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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 24, 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 Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 Special council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 Emergency council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher received a poster from the Ohio Department of Health regarding lead paint.

Citizens' comments:

None

Mayor's Flood Update

Friday morning, June 21, 2019, the village went into a recovery mode, out of a state of emergency. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, dumpsters were provided to the whole community. Friday and Monday, village and Coshocton trucks canvassed the village and surrounding areas picking up trash for residents and hauling to the dumpsters. Saturday, there were a host of volunteers with dump trucks taking trash to the dumpsters, council members and many others loading the dumpsters and manning the donation station at the middle school. It doesn't appear that there will be much, if any, outside aid. Predictions are that it will be roughly 4-6 weeks for minor issues and until at least Thanksgiving for major issues. As of Monday, there have been 29 roll-back dumpsters processed. Starting Tuesday, there will be 1 dumpster left and rotated out as needed. There are still 24 homes without electricity, and many of those need repairs before it can be turned back on. No further emergent issues. There were 10 unsafe structures, and those have all been shored up and can be repaired according to the structural engineer. Mayor Bordenkircher acknowledged the West Lafayette Baptist church, West Lafayette Methodist church, and Chili Crossroads Bible church for having crews available to go out and help residents. 8 Days of Hope has been stationed at the middle school providing large dehumidifiers and fans to dry out homes and will be there the rest of the week at least. The Christian Aid Ministries were also very instrumental in assisting residents with cleanup and repairs as well as Jones Metal, who also provided dumpsters. Newcomerstown provided a front-end loader to assist getting trash into the dumpsters. Mayor Bordenkircher has been working with the county auditor's office who is providing applications for residents so that they can have their homes re-evaluated to reduce their 2019 taxes due in 2020. The treasures office has offered to set residents up on a payment schedule since payments are coming due.

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Lowe's has offered donations, but we need to let them know what is needed. The village has funded 2 of the dumpsters, the township has 1, 6 from the Coshocton Foundation donation, Litty's has donated all dumpsters they provided, and Kimble is looking at giving a discount. EMA meetings were happening 3 times a day at the start, which dropped to 2 per day over the weekend and starting Tuesday, they are down to 1 per day.

Department Reports:

Fire: No Report

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported May month end has been completed and will be presented to the Finance committee on July 8, 2019. Amy attended the Safety Council meeting on Thursday, June 20th and took a tour of the Coshocton water department. Amy attended the RITA Annual Council of Government in Brecksville. A representative from the Ohio Police and Fire came and met with the police department to review retirements plans. A representative from OPERS will also be coming soon to meet with the rest of the employees. A resolution 2019-25 is on the table to add funds, \$11,000 from the sewer fund for the additional laterals for the Johnson Street sewer project, as well as another \$11,000 for sewer repairs and \$1,500 to cover remaining cost of mosquito spraying to be done by Newcomerstown. Newcomerstown council has approved to do the spraying at a cost of \$570 per spray and with the additional \$1,500 added, 7 sprays can be done for the season. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that he didn't think we needed a vote from council to approve the \$570 per spray even though the official contract with Newcomerstown was not in place yet since there is an ordinance on the table to authorize the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to sign the contract once it is provided. The annual invoice from McBane Insurance/PEP was received in the amount of \$20,992, down \$1,832 from last year for the same coverage. They also provided the quote in the amount of \$500 for the year to increase the crime limits from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and the computer fraud limit from \$25,000 to \$100,000. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to approve the additional \$500 cost for the increase in coverage. Roll call 6 yes. Bills have been passed around for approval. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that the EMA director said the mosquito spraying needs to happen as soon as possible. Amy stated that Lisa Stiteler with Newcomerstown will be getting back with a date as soon as possible.

Police: No Report

Solicitor: Village Solicitor was not present. Ed Chapdelaine did pay the court costs and has made good progress on his house. He has 60 days to do something about the store, which will end on July 15, 2019 and the new Village Solicitor will be taking over with the process. A meeting has been scheduled for July 3, 2019 at 1:00 PM for the Mayor and department heads to meet with the new Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Jon Hardesty explained the adding funds request for the sewer department being for the Morning Glory lift station to replace the sludge blower and upgrades to the electric panel. Hardesty reported Ryan Cottrell received his Class I Wastewater license and now just needs to get his required hours in to achieve the Class II certification. The summer help has arrived and have been working very hard on the cleanup

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efforts from the flood. Hardesty will be meeting with the contractor and engineer for the Johnson St. Sewer project on Tuesday morning to discuss some issues.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No Report

Community & Business Development: No Report.

Community Relations: No Report

Coshocton Water Exploration: No report

Finance: No Report

Fire Dependency Board: No Report

Ordinance: No Report

Park Board: No Report

Planning Commission: No Report

Public Safety: Chairman Ron Lusk reported meeting with the Fire Department and Oxford township and working on a levy.

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. 2019-25 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2018-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-25. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Resolution 2019-25. Roll call 6 yes.

Ordinance No. 2019-26 AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY PERMIT THE USE OF MOTOR HOMES, TRAVEL TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, STATE OF OHIO First Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2019-26. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2019-26. Roll call 6 yes.

Ordinance No. 2019-27 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2019-27. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Ordinance 2019-27. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- July 8, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Public Safety/Fire –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Coshocton Water Exploration –

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reported that after meetings with EMA, he would like 2 things happen. First, a table talk with all the trustees, fire department, police department, etc. to discuss what was done right and what was done wrong. Second, how best to communicate with the community in the event of another emergency such as the flood. Modes of communication used for the flooding were 3 Facebook pages, the Tribune, the Beacon and WTNS radio and there were still people that did not get the information needed. A communication center is needed and knowing what resources are available to help.

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had no further business to discuss.


A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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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