

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on November 11, 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 Rich Wheeler to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 5 yes, 1 abstained.

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

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher took a moment to recognize and show appreciation for the Veteran's on this Veteran's Day holiday and quoted Douglass MacArthur with "The soldier, above all others, prays for peace. For it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest sounds and scars of war."

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving an email from RITA stating that 477 non-filer letters were sent out to residents who have neglected to file a municipal income tax return for the village. There are instructions within the letter on how to comply. Correspondence was received at the last council meeting regarding the land that the police and fire departments were left in a will in Guernsey county. Land agents have contacted the Mayor asking to enter into a lease agreement for the oil on those pieces of land. Releases have signed by the Police and Fire departments and a meeting will be scheduled with the land agents, the Mayor, Village Solicitor and a representative from both the Police and Fire department to discuss further.

Citizens' comments:

Department Reports:

Fire: See Attached. Mayor Bordenkircher read the report. No representatives from the Fire Department were present as they were attending Township meetings.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported 2019-55 is an ordinance on the table to retain Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as bond counsel for the purchase of the skid steer and truck. Resolution 2019-56 is another resolution on the table to add funds to Fire fund to cover the 2019 wages as well as \$500 to cover the cost of the bond counsel. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No Report.

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Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher reported that she will be asking for an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Chris Menapace, reported that bids were opened at 6:50pm for the village items for sale. The winning bid for the roller was \$1,530 to Jacob Weaver, the backhoe was \$3,600 to Micah Alverson and the Squad was \$4,100.25 to Terri Cox. Interviews were conducted by Chris, the Mayor and Fiscal Officer for the Office Manager position and Amy Medley was chosen. She will start on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Some nuisance complaints were received, and residents visited by Chris with a verbal warning, which will be followed up with a written notice if not addressed. The Pearl Valley lift station was supposed to happen last week and was postponed until Tuesday due to inclement weather. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that he is ready to sign off on the Johnson St. project, but BK Layer still owes William Albert \$6,000 for supplies for the project, so payment will be held until that is resolved. One of the trucks was prepped today with the snowplow in anticipation of the inclement weather heading our way. Leaf pickup should be completed within the next 2 weeks. Mayor Bordenkircher will get notices out to advise residents on what the final pick day will be. All hydrants have been flushed.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No Report.

Community & Business Development: No Report.

Community Relations: No Report. Chamber of Commerce will be meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Coshocton Water Exploration: No report. Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019

Finance: Chairwoman, Christie Maurer reported that the budget for 2020 was discussed and the possibility of pay raises. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to approve October cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No Report

Ordinance: Chairman Craig Bordenkircher reported meeting on November 7, 2019 and discussed the ATV ordinance as well as golf carts. The fence ordinance was not discussed and will be worked on at the next meeting.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on October 30, 2019 and discussed the donation to the Ridgewood Recreation board in the amount of \$1,000. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Ridgewood Recreation board. Roll call 6 yes. Restroom construction for the future at the Water Works fields was also discussed.

Planning Commission: No Report

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Public Safety: Chairman, Ron Lusk reported that the police cruiser is being worked on.

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:

Ordinance 2019-55 AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN BOND COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER, MAYOR, AND ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES WITH DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2019-55. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Ordinance 2019-55. Roll call 6 yes.

Resolution No. 2019-56 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2018-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-56. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2019-56. Roll call 6 yes.

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher presented a water bill adjustment for approval in the amount of \$583.33 due to an incorrect billing for Ron Tedrick. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the billing adjustment. Roll call 6 yes. Mayor Bordenkircher reported attending the ranking meeting for the paving projects for 2020 and it appears that most of our requested projects will be funded. The final ranking meeting will be held on December 11, 2019 in New Philadelphia.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-.

Finance- November 18, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

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Ordinance- November 25, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Park Board-

Public Safety/Fire –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Coshocton Water Exploration –

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 7:42PM with the Village Solicitor to remain. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to continue in open session at 7:55PM. Roll call 6 yes.

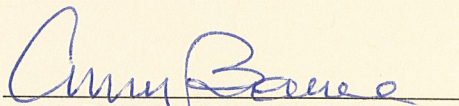
Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher mentioned that he has had discussions with the Village Administrator regarding the Zoning and Building Code in need of revision. He will be appointing a committee next year and is asking for 3 volunteers to go through the ordinance and building code and update it.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, November 25, 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