
**A RESOLUTION STATING APPOINTMENTS OF VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF
AND POLICE OFFICERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 737.15 of the Ohio Revised Code states that the Village Police Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the Village (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.02(A)); and

WHEREAS, Section 737.16 of the Ohio Revised Code states that “[t]he mayor shall, when provided for by the legislative authority of a village, and subject to its confirmation, appoint all deputy marshals, police officers, night guards, and special police officers” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.03(A)); and

WHEREAS, Section 737.17 of the Ohio Revised Codes states that “[a]ll appointments made under sections 737.15 and 737.16 of the Revised Code shall be for a probationary period of six months' continuous service, and none shall be finally made until the appointee has satisfactorily served his probationary period” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.05(B)); and

WHEREAS, Section 737.17 of the Ohio Revised Code further states that “[a]t the end of the probationary period the mayor shall transmit to the legislative authority of the village a record of such employee's service with his recommendations thereon and he may, with the concurrence of the legislative authority, remove or finally appoint the employee” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.05(B)); and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Stephen Klopfenstein was hired by the Village on April 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant DuCoty Cochran was hired as a police officer on September 10, 2012, and was promoted to Sergeant on April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Officer Larry Dusenberry was hired as a police officer on October 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Village of West Lafayette has been fully aware of the employment of Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry, and has consented to and not objected to said employment; and

WHEREAS, Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry all satisfactorily served their probationary periods; and

WHEREAS, to the extent necessary, the Council for the Village of West Lafayette wishes to formally confirm the final appointments of Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry.

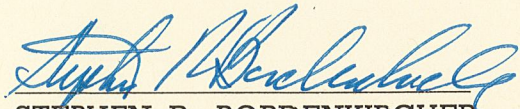
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, a majority of all Council members concurring that:

Section 1. Council finds that (a) Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry all satisfactorily served their probationary periods, (b) the Mayor has informed Council of the employees' service and recommended their final appointments and continued employment, (c) Council concurs with the final appointments of Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry, effective the date each employee respectively completed six months' of continuous service for the Village, and (d) Council additionally concurs with the promotion of Sergeant Cochran to Sergeant, effective April 1, 2019 or any other later date as required by law.

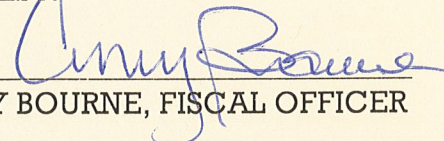
Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be a retroactive emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, for the reason that this Resolution formally confirms the final appointments of the officers as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Basic Code procedures for final appointments of police personnel. For that reason, with respect to the original employment of Chief Klopfenstein, Sergeant Cochran, and Officer Dusenberry, this Resolution shall be retroactively effective the date each employee respectively completed six months of continuous service for the Village. In addition, with respect to the promotion of Sergeant Cochran to Sergeant, this Resolution shall be retroactively effective April 1, 2019 or any other later date as required by law.

Passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of West Lafayette duly convened with a quorum present this 27 day of January, 2020.


STEPHEN R. BORDENKIRCHER,
MAYOR

ATTEST:


AMY BOURNE, FISCAL OFFICER