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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 9, 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, and Bo Fortune were present. Chairman Craig Bordenkircher was running late.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 regular council meeting. Roll Call 5 yes.

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

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving 3 Christmas cards.

### **Citizens' comments:**

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** See Attached. Fire Chief Glenn Hill reported that it is time for the Volunteer Fire Dependency Fund to be renewed.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported meeting with the Finance committee tonight and presented the November month end cash summary. The bills were passed around for approval. A check from OPWC was received for roughly \$70,000 to replenish expenses paid for the Johnson Street Sewer project. Resolution 2019-63 is on the table to add funds to the General Fund to cover the solicitor fees for the remainder of 2019. Bourne reported that she will be out of the office on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 for Leadership Coshocton meeting and on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 for a personal day.

**Police:** See Attached

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to recognize councilman Craig Bordenkircher. Roll call 5 yes.

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher reported she will be attending the Ohio Municipals Attorneys Association 2019 Civil Law Seminar on Friday, December 13, 2019. A criminal complaint was filed against Darin Welker for commencing construction without a permit at 112 E. Grandview St. The municipal court set the court date for January 6, 2019, but Solicitor requested that be bumped up and it is now set for December 18, 2019. There is a unitization hearing set for Wednesday, December 18, 2019 regarding the land owned by the Village in Belmont county. She did not feel that we needed to attend the hearing.



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**Village Administrator:** Village Administrator, Chris Menapace, reported attending the Buildings and Properties committee and discussed modifications to the complaint form to allow the Village Administrator to be more proactive rather than waiting on complaints about properties. A citation for non-compliance with the zoning code form was also created. A public works meeting was held and discussed 2 residents that live on the 600 block of East Main St that would like to tie into the village sewer system. Menapace will be reaching out to the other residents of the 600 block to see if there are others interested and will report back to the committee. Handicap signing has been ordered. Leaf pickup is complete and leaf machine has been put away. If residents still have leaves, they are encouraged to bag them and set them at the curb for pick up. The Statement of Qualifications for the potential sidewalk project are due in the office by end of business on Friday, December 13, 2019 and will then be reviewed. A sewer blockage was reported in the 200 block of Wood Ave. David Kadri reported to the call and was able to take care of the blockage and there were no reports of any sewage backing up into any basements. Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter on December 2, 2019 from the Ohio EPA Division of Drinking Water stating that they will be doing a national sampling of 1500 public water systems and it is not known if the village will be part of that sampling.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** Chairman, Tim Cheney reported meeting on December 3, 2019 and discussing the topics that the Village Administrator reported.

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

**Community Relations:** Chairman, Tim Cheney, reported the Chamber of Commerce had the Christmas parade and all went well. There will be other meetings until February.

**Coshocton Water Advisory Board:** No report.

**Finance:** Chairwoman, Christie Maurer reported meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 and that it appears we will have an increase in the carryover into 2020. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the November month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

**Fire Dependency Board:** No Report

**Ordinance:** No Report

**Park Board:** No Report

**Planning Commission:** No Report

**Public Safety:** No Report

**Public Works:** Chairman, Rich Wheeler, reported meeting on December 2, 2019 and the Village Administrator already reported on what was discussed.



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

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

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

**2019-57 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020** Second Reading

**2019-58 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2020 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH** Second Reading

**2019-60 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES ON THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE** Second Reading

**2019-61 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES (GOLF CARTS), UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MINI TRUCKS ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE** Second Reading

**2019-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH DIVERSIFIED ENGINEERING TO PROCEED WITH AN EVALUATION OF THE CHASE BANK BUILDING** First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2019-62. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2019-62. Roll call 6 yes

**2019-63 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 2019-63. Roll call 6 yes

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Resolution 2019-63. Roll call 6 yes.

## **Other Business:**

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher mentioned that if anyone wants to see the new skid steer, it can be seen at the Street Department. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to have the second council meeting of December on December 16, 2019 rather than on December 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM.



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## **Committee Meetings:**

**Building & Property-  
Community & Business-  
Community Relations -  
Fire Dependency Board-  
Finance-  
Ordinance-  
Park Board-  
Public Safety/Fire –  
Public Works-  
Records Retention –  
Rules –**

**Coshocton Water Advisory Board – January 7, 2020 @ 5:00**

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

A short recess was taken to prepare for the hearing for Ed Chapdelaine. The meeting was reconvened and Mayor Bordenkircher stated that the public hearing for Ed Chapdelaine is next on the agenda.

Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher provided background stating that Resolution 2019-50 determined that 101 W. Main is a dilapidated structure in violation of ordinance 2018-19. A citation was issued to the building owners, Chapdelaine's, requesting that they repair or raise the building. Under the dilapidated ordinance, there is a provision where the property owner can request a hearing and Mr. Chapdelaine requested a hearing.

Attorney Bill Owens was also present with Chapdelaine. Attorney Owens does not intend to dispute that the building is a dilapidated building, but to address the timing of raising or repairing of the building. Attorney Owens stated that Chapdelaine has had some serious medical issues that have not allowed him to meet the deadline for taking care of the building. Owens also stated that there are many new programs out now for rehabilitation of buildings with historical nature. The building is the oldest or next to oldest building in the village and would hate to see it torn down. They have not filed any paperwork yet with the Historical Society but are looking into it. Chapdelaine has reached out to get estimates on taking down the building and there is concern with also taking out the East Coast Risk Management building in the process. Owens does not feel there is a danger of the building falling down but does admit it needs a lot of work.

Chapdelaine spoke on some of the structural concerns and stated that he hired Larry Richcreek, who provided an estimated cost of \$150-\$200,000 to jack up the building and put a basement under it. Chapdelaine has contacted Albert's and Vic Allen regarding tearing down the building. Allen is concerned with how close the building is to East Coast Risk Management. He has not heard back from Albert's yet. Chapdelaine commented that he and his wife have been working on getting things out of the building every day, as they are able, and putting the items in their storage containers and their home. Mayor Bordenkircher asked Chapdelaine how much time he needs and Ed agreed that he could have everything out in 6 months. Chapdelaine also stated that there is currently no insurance on the building. Owens stated that Chapdelaine is willing to turn the property and building over to the village after he has it cleaned out.



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Mayor Bordenkircher opened the hearing up to council members for questions and comments. Councilman Ron Lusk asked if anyone is allowed in the building. The building is not allowed to be opened up for any type of commerce, but they could have council members and others in to look through the building. Lusk also expressed his concern with the safety of the people with the building falling. Chairman Bo Fortune commented that if council grants Chapdelaine another 6 months to get the building cleaned out and torn down that it needs to be done and that if it falls in the process and someone gets hurt, the village will be the ones questioned. Chapdelaine expressed that he is not concerned with the building falling. Village Administrator asked Chapdelaine what his goal was if he was granted 6 months. Chapdelaine stated he will have the building cleaned out and the decision made to tear it down or remodel. Chapdelaine commented that he has been a good citizen, being involved in getting the Troop Train Memorial in place, he has done a lot for the village, and the parade chairman. Menapace commented that he doesn't see a windfall of money or effort being put into the building over the next 6 months and that there is potential of significant problems. Menapace recommended to council that they do not grant the additional 6 months and that they stay on course with the current deadline and the building be torn down. Fortune asked if council could receive updates on progress should the 6 months be granted. Councilman Craig Bordenkircher commented that the original citation was over a year ago and feels that there has been very minimal progress made and doesn't feel that giving an additional 6 months will give more progress. No motion was made to grant an extension of time. The order was given 60 days and expires on December 28, 2019. Hearing was adjourned and meeting went into recess for 10 minutes before the next hearing to start.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to go into executive session to discuss an employee discipline appeal at 8:17PM with the Village Solicitor and Fiscal Officer to remain. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to continue in open session at 9:59PM. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to reduce to a written warning with a 1-day suspension with pay for a violation of a direct order for Corporal Morgan Eckelberry.

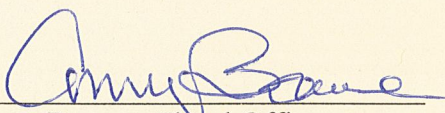
A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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



Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer



## November 2019 Fire Report

**Total calls in November; 17**

<b>Incident Type;</b>	<b>Fire</b>	
	111 Building Fire	2
	114 Chimney Fire	1
	150 Outside Rubbish Fire	1
	<b>Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Incidents</b>	
	311 Medical Assist	1
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with injuries	1
	324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	3
	<b>Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>	
	412 Gas Leak	1
	440 Electrical Equipment/Wiring	1
	444 Power Line Down	1
	<b>Service Call</b>	
	531 Smoke or Odor Removal	1
	<b>Good Intent Call</b>	
	611 Dispatched & Cancelled En Route	2
	631 Authorized Controlled Burning	1

<b>Location of Incident;</b>	<u>November</u>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Village of West Lafayette	2	39
Lafayette Township	4	50
Linton	0	12
Oxford	6	41
White Eyes	1	22
Out of District	4	22

**Payroll;** Pay per Run 97 Firefighters Responded = \$880.00  
Hours worked on Emergency Calls 170.41  
Volunteer Hours (Vehicle Maint, Training, Etc.) 62 Hours

### **Total Hours 232.41**

<b>Fire Loss;</b>	<u><b>November 2019</b></u>	\$0
	Year-to-Date November 2019	\$408,000.00
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$99,220.00

<b>Call History;</b>	Year-to-Date November 2019	186
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	148





WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: November 2019

Accident Reports	2
Call/Complaints	149
Criminal Arrest	1
Domestic	2
Felony Cases	1
Follow Ups	52
Traffic Arrest	3
Traffic Stops	12
Warnings	12
Speed Warnings Issued	0
Speed Citations Issued	0
Miles Driven	1,813
Gas	212.17 GAL.

*Chief Stephen Klopfenstein*