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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on May 18, 2020 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, Bo Fortune, Craig Bordenkircher and Tim Cheney were present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 regular council meeting. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving communication from Kno-Ho-Co stating that they have provided meals the past several years at Burt Park for children under 18 years old. They want to continue that this year, but rather than the children staying to eat at the shelter, they will either drive by or walk up to the shelter to pick up the food. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to approve allowing Kno-Ho-Co to move forward with providing meals this summer at Burt Park. Roll call 6 yes. A letter was received from the Ohio Department of Transportation stating that the Village of West Lafayette was not awarded the Safe Routes to School grant and encouraged to seek funding again next year.

Citizens' comments: A conference call line was made available for the public and media as well as council members that were not able to physically attend the meeting. This number will be used for all future council meetings until further notice. There were no citizens comments.

Dial-in number (US): (515)606-5438

Access Code: 169938#

Department Reports:

Fire: No Report

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported on a Cities are Essential flyer regarding the potential increase in loss of revenue from roughly 20% up to 30% with Ohio being in the top 10% nationwide of affected states. Adjustments have been made to allow for the 20% loss, but there may need to be further reductions. The Village liability insurance is due for renewal and a packet was provided from McBane insurance with the quotes for review. New quotes will be requested for an increase in the general liability coverage from \$2 million up to \$5 million and presented to council at the next meeting. Amy will be working with the Village Administrator to be sure that we have the proper Content coverage at each location listed on the schedule. Bills were passed around for approval.

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Police: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that there was an accident on Main St. where a 3-year old child was hit by a car and is in critical condition. He stressed that we as a community need to keep our eyes open for the children. The new police cruiser will be outfitted on Wednesday and will be out on the road after it is complete.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher, was not in attendance. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the contractor that will be bringing down the Brothers building will have it down by the end of June. He will be meeting with the contractor later in the week to work out the details of road closures and other village responsibilities.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Chris Menapace, presented ordinance 2020-32 stating that it will be to repeal ordinance 2020-27 for the Ridgewood Recreation Use Agreement due to requested changes from the Rec board. Passing 2020-32 will put Ridgewood Recreation back on the old lease agreement until the new Use agreement is accepted by their board. At that time, another ordinance will be presented to adopt the new Use Agreement. Ridgewood Rec has made the decision to cancel this year's ball season due to the governor's requirements due to COVID-19. Water shut-offs have still been suspended temporarily due to COVID-19, but had there not been a suspension, 20 residents would have had their water shut off due to non-payment. The Village of West Lafayette 2019 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is complete and will be distributed to all water customers soon as well as being posted on the Village website. A quote was received from Hilscher-Clarke to take down the traffic light at the intersection of Kirk and Main during the demolition of the Brother's building since it is currently tethered to the building. Once a confirmed date has been set for the demolition, the light will be removed and will be a 3-way Stop until the demolition is complete. A new pole will be placed for the traffic light. The Mayor and Village Administrator will be meeting with BK Layer on Friday to discuss the reclamation of the yards from the Johnson Street Sewer project last year. There will also be a meeting that same afternoon with an engineer to discuss a storm water/sewer infrastructure that is very important right now to chase the storm water that is coming into the village from the surrounding townships. The Kirk Drain project will not move very quickly, therefore a new plan is needed to improve the storm sewers to protect the village from flooding. There is critical infrastructure money available and the village may be able to get up to \$600,000 per year to assist with the project. The Village Administration offices are now open, but a mask is required before entering the building.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the owners of 115 E. 7th St are in the process of selling their home and the bank will not allow the loan go through because the property survey goes into the village right of way, as do many properties. The bank is requiring an easement to be signed. The Mayor also asked the Ordinance committee to look at creating an ordinance that will give the Village Administrator the authority to be able to sign off on the easements rather than having it presented to council every time it happens. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the Village Administrator and the Mayor to sign off on the easement for the property at 115 E. 7th St. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No Report

Community & Business Development: No Report.

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Community Relations: No Report

Finance: No Report

Fire Dependency Board: No Report

Ordinance: Councilman Craig Bordenkircher reported meeting on May 14, 2020 to discuss the Sick Pay benefits at the request of the Village Administrator. The committee determined that they were not able to approve the Village Administrator to transfer the requested number of sick pay hours. They are looking at other ways to compensate and will have something to present in the near future.

Park Board: Councilman Ron Lusk reported meeting and discussing the Ridgewood Rec board use agreement and authorized the Village Administrator to present the proposed changes to the board.

Planning Commission: No Report

Public Safety: No Report

Public Works: No Report

Records Retention: No Report

Rules: Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had nothing to report.

Zoning and Building Codes: No Report

Police Chief Search: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the search continues. One interview was done on Friday.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2020-32 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 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 Ordinance 2020-32. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2020-32. Roll call 6 yes.

Other Business:

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher reported that Bill Timmons, the owner of Yankee Wire passed away.

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Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- June 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Ordinance- May 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Park Board-

Public Safety/Fire –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Zoning & Building Codes – June 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Police Chief Search -

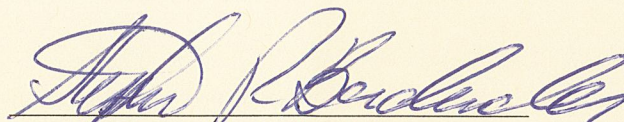
A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made at 7:40 PM by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to go into Executive Session with just members of council present to discuss a legal update. Roll call 6 yes.

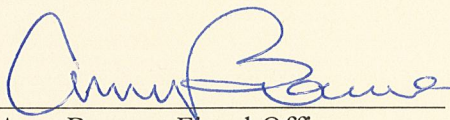
A motion was made at 7:43 PM by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Tim Cheney to continue in open session. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 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