Council that we received another quote from our current agent. Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield quoted a group plan off exchange at \$9,445.00 per month. This includes medical, dental and vision. The network should be the same as what the village is offering now. The major change from our current plan is the deductible changing from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for single and \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 for family. Currently we are paying \$12,300 per month. This is a significant savings for the village. After much discussion, Rogers made a motion to authorize Lisa to notify our current carrier, The Ohio Plan, that we wish to cancel our policy effective January 1, 2014. Motions seconded by Lusk. (RC 6 yes) Lusk made a motion to authorize Lisa to sign new contract with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 149Y plan that was quoted. Motion seconded by Warne. (RC 6 yes)

**Ordinance:** Warne reviewed the proposed 2014 pay ordinance and 2014 benefit ordinance. He asked council to take these two ordinances home and review them and bring back any questions next meeting. Some concerns were brought to the table about the current pay scale for the Village Administrator and Plant Superintendent compared to the Chief of Police and Patrolmen. Mayor welcomes every ones input, thoughts and suggestions regarding the pay scale.

**Planning Commission:** N/A

**Rep to Chamber of Commerce:** Christmas in the Village was last weekend. Things went very well. Rogers "Thanked" Chief Mardis and the street department with all the help for during the event.

**Street:** Lusk reported concerns regarding some big pot holes in the alley near Circle K.

**Utility:** N/A

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

**2013-44      ORDINANCE TO HIRE A SOLICITOR FOR THE YEAR 2014  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Second reading.

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- 2013-45**      **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2014 PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.** First reading.
- 2013-46**      **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2014 BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.** First reading.
- 2013-47**      **2014 PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.** First reading.

Committee Meetings:

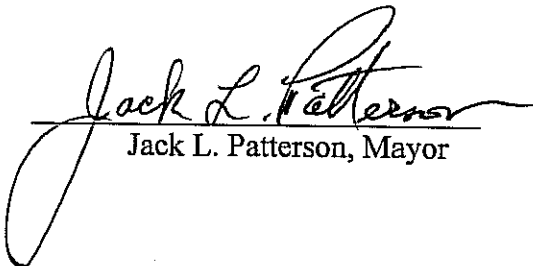
Fire                      December 11th                      6:00pm

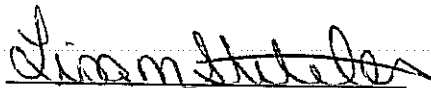
Other business: After an employee requested, Rogers is making a motion to allow any non-exempt employee to cash in any unused vacation time. Maurer seconded this motion. (RC 6 yes)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of bills as presented. (RC 6 yes)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next meeting on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. (RC 6 yes)

Attest:

  
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Jack L. Patterson, Mayor

  
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Lisa M. Stiteler, Clerk