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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on September 23, 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 Bill Owens – Village Solicitor, Lisa Stiteler- Fiscal Officer, David Kadri- Village Administrator, Travis Hahn, Tim Cheney and Katie Hultz – WTNS.

A motion was made by Lusk and seconded by Wears to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2013 council meeting. (RC 5 yes1-abstained - Rogers)

Mayor's Correspondence – Mayor read a letter from Chief Mardis requesting to replace only one of the two officers that has recently resigned. Chief would like to offer the position to Ducoty Cochran. Ducoty is currently a part time officer. After much discussion, Lusk made a motion to authorize promoting Ducoty Cochran to a full-time officer for the Village of West Lafayette. Motion seconded by Warne. (RC 5 yes, 1 no-Maurer)

Citizens' comments - N/A

Department Reports:

Police: N/A

Village Administrator: Dave reported that the storm drain project has been completed. The temporary paving is scheduled for Wednesday this week. The final paving on Kirk is scheduled for next week. The street crew has been working on patching pot holes and repairing manholes and curb boxes. The street crew is also getting geared up for leaf pickup. Dave would like to remind the residents, please no debris and/or trash bags. Thanks! Also, the paving company is scheduled to start paving Johnson Road week of Oct 7th. The house at 404 West Main Street is finally scheduled to be demolished next week. Dave and Lisa will be working with Mr. Leasure on October 8th for the CDBG and ARC grant funding audit. Dave also reported that ODOT has completed the survey on West Main Street. Councilman Lusk requested during a previous meeting to lower the speed limit on West Main to 25 MPH. Chief Mardis contacted a representative from ODOT with this request. After a survey, ODOT is saying that the speed limit does not qualify to be a business district therefore; the speed limit must remain at 35 MPH. To conclude, Dave reported that he has ordered the salt for the winter.

Village Solicitor: Bill reported that he has received a few calls from Dave, Lisa and the Utility Superintendant regarding various matters.

Fiscal Officer: Lisa is continuing to work with Bill Owens in collecting delinquent taxes.

Committee Reports:

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Annexation: N/A

Building and Property: N/A Community Service: N/A

Finance: N/A

Fire: The firemen are now starting their level two training.

Fire Dependency Board: N/A Grant Applications: N/A

Insurance: N/A
Ordinance: N/A

Planning Commission: N/A

Rep to Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting is set for tomorrow evening at

6:00 PM at the eat stand.

Street: N/A Utility: N/A

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2013-30

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 Rogers made a motion to suspend the rules. Motion seconded by Lusk. (RC 6 yes) Warne made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-30. Motion seconded by Wears. (RC 6 yes)

Committee Meetings:

Street September 25th 4:00 PM
Ordinance October 7th 5:00 PM
Fire October 9th 7:00 PM
Finance October 14th 6:15 PM

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

At 7:55 PM, Lusk made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and staffing issues. Motion seconded by Rogers. (RC 6 yes) Mayor Patterson asked Lisa and Bill to stay for executive session.

At 8:30 PM, the Mayor announced that council was now in regular session.

Immediately following the executive session, Gossett asked to be excused for personal reasons. Wears made a motion to excuse Gossett. Motion seconded by Lusk. (RC 5 yes)

Lusk asked" why do we go into executive session when it has been proven that you can repeat and/or release any of the information that is in executive session?"

The Mayor stated that with his research he has found that it is unethical to repeat or release information but not illegal. The Mayor expressed his

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opinion that he feels that it is your responsibility as a member of council or an employee to respect the confidentiality when in executive session.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the next regular meeting on October 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. (RC 5 yes)

Attest:

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