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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 28, 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, Ron Lusk and Craig Bordenkircher were present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 14, 2021. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter from W.E. Quicksaw regarding opportunities for TAP grants. A notice for the Mayors Association membership dues was received. The 2020 Ohio Water Development Annual Report was received.

Citizens' comments: Village resident, Mr. Lint, addressed council regarding a matter presented in the past on a neglected property on N. Kirk St. Mayor Bordenkircher informed Mr. Lint that the ordinance has been revised and the Village Administrator will be looking into the matter. Mr. Lint also shared a concern with the 4-wheelers racing down the streets in his neighborhood as well as driving the wrong way on a 1-way street. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that 4-wheelers are not allowed in the Village, but the side-by-sides are allowed. Mayor recommended that Mr. Lint call the Police Department if he sees anything, and they will do their best to address the issue. Mr. Lint requested that there be more signage indicating a One-Way Street. The Village Administrator and Police Chief will look into the issue. Mr. Lint also inquired if the Village was receiving Coshocton City water yet and Mayor Bordenkircher confirmed that since roughly May. Mr. Lint stated that his church is looking into purchasing the old Chase Bank building and wanted to know the reasons that the Village did not pursue the purchase. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that the building is not ADA compliant and needs to be in order for us to use it.

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. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the new rescue truck was picked up today and is in the lot to be seen.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported that a Public Hearing will be held on July 12, 2021 at 6:45 PM for the 2022 Proposed Budget. A notification was received regarding the

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ARPA funds to be received and the amount has been reduced drastically due to the Townships being included in the distribution. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported that the filing for the nuisance property has been completed with the resident admitted to all the charges and paid the fines. It is unknown if the resident is going to remedy the situation. If it is not remedied within a reasonable amount of time, the resident will continue to be cited. Coshocton County does have the documents for the Pearl/Fresno system acquisition and are being reviewed.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Chris Menapace reminded residents that July 22, 2021 is the last day that the Village water/sewer bills can be paid at the Administration building or at Home Loan. All balances still due will be transferred to Coshocton and added to new water bills from them. Residents will still be able to pay the water/sewer bills that originate from Coshocton at Home Loan, but no longer will the Village water bill payments be accepted after July 22nd. Part-time employee, Nathan Gress, has passed his Class I Wastewater Operator test and is expected to have his experience hours needed by mid-November. July 14, 2021 is the final day of the traffic study of the traffic stop at Kirk and Main and will be determined if a stop light is needed or if a 4-way stop will be sufficient. A meeting with Thrasher, Omega and ODOT was held with the Village Administrator to discuss a regional grant including Tuscarawas and Holmes counties, called Active Transportation Plan. The grant will be written and ready to submit by the end of October. It will need to go to the Board of Education for approval and then presented to Council. If awarded, it is expected that the sidewalks will be completed by the time children return to school in the fall of 2022. The Waterworks bathroom project has been completed and are being used. Members of Ridgewood Recreation thanked council for the new addition. Yankee Wire had a tremendous water leak in excess of 86,000 gallons and is requesting an adjustment on their recent water bill. Coshocton will review and decide on the water credit portion and a request for an adjustment of \$555.37 for the sewer portion of the bill has been made. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjust the sewer bill for Yankee Wire in the amount of \$555.37. Roll call 6 yes. Pothole repairs will be completed by the end of next week. The next project to begin will be the storm water improvements at 6th & Oak St. One yard had to be mowed due to non-compliance with a charge of \$100 per hour. Chairman Tim Cheney inquired about Nathan Gress becoming full-time now that he has passed his Class I test. VA Menapace confirmed that it is the intention to bring him on full-time once he has completed his experience hours if it fiscally possible.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported meeting on June 23, 2021 to discuss the possible acquisition of the Wetlands behind the Ridgewood High School from Dan Eggans. More information is needed before making a decision.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Homecoming on July 29-31st. The Queen contest will be at Burt Park on

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Thursday, July 29th at 6pm, the parade will be Friday, July 30th at 7pm and on Saturday, July 31st, the pancake breakfast and 5k will be held as well as a pet parade and K-9 demonstrations and the fireworks will be at 10pm. A boot drive will be held on July 3, 2021 from 10am-1pm to raise money for the fireworks. A meeting was held jointly with the Ordinance committee to discuss a future ordinance regarding fencing around pools in the Village.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Craig Bordenkircher reported meeting with the Community Relations committee as Christie Maurer covered in her report.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk reported meeting to discuss the restroom project and other future park developments through the upcoming grant.

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 June 22 and June 24, 2021, to continue working on the codes.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

No Ordinances or Resolution to present.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-

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Zoning & Building Codes – June 29, at 6:00 PM and July 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax Budget Proposal – July 12, 2021, at 6:45 PM

Other Business:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the Ohio Municipal League provided a bulletin providing information regarding Senate Bill 113 which pertains to restricting the use of fireworks. Mayor commented that the Fire Chief and Police Chief have expressed that firework should not be allowed in the Village. Mayor has requested that the Ordinance committee work with the Village Solicitor and present a recommendation to Council. A meeting was held last week with AJ Caldwell to discuss IT improvements.

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 12, 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