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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Christie Maurer, Rich Wheeler, Ron Lusk, Tim Cheney, Craig Bordenkircher and Bo Fortune were present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher received a thank you letter from Renegade Tattoo for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony and supporting their new business. A letter was received from RITA with the agenda for the Annual Council of Government meeting. The Fiscal Officer was asked to attend one of the meetings in place of Mayor Bordenkircher either on Monday, June 17, 2019 in Columbus or Tuesday, June 18, 2019 in Brecksville. A letter was received from Bricker & Eckler with an article discussing the supreme court decision for property damage caused by sub-contractors. A notice was received from RCAP for 2 meetings, June 21, 2019 and either June 25 or 26, 2019 and the Village Administrator was asked to attend. An advertisement from Elkland City with electronic speed limit signs. A mailing for leadership and skills seminar was received as well as for a seminar on managing multiple projects. A quarterly newsletter from PEP was received. The FCW magazine was received.

Citizens' comments:

Residents from Johnson St. and Wall St., Dustin Shroyer, Lester McCurdy and Tim Shuck, addressed council about their concerns and frustrations with the Johnson Street Sewer project completion. There are concerns with lack of communication with the residents throughout the project as well as the reclamation of the properties. Mayor Bordenkircher assured the residents that the project is not considered complete until he and the Village Administrator sign off on it after final inspection. Most of the specific issues that were presented to council by the residents have already been presented to the contractor and engineer in a meeting last week and are aware they need to be addressed. Frank Matthews, resident, also spoke and expressed his appreciation to the council and Village for doing the project. Matthews also expressed his concern with the contractor and the reclamation of the project. Mayor Bordenkircher requested that residents report any issues to the Village Administrator and/or the Mayor.

Department Reports:

Fire: See Attached

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported receiving a donation in the amount of \$357.10 from the Ridgewood Middle School to the Food Bank. Resolution 2019-23 is to add those funds to the Agency Fund to purchase items for the food bank with those monies. Also

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part of that same resolution is to add funds into the proper funds for money received from the PEP grant for purchasing safety equipment. Month end reports for May are not yet complete with just returning from vacation. Bills have been passed around for approval.

Police: See Attached. Police Chief Klopfenstein also announced that there will be a Movie Night at Burt Park on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM showing Wreck it Ralph Finds the Internet. Queens will be doing their nighttime race at 8:00 PM.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor was not present. Mayor Bordenkircher requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation and property purchase.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Jon Hardesty reported meeting with the engineer and contractor for the Johnson Street Sewer project regarding complaints and reclamation. Street Department put out the new flags on Main Street. Interviews were done for the summer help program supervisor and the position was given to Matthew Browning. Browning will be starting on Monday, June 17, 2019 as well as the 4 summer workers from JFS. Ryan Cottrell passed his Class II Wastewater test and applied for his Class I Wastewater license, which should be received by the end of June. Discussions have been going on with Newcomerstown regarding mosquito spraying. Hydrant flushing has been completed.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported being called out on Saturday, June 8, 2019 to the Ed Harstine residence due to sewer backing up in his basement. Harstine is tied in with the high school lift station, which was not working properly. Kadri manually operated the pumps and all is working now.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that Engineering Associates with the Coshocton water line replacements are in the village surveying water lines and will be in the manholes. The summer help workers will be with the Village for 8 weeks and there are several tasks for them to do around the village.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney had nothing to report. Mayor Bordenkircher reported not being able to locate the owners of 429 E. 6th St to serve due process for high grass. Mayor Bordenkircher recommended that the village mow the grass in the meantime. A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune for the village to mow the grass at the property located at 429 E. 6th St. Roll call 6 yes.

The 2 lots next to the substation have not been mowed at all this year and belongs to AEP. Notice has been served as well as councilman Craig Bordenkircher speaking with AEP and no action has been taken. Mayor Bordenkircher ordered the village to mow the grass and send a bill to the owner in the amount of \$100. Also 217 N. Kirk St. has not been mowed yet. Owners of properties located at 212 & 216 E. Main St. have been to court, paid fines and still not touched the properties. Citations can continue to be served now that they have already been served. Municipal court citations are being served to 128 E. Stewart and 209 E. Union. Councilman Lusk reported residence at 308 W. Russell with high grass and pool with green water and a

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concern of mosquitos. Mayor Bordenkircher stated the pool issue would need to go to the County Health Department.

Community & Business Development: No Report.

Community Relations: No Report

Coshocton Water Exploration: No report

Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM and that finances look good. Representatives from McBane insurance also attended the meeting and reviewed their 2019/2020 liability insurance proposal. McBane will be getting back with us regarding additional cost for increased coverage for crime and computer fraud/funds transfers. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No Report

Ordinance: No Report

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on May 28, 2019 and discussed the quote from ATD to do the gazebo roofs in the amount of \$1,370.00. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to approve fixing of gazebo roofs at Burt Park in the amount of \$1,370. Roll call 6 yes. The walking trail grant approval will be back in October for \$11,000. A decision was made to not apply for the Phase 2 of the restrooms due to lack of money set aside for the village share. Phase 2 will be revisited next year.

Planning Commission: Chairman Ron Lusk reported there will be a meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019.

Public Safety: Chairman Ron Lusk requested a meeting with the Fire Department and Oxford Township on June 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM in council chambers.

Public Works: No Report

Records Retention: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Rules: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

Resolution No. 2019-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19(A) Third Reading

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2019-19. Roll call 6 yes.

Ordinance No. 2019-21 AN ORDINANCE TO HIRE A SOLICITOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 Third Reading

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Ordinance 2019-21. Roll call 6 yes.

Resolution No. 2019-23 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2018-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-23. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2019-23. Roll call 6 yes.

Ordinance No. 2019-24 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUMMER HELP PROGRAM AND PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2019-24. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2019-24. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

**Building & Property-
Community & Business-
Fire Dependency Board-**

Finance-

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Public Safety/Fire – June 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Coshocton Water Exploration –

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reported receiving a complaint from a resident that it was an abuse of village funds to allow the police and fire departments to escort our local school teams through the village when they do well. Mayor Bordenkircher and Fiscal Officer did research through the state auditor and village solicitor and found that there is nothing inappropriate in allowing such activities in the village. The Village Solicitor recommended that there be an ordinance or council vote to allow the escorts. A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to continue to allow the escorts through the village by the police and fire departments. Roll call 6 yes.

Rotary has requested that they get water from the village for the Main Street flowerpots. They get filled once per year typically and takes roughly 3-400 gallons to fill and maintain the flowerpots. A motion

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was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to allow Rotary to get water from the village to fill and maintain the Main St. flowerpots. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor Bordenkircher met with the Ohio Auditors of State representative. He also was contacted by Christopher Wilson with the Southeast Ohio Building Department as well as receiving an email suggesting that we move to using them rather than Mid-east Ohio out of Zanesville, whom the village has used for a while. Council made no action, stating that if it isn't broken, then don't fix it.

Councilman, Ron Lusk, on behalf of the council and Mayor congratulated and commended the baseball team for their accomplishments this year.

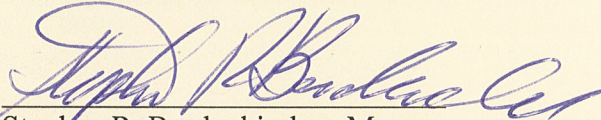
Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had no further business to discuss.

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and property purchase with the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to continue in open session. Roll call 6 yes.

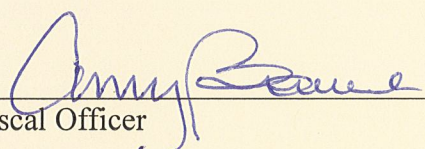
A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.



Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer