Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 14, 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, Tim Cheney, Bo Fortune, Ron Lusk, and Craig

Bordenkircher were present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular council meeting. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported having no correspondence to share but did thank the West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the West Lafayette Fire Department and all those involved in taking Santa Claus through the Village. All of the help is greatly appreciated, and the event was a great success.

Citizens' comments: No comments

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

Access Code: 169938#

Department Reports:

Fire: Chief Gould presented a proposal to council replace the rescue truck. The squad died and was sold and currently a pickup truck is being used to haul rescue equipment and is overloaded. This is the same truck that is used to haul the boat and Polaris. Parkway in Dover has a state bid price of \$42,644 for the truck while JOMAC in Carrollton can build the rescue body for \$22,988. There will be an additional cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000 for striping, lights, etc. bringing the total cost to roughly \$80,000. After working with the Fiscal Officer, it was determined that \$30,000 - \$35,000 is available to put down on the purchase leaving \$50,000 to borrow. The payments would be \$17,673 per year for 3 years. The final payment for the tanker is upcoming in 2021 and with the additional mil from the Lafayette fire levy, there will be no issue paying for the truck. The plan is to attempt to payoff the truck in 2021 and then pursue bids for a replacement engine for 603. Mayor Bordenkircher recommended Chief Gould meet with the Public Safety committee and put together a formal proposal then the formal legislation will be put together to move forward.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported that Resolution 2020-89 and Ordinance 2020-90 will both receive their third and final reading. Resolution 2020-100 is to add funds to the Police Levy fund. Another payment was received from the county and the money needs appropriated in order to put towards the Police wages before the end of the year. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Julie Dreher, was not present. Mayor Bordenkircher read an email from Julie with her resignation effective the last day of February 2021. She has agreed to work through February to assist in a smooth transition to the new Solicitor. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to accept the resignation of Solicitor Julie Dreher. Roll call 6 yes. Mayor Bordenkircher appointed a Solicitor Search committee to consist of Bo Fortune, Rich Wheeler and Craig Bordenkircher. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the authorization to advertise for a new Village Solicitor. Roll call 6 yes.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator, Chris Menapace, reported the Coshocton Water project continue installation on Union, the residential taps on 5th St. and later in the week will focus on street repair. The last day of work before the holidays will be December 22, 2020 and will return on Monday, January 4, 2021. Office hours for the Administration building are still 8am-4pm Monday through Friday, though it is closed to the general public. Water payments can still be made via mail, drop box and at Home Loan Savings if a customer. The Office Manager, Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer can be reached by phone or email during those normal office hours. For the upcoming holidays, the office will be closed for business on December 24th and December 25th and January 1st. Ordinance 2020-103 will receive its first reading regarding a lot split. A Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission meeting were both held last week to review variances for the lot split. A Public Hearing will be held on January 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM and prior to that meeting, packets will be delivered to all residents affected by the lot split explaining details. Ordinance 2020-104 will receive its first reading requesting authorization to sell several items that are considered surplus.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: No report. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that he, along with Ron Lusk and Chris Menapace walked Burt Park and noticed there are several trees that are in bad shape and need to be trimmed or come down. There will be further discussion in the near future on action steps.

Planning Commission: No report

Public Safety: No report

Public Works: No report

Records Retention: No report

Rules: No report

Zoning and Building Codes: No Report

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2020-89 A RESOLUTION REGARDING CREDIT CARD USE Third Reading

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2020-89. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-90 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2021 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Third Reading

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Ordinance 2020-90. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-100 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2019-57, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules and the three required readings for Resolution 2020-100. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Resolution 2020-100. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-101 A RESOLUTION STATING APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to suspend the rules and the three required readings for Resolution 2020-101. Roll call 6 yes

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2020-101. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VOLUNTEER ENERGY FOR A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to suspend the rules and the three required readings for Ordinance 2020-102. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2020-102. Roll call 6 yes.

2020-103 AN ORDINANCE TO SPLIT A PART OF TWO LOTS PRESENTED BY HITCHENS AND ASSOCIATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading

2020-104 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF TWO VEHICLES, A TRACTOR, SALT SPREADER, A LEAF MACHINE, AN EDGER TRIMMER, TWO PUSH MOWERS AND 2 WEED EATERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading

2020-105 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RESIDENCY SEARCH FOR THE POLICE CHIEF First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to suspend the rules and the three required readings for Resolution 2020-105. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2020-105. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:
Building & PropertyCommunity & BusinessCommunity Relations Fire Dependency Board-.
Finance- January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM
OrdinancePark BoardPlanning Commission —
Public Safety — January 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Public WorksRecords Retention —
Rules —
Zoning & Building Codes —

Other Business:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that starting the first meeting in January, the council meetings will be moving to a Zoom platform rather than using the conference call line. There will still be a live stream on Facebook.

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

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 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