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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Bo Fortune, Christie Maurer, Tim Cheney and Craig Bordenkircher were present.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter dated May 11, 2021, from Senator Hottinger acknowledging receiving the resolution we passed regarding HB 157. A letter dated May 13, 2021, from the Ohio Department of Transportation was received notifying us that the Village project application has not been selected for funding.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to recognize Councilman Ron Lusk.
Roll call 5 yes.

Citizens' comments: Hannah Diewald from Community Development Consultants discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant updates. Surveys were filled out by many residents with suggestions on how to use the money in the community and sidewalks were the number one request for improvement. Other suggestions included a community pool and/or splash pad, the Main St. parking lot, street lighting, traffic lights, trees, water/sewer infrastructure, and park improvements. \$700,000 will be requested for the NRG with a Village match of \$63,000. The Critical Infrastructure Grant will include repairs to the storm sewers to help prevent future flooding in the Village. The first phase of this grant will be for \$500,000 with a 10% match from the Village in the amount of \$50,000.

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

Passcode: 571265

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne was not present, and a report was presented by Mayor Bordenkircher. The 2019-2020 financial audit was completed, and the draft copy of the audit was received last week and is being reviewed. Treasury guidance has been released for counties and metro cities, but non-entitlement units (villages) are still waiting guidance for spending the ARPA funds. Money has not yet been received. Bo passed bills around for approval.

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A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 regular council meeting. Roll call 6 yes.

Police: Chief Fohl was not present. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that Chief Fohl is applying for 2 grants for the police department. The first is the JAG grant that will be used for equipment and the second is the COPS grant for additional personnel to include another officer for the road and one as a resource officer for the school. There are 3 vehicles that have been obtained from the drug raid last fall and 2 of them will be put out for bid once all of the paperwork is finalized. Chief Fohl continues to search for a home closer to the Village and is having a very difficult time and is planning on looking for a temporary apartment until he can find a permanent home. A motion was made by Ron Lusk and second by Tim Cheney to grant Chief Fohl a 30-day extension to find housing. Roll call 6 yes.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported working on the Pearl Valley Cheese contract and hoping to be able to execute it by the end of the month.

Village Administrator: Chris Menapace was not present. The VA report submitted by Menapace was read by Mayor Stephen Bordenkircher as follows:

- The City of Coshocton and EA Associates walked the Village last week to review the 581 items punch out list that I provided them a couple weeks ago. Most of the work centered on substandard reclamation of yards, driveways, sidewalks etc. Members from the construction company were in town all of last week to correct these items and we will now need to give the new seed to grow. Although Village officials were not included in the walk-thru, City of Coshocton Officials state that we will get a chance to be part of a final walk thru in the future to ensure that the reclamation of yards and other items mentioned above are to our satisfaction.
 - Concrete work in driveways, asphalt repair on our roadways, and the installation of the hydrants will not be altered and installed to the original specifications the Village was given when the project began. These items, according to a representative from EA Associates, were installed using an “*Alternative Installation Standard approved by the City of Coshocton*”.
 - Any complaints regarding your yard or other construction issues should be directed to EA Associates at 330-345-6556. Any issues regarding water quality, pressure, etc. should be directed to the City of Coshocton’s Water Department at 740-622-2626.
 - Our records indicate that there are still 111 accounts that have not had their meter switched over to Coshocton’s meter system. Please contact Newman’s plumbing to have this process initiated so that you do not realize a disruption in your water service. The goal is still June 17th for this phase of the project to be completed.
- Two weeks ago, the Village posted 19 properties for high grass violations and subsequently mowed 9 of the properties. Please remember, the Village charges \$100 per hour with a 1-hour minimum charge to mow. Non-payment of these fees result in tax assessment. This past week, 10 properties were posted with notifications of high grass and the Village mowed 2.
- 11 instances of junk motor vehicles are in various stages of the citation process. Correction of these citation can be repairing the car, registering the car with current BMV tags, moving the vehicle off of the property, or storing the vehicle in a garage or any combination of these solutions. Please remember that covering a non-functioning or non-registered vehicle with a tarp does not meet the Village code and we will eventually ask for you to remedy the violation.

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- In addition to high grass and junk motor vehicles, 9 properties are in various stages of the citation process for unsightly, unsanitary, and dilapidation of buildings or the overall conditions of their property. 1 case has been turned over to the Solicitor for Court. I will keep you updated on the other 8 properties as their individual progress occurs.
- Thank you for supporting Hannah and her efforts as she helps the Fiscal Officer and I navigate the NRG and CBDG grants we are applying for. If all goes as planned, we will be receiving approximately \$1.35 million dollars in grant money with only a \$110,000 match, most of which we will be able to extract from the ARP COVID funding.
- Resolution 2021-XX is on the agenda granting the Fiscal Officer and myself the ability to purchase the Vac Truck from the City of Ironton once the ARP funding has been distributed into our accounts. I ask that you waive the rules requiring 3 separate readings and take this resolution to its third and final reading tonight.
- I have begun the process to work with the Thrasher Group on a Safe Routes for School Grant Sidewalk project for next spring. I understand we have tried to obtain this grant in the past, prior to my tenure, but we really were behind the ball relative to engaging the school and law enforcement. This time around, I have already communicated with school officials and they are working on getting me valuable data that we did not have last time. Also, law enforcement will be much more engaged in the process as we move forward. I will continue to update you as we navigate the grant process.
- We are in the final stages of acquisition of the forced County Main Sewer System. Finalization of the documentation should occur with both the County and Pearl Valley Cheese prior to next Council Meeting, and we can likely move forward with passing legislation to approve the acquisition next month.
- There will be a Planning Commission meeting this upcoming Thursday, the 27th at 5:00 to discuss the potential vacation of an alley.
- We have a Building and Zoning Code Committee meeting, as advertised, tomorrow evening. If possible, I would like to schedule another meeting for next Tuesday at 5:30 or 6:00, whatever works for the committee members. We are making great progress as we attempt to modernize and evaluate our current codes. I anticipate that we should be done with the overhauling of the codes and have new legislation in front of Council by the end of the summer.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

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Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk reported that the restroom construction at the Waterworks ball fields has been started.

Planning Commission: No report

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report

Records Retention: No report

Rules: No report

Zoning and Building Codes: Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting on May 18, 2021 to continue working on the codes and hoping to be complete by the end of the summer.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2021-34 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 Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Ordinance 2021-34. Roll call 6 yes.

2021-39 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO ENTER INTO A WASTEWATER AGREEMENT WITH PEARL VALLEY CHEESE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Second Reading/Emergency

2021-40 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE A 2009 VACCON VAC/JETTING SEWER TRUCK First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2021-40. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2021-40. Roll call 6 yes.

2021-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ASSUME THE TRANSFER OF OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA) LOAN #5615 FROM COSHOCTON COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Craig Bordenkircher and seconded by Bo Fortune to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2021-41. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Craig Bordenkircher to adopt Resolution 2021-41. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- June 14, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Zoning & Building Codes – June 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM

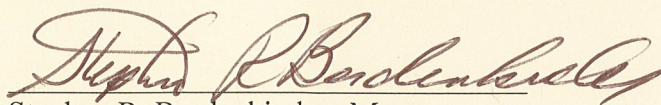
Other Business:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that there are 4 council members with term expiring this year and the deadline for filing with the Board of Elections is coming soon if they, or other members of the community are wishing to run for council. Councilwoman Maurer reported that the packets will be available in June.

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

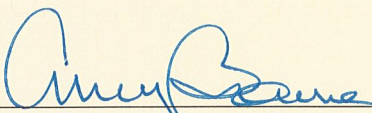
A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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