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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 22, 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 and Tim Cheney were present. Bo Fortune and Craig Bordenkircher phoned into the conference line to attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular council meeting. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Rich Wheeler to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2020 special council meeting. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a Cities and Villages magazine. Mayor Bordenkircher also received a visit from ODOT representatives that stated starting next year they will be paving State Route 93 through the village between May and October 2021.

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. Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher, was present on the call.

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

Access Code: 169938#

Department Reports:

Fire: No Report

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported receiving an email from the Office of Business Management regarding the COVID Relief Fund money and that the counties will be receiving the money on June 23, 2020 and the counties will then disburse the money to their municipalities. Resolution 2020-40 is being presented to create a new COVID Relief Fund 104 in order to track the money received from the county. Resolution 2020-37 is needed to add funds to cover unexpected uniform expenses for the 2 new officers. A letter from RITA was received stating that they did the delinquent letter campaign and 477 letters were sent to residents. From those letters, \$13,459 could have potentially been collected and \$6,130 was collected. This program was free of charge from RITA. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No Report. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the new police chief has been having difficulty getting a full uniform shipped and they have been working on an altered working schedule until he can get one in. The regular schedule should be in force next week.

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Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher, was present on the conference call, but had nothing to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Chris Menapace, reported that the Chapdelaine building demolition process has begun with the utilities being shut off. The next steps will be to start tearing down the building by hand. The stop light has been removed and a 3-way stop has been put in place. There will be a traffic routing change when the heavy equipment arrives and the street needs to totally be shut down, but that date has not yet been determined. A Class II operator has been found and a solution for both Water and Wastewater. A meeting with the Public Works committee was requested to discuss the solution. The County Forced Main had a major back up last week and there was a total of over 42 hours spent to resolve the issue with the total cost to repair being around \$14,000. A letter was received from the Ohio EPA as well as communication received from the Mayor out of the Mayor's conference calls that the village is now able to resume charging late fees and following through with water disconnections beginning July 10, 2020. There are currently 107 residents that are past due and eligible to have water service disconnected if not paid by July 20, 2020. There were 11 high grass postings, 6 unsightly preliminary citations, 5 junk auto citations and 8 dilapidated structure citations issued. Menapace also reported that although the Water/Wastewater Record of Operator has resigned, the village has remained in compliance with the Ohio EPA. The 2 summer helpers from Job and Family services will start on July 8, 2020 and work through August 18, 2020. The Ridgewood Recreation board was given the new Use Agreement and as of today, the executed document has not been returned to the Village. Communication was given to the President of the Rec board stating that the signed contract needed to be returned by Friday, June 19, 2020 or at least a decision and if not, the village would assume silence to mean that they were not going to sign. There has been no communication from the Ridgewood Rec board, therefore, they are currently operating under the old Lease Agreement. Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher, agreed. Columbia Gas is currently laying 500-1000 feet of line each day and things are going very well. They have been very responsive to the citizens and the community and doing an excellent job for the village. They expect to be done with their project in September. Mayor Bordenkircher reported attending a pre-construction and contract signing meeting for the Coshocton Water project last week. Contracts have all been awarded and signed. The excavation contractor is Bova Excavation will start the line from Coshocton to West Lafayette on either July 6th or July 13th. The in-village line construction will be done by Tuscon Incorporated and will start somewhere between July 13th and July 17th. The Mayor also reported that there were two required public hearings held today at 4:00 and 6:00 PM for the gas aggregation with no one in attendance. The next steps for the gas aggregation to be offered to the residents is that a resolution will need to be passed, Palmer Energy will put it out for the bidding process and will then present those bids to council. Mayor Bordenkircher thanked several people and organizations involved in beautifying Main Street with the hanging baskets and pots of flowers.

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: No Report

Park Board: No Report

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

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2020-37 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2019-57, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Rich Wheeler to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2020-37. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2020-37. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-38 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE POLICE CHIEF First Reading

2020-39 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE OF A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2020-39. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Resolution 2020-39. Roll call 6 yes.

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2020-40 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COVID-19 RELIEF FUND (104) FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Resolution 2020-40. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2020-40. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-41 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2020 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules per the emergency clause added to Ordinance 2020-41. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Ordinance 2020-41. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-42 A RESOLUTION TO GIVE THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORITY TO SIGN AGREEMENTS ON EXISTING PROPERTIES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT ON THE VILLAGE'S PROPERTY AND/OR RIGHT OF WAY First Reading

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-.

Finance- July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Ordinance-

Park Board- July 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Public Safety/Fire –

Public Works- June 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Records Retention –

Rules –

Zoning & Building Codes –

Police Chief Search -

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Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the parks are still closed due to COVID and the restriction of gatherings of no larger than 10, except for weddings and church services. There will be an evangelist that will conduct a service in the park on Saturday afternoon. The West Lafayette United Methodist Church will also be conducting a service in the park.

Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher had no other business to report.

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


A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 13, 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