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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on September 23, 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, Craig Bordenkircher, Tim Cheney and Bo Fortune were present.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 6 yes.

A motion was made at 7:07 PM by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to go into executive session to discuss personnel with the members of the Fire Department, Fiscal Officer and Village Solicitor to remain. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made at 7:18 PM by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to continue in open session. Roll call 6 yes.

### **Mayor's Correspondence:**

Mayor Bordenkircher received a notice for a public hearing to be held by the CDBG and RPIG Grant for the Coshocton water system that will run to West Lafayette on October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Kirk Street Event Center. A cease and desist order was received by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to stop applying any type of pesticide/weed killer until the village has a licensed operator. The study material to obtain such license has been ordered. Ryan Cottrell has offered to take the test to become licensed. A \$35 fee will allow the individual to take as many tests as they want, including the pesticide test for mosquito spraying license. Next testing availability is in November. Two letters were received from the Coshocton County Clerk of Courts dealing with properties that have been foreclosed on in Coshocton County close to our jurisdiction, but neither are within the village. A notice for a front desk/safety and security seminar was received. A letter from the Business and Professional Women regarding the Farm Bureau will host the annual Meet the Candidate Night on October 10, 2019 at the Coshocton County Career Center. The event will begin with a Meet and Greet from 6:30-7:00 PM with the candidate forum starting at 7:00, running through 9:00 if needed. This event can also be heard live on the WTNS radio station. A notice for 2019 Asphalt technical seminars and the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bricker & Eckler LP Top Gun Construction Claims seminar on October 10, 2019 were received. A packet for Christmas cards were received and a Governing magazine.

### **Citizens' comments:**

A lot split request was submitted by Donald Harrison at 420 E. Russell requesting 4' of the neighbor's property to the East. The county engineer/GIS office will not proceed until council blesses the request. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to allow GIS to start the process of the lot split. Roll call 6 yes.

A second lot split request was received by Ridgewood Local Schools for 2 parcels that the school owns to allow them to proceed with the building of the new field house. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to allow GIS to start the process of the lot split. Roll call 6 yes.



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## **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** Fire Chief presented to individuals to be approved as new volunteer fire fighters. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to approve Michael Farley and Chris Belt as new Volunteer Firefighters. Roll call 6 yes.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported having a meeting with the Rick Peepers from IGS regarding our current electric contract with them that expires May 2020 that provides a lower rate for the village utilities. The current rate is .0465 and the new rate being offered is .0439 which can take effect in October pending some revisions to contract wording. Resolution 2019-19 that was passed earlier in the year with the ballot language for the renewal levy had a typo that was recently discovered by the board of elections. They requested that the “twenty cents” wording be struck out and replaced with “thirty cents” and “Amended” written at the top and submitted to the board so they can submit the proper ballot language. A Records Retention meeting has been scheduled. Bourne will be out of the office on Tuesday for a Leadership Coshocton meeting and next week from October 2-4 for an OAPT conference. Bills were passed around for approval.

**Police:** No Report

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher reported receiving a document regarding a class action litigation against certain opioid providers giving us the option to opt out of the class action by November 22, 2019, which would involve the village pursuing claims on their own. If the village stays in the class action, there is the possibility of recovering funds. The Solicitor will read through the document further and offer her advice.

**Village Administrator:** Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the cameras were run through the sewer system on Johnson Street to determine the reason for the flow issues and to locate any high spots. The line will be jetted one more time and should fix the issue. The grass needs to be reseeded yet as well. A copy of Dave Kadri’s responses to the EPA letter were handed out to the council members. The village of Newcomerstown is going to take the leaf box that was offered to them to get it off of our hands. Hydrant flushing should be starting next week as well as leaf pick up.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** No Report. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the resident at 205 E. Union Ave has cut their grass and cleaned up the property so no further action is needed.

**Community & Business Development:** No Report.

**Community Relations:** No Report. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the Chamber of Commerce dinner is Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

**Coshocton Water Exploration:** No report



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**Finance:** No Report

**Fire Dependency Board:** No Report

**Ordinance:** No Report

**Park Board:** Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on September 19, 2019 and discussed the Ridgewood Recreation bills that were submitted to the committee. A meeting has been scheduled for October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM with the Recreation Board to discuss further.

**Planning Commission:** No Report

**Public Safety:** No Report

**Public Works:** Chairman Rich Wheeler reported meeting on September 19, 2019 and discussed the gas aggregation for the village and the resolution on the table to add the question to the spring ballot. Water and sewer rate increase was discussed and will take effect on October 1, 2019. The Village Administrator position was discussed. A French drain was discussed on the Deam property and was passed to the Village Solicitor for further review. Replacing the skid steer and one of the pickup trucks was discussed. It was suggested that the red dump truck at the Sewer plant with the plow be brought up to the street department and buying a 1-ton truck from the Water and Sewer funds to put in Sewer to pull the jet truck around. The old skid steer would go to the sewer plant and a new one purchased for the Street department. The pesticide license was also discussed. The sale of the old backhoe and squad was also discussed. The squad was purchased from the fire department with the intent for the street department to use it, but they have not been able to obtain new lights for it that will fit to make it safe and it has just been sitting. The old backhoe is not safe to operate. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to put the squad and backhoe up for bid. Roll call 6 yes.

**Records Retention:** Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

**Rules:** Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

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

**Ordinance No. 2019-40 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2019 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH** Second Reading/Emergency

A motion was made Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Christie Maurer to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2019-40. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2019-40. Roll call 6 yes.

**Ordinance No. 2019-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT FOR**



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## **OFF-DUTY POLICE SERVICES WITH THE RIDGEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS First Reading/Emergency**

This Ordinance was tabled to make further changes to the attached agreement with the school.

## **Resolution No. 2019-42 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO AFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE COSHOCTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE VILLAGE First Reading**

### **Other Business:**

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reported a decision needs to be made on when to have trick-or-treating in the village. A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune for Halloween trick-or-treating will be on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:30-6:30. Roll call 6 yes. Mayor Bordenkircher reported attending a training meeting last week regarding the Census 2020. They stressed that an accurate census count is very important because much of the grant money awarded is based on the census numbers. There will be a push to encourage people to register for the census, including electronic submissions and a Census Day in April 2020. A door-to-door canvassing will begin in May 2020.

### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **Building & Property-**

#### **Community & Business-**

#### **Community Relations -**

#### **Fire Dependency Board-**

**Finance-** October 14, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

**Ordinance-** October 3, 2019 @ 7:30 PM

**Park Board-** October 8, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

**Public Safety/Fire –**

**Public Works-**

**Records Retention –** October 18, 2019 @ 11:00 AM

**Rules –**

**Coshocton Water Exploration –**

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

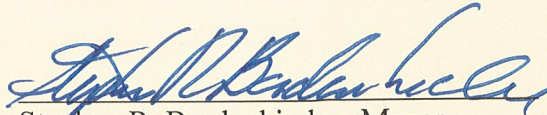
Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had no further business to discuss.

A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

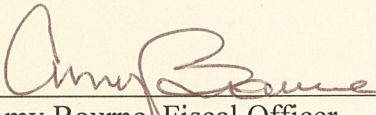


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A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting [www.westlafayettevillage.com](http://www.westlafayettevillage.com) and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.

  
Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer