

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on August 26, 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, and Bo Fortune were present. Councilman Craig Bordenkircher was running late. Councilman Tim Cheney was not present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to excuse councilmen Tim Cheney and Craig Bordenkircher. Roll call 4 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 3 yes, 1 abstain. Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher requested that the vote be called again should another council member arrive.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a notice of the 68th annual Ohio Municipal League conference in October. Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne will be attending. A letter from Bricker & Eckler was received regarding construction contracts containing mandatory dispute resolution processes.

A Proclamation for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was read by Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher proclaiming September being Prostate Cancer Awareness month.

Citizens' comments:

None

Department Reports:

Fire: No Report

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported Resolution 2019-34 is on the table for council to approve the amounts and rates given by the county auditor's office that will be received by the village through levies. Resolution 2019-35 is being presented to add funds in the amount of \$1,144.49 to the General Fund to cover Special Assessment fees that are being done for the first time. The same resolution is also adding funds in the amount of \$450 to the Fire Fund to cover miscalculated wage and benefit expenses for the Fiscal Officer for the remainder of 2019. Ordinance 2019-36 is requesting approval for the Fiscal Officer to sign the contract with CMI to lock in pricing for the upgraded software, though the installation and payment will not happen until 2020. Bills were passed around for approval. Mayor Bordenkircher added that the signing of the CMI contract would allow us to utilize funds from the Water and Sewer funds both.

Police: No Report

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Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher reported meeting with Mayor Bordenkircher and Fiscal Officer Bourne on August 19, 2019 to discuss several matters, including the transfer of the county Fresno sewer system and are awaiting next steps from the county. Dreher worked with the Police Chief to finalize an off-duty police services agreement to be used with the Ridgewood school district. A review of the ORC and Municipal ordinances regarding ATV's was done. Our Ohio Basic Code mirrors the ORC. There is flexibility with what the village can do within the ordinances. The Ordinance committee has worked out the language of the first draft that will prohibit the standard 4-wheeler. The draft will be going to the Village Solicitor for review before being presented to council for approval. Nuisance property matters are still being worked on.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Jon Hardesty reported working on grass complaints on E. 5th St., E. Russell, N. Kirk and E. 6th St and all have been cut. A downed tree on E. 7th St. has been cleaned up. Building permits were issued to residents on Plainfield Road for a deck and Morning Glory addition for a pool. Both residents were unaware that a building permit was required. A complaint was received regarding a permanent yard sale on E. Main St. and the resident agreed to remove the items from his yard. Yard sales can only happen for 6 days each year. The Street department worked on patching holes throughout the village. The bucket truck has been repaired. Hoses for the street sweeper and yellow dump truck spreader have been purchased and ready for repair tomorrow. The 4x4 Ranger has been repaired by Dave Thomas. The Street department dump truck is at Precision Truck Repair for the hydraulic tank repair. A letter was also received from the Ford Motor company regarding problems with the turbochargers on the F550's and if there are issues, they will be repaired free of charge at a dealership. Kadri & Cottrell have been working on jetting the lines on Johnson St. with manhole #3. Hardesty, the Mayor and the engineer met and discussed options to resolve. A Y pipe was installed and will be monitored to see if the issue is resolved. Kadri & Cottrell have also been working on an obstruction in the Pearl Valley lines. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that he will not sign off on the Johnson St. Sewer project until all outstanding issues are resolved, including manhole #3 drainage issue and grass seeding. There has been heavy dump truck traffic coming from AEP putting in a new substation on property purchased from the Schurtz family. There are a couple of programs that involve the school systems that pertain to replacing many village sidewalks using grant dollars. Mayor Bordenkircher passed along the packet to the school to review and will be meeting with them soon to discuss as the village needs the school's approval to move forward with the project. The grant application is due in February.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to recognize councilman Craig Bordenkircher. Roll call 4 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll call 4 yes, 1 abstain.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No Report

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Community & Business Development: No Report.

Community Relations: Councilman Tim Cheney not present. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the chamber will be meeting on August 27, 2019 and will be having an election of officers as well as a follow up from the homecoming.

Coshocton Water Exploration: No report

Finance: No Report

Fire Dependency Board: No Report

Ordinance: Councilman Craig Bordenkircher reported meeting on August 22, 2019 and discussed a need for an ordinance for fences as well as an ordinance involving ATV's being allowed on the village streets. Both items need to be researched further.

Park Board: No Report

Planning Commission: No Report

Public Safety: No Report

Public Works: Councilman Rich Wheeler reported meeting on August 22, 2019 and discussed the Johnson Street Sewer project and the problems going on. Pearl Valley/Fresno wastewater system was also discussed and the possibility of the Coshocton Engineers wanting to give that to the village. The proposal has not been received yet from the engineer's office.

Records Retention: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Rules: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

Resolution No. 2019-34 A 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 First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-34. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2019-34. Roll call 5 yes.

Resolution No. 2019-35 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2018-68, ADDING FUNDS 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 Resolution 2019-35. Roll Call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2019-35. Roll call 5 yes.

Ordinance No. 2019-36 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH CMI FOR THE FINANCE AND PAYROLL SOFTWARE UPGRADE First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-36. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2019-36. Roll call 5 yes.

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reported attending the annual legislative luncheon put on by the Coshocton Port Authority where our State Senator, State Representative and Federal Senator Portman as well as Congressman Gibbs spoke. County representatives spoke on a lot of the major needs are including making the highway from Columbus to Pittsburgh a 2-lane highway, as well as other infrastructure projects.

Mayor Bordenkircher also spoke on the village adopting the Code Red system for emergency alerts. Rob McMasters from the county EMA will be meeting with the county commissioners and proposing opening their Code Red system to all municipalities in the county. There is no indication if there will be a cost to the municipalities joining. Mayor Bordenkircher met with the Fire Dept and there is concern with the village using the Code Red system for other village announcements, not emergency related. Bright Arrow system would be another option for the village to use for non-emergency announcements, which is the same system that the school uses. Councilman Ron Lusk recommended that we table any decision until the county has decided whether to open up the Code Red system to the rest of the county. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that there will be a webinar put on discussing the table television companies franchising on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. BWC announced that there will be a 10% decrease in premiums in 2020. Mayor Bordenkircher and Police Chief Klopfenstein will be attending a class in Ashtabula on October 11, 2019 on damage assessment after a disastrous event and training on recovery processes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-.

Finance- September 9, 2019 @ 6:30PM

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Public Safety/Fire –

Public Works-

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Coshocton Water Exploration –

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to go into executive session to consider dismissal of a public employee with the Village Solicitor to remain. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to continue in open session at 8:05 PM. Roll call 5 yes.

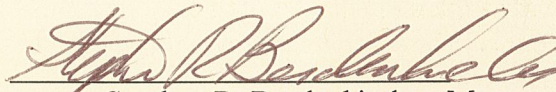
A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to dismiss the Village Administrator without cause under the Ohio Revised Code Section 735.271. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the projects that were turned in for paving for next year are as follows: Wall St/Main St to Russell, 5th St/Johnson St to the school, King St/Russell East to 5th St, Wall St/Union Ave to 5th St and the Circle K alley Main St to the alley intersection.

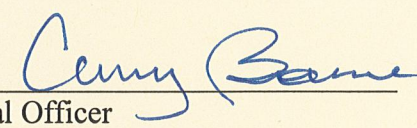
Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had no further business to discuss.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 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