Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Christie Maurer, Ron Lusk, Bo Fortune, Brittany Howell and Tim Cheney

were present.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 23, 2022. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter from W.E. Quicksaw regarding upcoming funding programs.

Citizens' comments: Devon Bartlett from iWorQ gave a presentation on their operations management solution and how it could benefit the Village. Resident Mr. Lint addressed Council regarding the passing lines painted on N. Kirk St. Mayor Bordenkircher advised Mr. Lint that ODOT has been informed that it is a no passing zone and they are to correct the pavement markings.

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk at 7:14 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential information and contractual matters with the Fiscal Officer, Village Administrator and Police Chief remaining. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to continue in Open Session at 7:44 PM. Roll call 6 yes.

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached. Chief Gould reported that there are no updates on the new fire truck and it is expected to be delivered around the beginning of August.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne reported that Ordinance 2022-27 will receive its third and final reading and is to establish a procurement policy for the spending of the ARPA federal funds, as suggested by OBM. Resolution 2022-28 will receive its third and final reading to request millage certification from the County Auditor for the Police Department renewal levy that is due to expire with tax year 2022, paid in 2023. This will be placed on the November 2022 ballot. Resolution 2022-31 for the Village credit card policy has been updated to include current staff members and will receive its second reading. Ordinance 2022-33 regarding the Village

purchasing policy has been amended to update spending limits and will receive its second reading. Resolution 2022-34 is needed to add funds to the General Fund 101 and the 203 Income Tax Street Repair Fund. Money in the amount of \$4,018.50 is needed in the General Fund to reimburse the Police wage account for money received from Ridgewood schools for special duty work by the officers. \$5,000 is also needed to increase the fuel expense account due to the increased cost of gas as well as \$10,000 to the capital outlay account to purchase body cameras and tasers. A JAG grant was received for \$10,000 to cover the cost of the cameras and tasers. In the 203 fund, \$10,000 is needed to cover the increased cost of materials for our match of the County paving project and \$63,000 for the Village share of the Neighborhood Revitalization grant. The Village pays a retainer fee to RITA for handling the Village income taxes and in 2021, \$22,423 was spent for that retainer. It was determined by RITA that their actual cost to operate was much less and the Village received a refund of \$10,894. The draft 2023 tax budget was presented to the Finance Committee as well as the May end of month cash summary. The final copy of the 2023 tax budget will be presented at the Finance committee on July 11, 2022 and a Public Hearing will be held at 6:45PM on July 11, 2022 for anyone that would like to view the tax budget. Bourne will be out of the office June 15-17th for a finance officers training in Sandusky and will not be in attendance for the June 27, 2022 Council meeting due to vacation. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached. Chief Walters requested approval to hire Nathan Berry as a part-time officer and presented his credentials. He is currently working full-time at the Coshocton County Juvenile Court. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve Nathan Berry as a part-time police officer. Roll call 6 yes. Chief Walters reminded everyone that the First Responders Block Party will be on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 5-8pm at Burt Park.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, attended via conference line and reported working with the Village Administrator with dilapidated properties and possible citations as well as with the Fiscal Officer regarding Unclaimed funds.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that a Solicitation permit has been approved for a young lady to solicit for Southwestern Advantage that sells education products such as computer apps, books, etc. for the next 30 days. The smoke test was completed on May 24, 2022 by Ohio Rural Water Association and was very successful. Thank you to West Lafayette Police and Fire departments, County EMS, County EMA, County Sheriff's Office, Hickory Flats Golf Course for the use of golf carts, Village employees and Agrisludge. The few issues that were found will be addressed in the upcoming weeks. There has only been one citation issued for high grass lately and it is greatly appreciated for those residents that are keeping up with their lawn care. A few refuse citations have been issued. The Village is participating in the Summer Youth Work Program with the Ohio Dept. of JFS and 3 young men started working today. They will be working with the Village from June 13th through August 5th. Grason Construction will be in town this week repairing storm water catch basins throughout the Village. The City of Coshocton will be spraying for mosquitos this week. ATD Construction has completed the roof repairs at the street garage building and will be returning soon to do the inside work. Sewer credits for pool fills will be seen on the July water bill. The Village would like to thank the Blue Ridge 4-H group led by Travis Hahn for stepping up to landscape and take care of the Troop Train Memorial. They will be doing this work throughout the mowing season

as a community service project and have done a fantastic job. Mayor Bordenkircher requested a motion to approve the change order of the storm sewer project on Main St. to extending the storm sewer out Oak St. to 7th. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the change order as stated above. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Chamber of Commerce will meet on June 28, 2022 at 6:30 at the eat stand. The first boot drive for the fireworks brought in \$1,900. The First Responders Block Party will start at 5:00 PM on Friday June 17, 2022 at Burt Park.

Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on June 13, 2022 and reviewed the May month end cash summary. A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the May month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk asked that the shrubs at the corners of Burt Park be trimmed. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that residents used the picnic shelter on Saturday and they were courteous enough to power wash the area and clean up the tables and it is very much appreciated.

Planning Commission: Chairman Ron Lusk reported meeting on May 31, 2022 at 2:00 PM and approved a new home construction in the Morning Glory subdivision.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported meeting on June 6, 2022 and discussed the Indian Circle sewer project, the Main St. storm sewer project and the sewer outfall project.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2022-27 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Ordinance 2022-27. Roll call 6 yes.

2022-28 A RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MILLAGE FOR RENEWAL OF TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2022-28. Roll call 6 yes.

2022-31 A RESOLUTION REGARDING CREDIT CARD USE Second Reading/Emergency

2022-33 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE PURCHASING POLICY AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Second Reading/Emergency

2022-34 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2021-87, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2022-34. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2022-34. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:
Building & PropertyCommunity & BusinessCommunity Relations Fire Dependency Board-.
FinanceOrdinancePark BoardPlanning Commission —
Public Safety —
Public WorksRecords Retention —
Rules — June 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Other Business:

Mayor Bordenkircher reported attending the OML Mayor's conference last week in Dublin, Ohio and brought back a lot of useful information. There was a lot of discussion regarding economic development. Japan invests more in Ohio than any other state. Ohio is a main crossroad for Canadian trade with portals through a new bridge being built in Detroit, Michigan and one in Buffalo, New York. Rod Davidson, the City Administrator for Obetz, discussed the housing shortage in Ohio and across American and the extensive cost to a Village looking at expanding housing due to the cost of the water, sewer, storm sewer infrastructure that would be needed and there needs to be a lot of planning before starting such a project. Crisis Communication was discussed and the best practices for getting information out to the public when a crisis arises. Governor DeWine was in attendance of the conference on Friday and spent about an hour and half with the Mayors. Mayor Bordenkircher

addressed the public, reporting seeing the recycling bins being treated as a trash area with stuffed chairs, partial appliances and many other items that are not recyclable items. There are signs posted for items that are allowed to be dumped in the bins. Mayor will be reaching out to our IT guy to see if the cameras outside of the Police department caught the people that dumped the items. There may be a fundraiser/car show on July 9, 2022 at Burt Park. There will be a meeting soon to discuss exactly what will be going on and what is needed from the Village.

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 Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022, 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, Escal Officer