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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on July 25, 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 Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on July 11, 2022. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a thank you card for permitting the Coshocton Public Library to have Story Time at Burt Park.

Citizens' comments: None

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Resolution 2022-36 will receive its third reading regarding the MOU with Ridgewood Schools for the School Resource Officer. Ordinance 2022-37 will receive its second reading and contains updates to the Village Employee Handbook. The second disbursement of the ARPA funds was received in the amount of \$121,312. A staff meeting was held last week to brainstorm on how to utilize the money. It was suggested to use the money towards the sewer projects and a grant match as had already been discussed in prior meetings, to purchase a new radio for the Police department for the new full-time officer and the rest of the money to go towards new radios for the Fire department. The Tax Review Board held a meeting last week at the request of the Fiscal Officer to discuss the estimated tax payments and the potential penalties and interest. Suggested changes were made to the code and will be passed along to the Ordinance committee for review. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: Chief Walters reported that with one of the current full-time officers filling the SRO position at the schools, there is a need for another full-time officer to fill the vacancy on the road. Chief Walters requested approval to promote part-time officer Amanda Rossiter to full-time. A

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motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the full-time hire of Amanda Rossiter. Roll call 6 yes.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported on the Opioid settlement and stated that the Village will not receive enough money to get a direct check and it will come through the County. It is his understanding that a local group needs to be created in order to represent our district, which is District 12 and as of now, he has not heard of a group being formed yet. Mayor Bordenkircher offered to reach out to the County Commissioners for guidance.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Agri-Sludge was at the WWTP working on belt pressing the sludge and filled 2 bays, which will need to be emptied again this year. French drains were installed on both sides of the East side of 5th St to help mitigate what lies there. Grason Construction was awarded the bid for the Indian Circle project and Resolution 2022-41 is on the table to approve the project. This project was already approved earlier this year with William Alberts for \$87,000, but changes needed to be made to the project which reduced the cost to \$35,000 and a new contractor. Paving on the State Route through the Village and permanent striping will be completed in a few weeks as well as the risers at the manholes. Gay St. and 4th St. were also paved as part of the reclamation of the water project last year. Mosquito spraying will be done in the Village before the Homecoming. The street sweeping will also be done on Friday for the parade. Weed preliminary citations were issued. The CDBG grant for the Oak St. storm sewer is ready to be advertised for bids. Mayor Bordenkircher reported on Kirk and 4th St. there is a divot in the road that needs addressed. Requests for the 2023 County paving project need to be to the County by August 19th and the streets being looked at are Kirk St. from Main through Union, and a couple of others. A meeting was held last week with Dan Eggan regarding the wetlands.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Homecoming starts Thursday, with the parade being on Friday. Residents can find a full schedule of events on the West Lafayette Chamber Facebook page.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Bo Fortune reported that a meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022 at 6:00pm to discuss an ordinance prohibiting fireworks in the Village at the request of the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Pool fencing and parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. The committee decided that they didn't feel it was a good idea to prohibit the parking. Mayor Bordenkircher requested the committee look at an ordinance regarding street paving requirements that are referenced in the Building and Zoning codes.

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Park Board: Chairman Ron Lusk reported that he noticed the benches in Burt Park need some work or replaced and he is looking into options.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2022-36 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RIDGEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2022-36. Roll call 6 yes.

2022-37 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE OHIO AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Second Reading

2022-40 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE, IGNITING, OR EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

2022-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH GRASON PROPERTIES AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INDIAN CIRCLE SEWER PROJECT, WAIVING THE THREE REQUIRED READINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2022-41. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2022-41. Roll call 6 yes.

2022-42 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT First Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2022-42. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2022-42. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- August 8, 2022 at 6:30pm

Ordinance- August 2, 2022 at 6:00pm

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

Other Business:

Mayor Bordenkircher had no further business to report.

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to go into Executive Session at 7:28pm to discuss litigation with the Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer and Solicitor remaining. Roll call 6 yes.

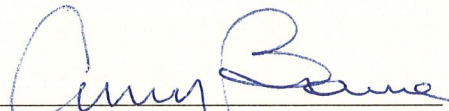
A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to continue in Open Session at 7:56pm. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, August 8, 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, Fiscal Officer