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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on August 22, 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, Brittany Howell, Ron Lusk, Bo Fortune and Tim Cheney were present.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 8, 2022. Roll call 4 yes. Ron Lusk and Bo Fortune abstained.

**Mayor's Correspondence:** Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving no correspondence.

**Citizens' comments:** Herb Tedrick addressed Council regarding the speeding traffic on the West side of Russell and the danger it poses to all of the children in the area. Tedrick requested stop signs be placed at the intersection of Russell and Wall St. Mayor Bordenkircher requested that the Public Safety committee meet to discuss the request.

### **Zoom Log-in**

<https://zoom.us/j/96595775556?pwd=eVJlY04yaFFmbU9GSElSRU9kNnRjQT09>

**Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592**

**Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556**

**Passcode: 571265**

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** No report.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2022-40 regarding prohibiting fireworks in the Village will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2022-43 regarding the Village income tax code will receive its first reading. Changes were made to waive the potential penalties and interest this year on Estimated Tax Payments that are not paid in full by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. A monthly schedule has been set by the State of Ohio in the Ohio Basic Code that estimated tax payments are to be made quarterly, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> and that schedule can't be changed. The penalties and interest will remain for any withholding and income taxes due by April 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Ordinance 2022-44 regarding Ohio Basic Code adopted earlier in the year will receive its second reading for adding a missing piece of legislation to remain in force. Ordinance 06-98 was added to the list regarding standards for construction details and specifications in the Village. Resolution 2022-45 will receive its second reading and pertains to adding funds to the General fund for Police uniforms in the amount of \$1,235 to purchase a new vest for the new officers hired. Once purchased the money will be reimbursed by a Bullet-proof Vest grant received. Money is also needed to be added to the Street and Sewer funds for

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uniforms due to fuel surcharges now being added to the weekly invoices and the addition of the part-time street worker uniforms. Since the last meeting, additional funds are needed in the amount of \$5,000 in the General Fund to cover the clearing of the dump site at Waterworks park, \$4,500 in the Street fund for repairs to the dump truck and leaf machine, and \$8,000 in the Sewer fund for appraisal work for the Sewer Outfall project and money to cover the City of Coshocton sewer billing administration fee for the remainder of 2022. Resolution 2022-46 will receive its second reading and is to give the Village's approval of forming the OneOhio Region 12 governance structure for the Opioid settlement disbursements. Ordinance 2022-47 will receive its second reading and contains changes to the Building and Zoning codes adding wording about allowing commercial vehicles to park within the residential areas in the Village. Resolution 2022-48 will receive its second reading and is authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to sign an application for OPWC funding for the sewer outfall project to cover design expenses. Ordinance 2022-49 will receive its first reading for a 6% increase in sewer rates in the Village. The ordinance also contains the recently increased water rates for the City of Coshocton. Work on the 2023 budget has begun. Bills were passed around for approval.

**Police:** No report.

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported emailing Council members with information regarding the recent Executive Session and reminded them to check with him before any of that information is released for public record due to attorney/client privileges.

**Village Administrator:** Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported having more scrap metal, old office furniture, and an old, confined space tripod that has already been replaced and would like it all to be approved to declare as surplus in order to dispose of the items. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to declare the aforementioned items as surplus. Roll call 6 yes. There have been more complaints about high grass and weeds in the Village and more citations will be issued this week. There have been complaints about scrap tires in resident's yards, which are a good breeding ground for mosquitoes. Preliminary citations will be issued to residents for those as they are considered refuse on the property. Hicks will be attending an OMEGA meeting tomorrow to present the Village application for the Clean Ohio Green Space grant to assist with the acquisition of the wetlands and future upkeep of the property. There are still sink holes within the Village that stem from the water project last summer and Tuscon should be in the Village on Wednesday to fix the issues.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** No report.

**Community & Business Development:** No report.

**Community Relations:** Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the West Lafayette Chamber will be meeting on August 23, 2022 at 6:30pm at the eat stand and will be electing new officers.

**Finance:** No report.

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**Fire Dependency Board:** No report.

**Ordinance:** Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting and discussed the sewer rate ordinance.

**Park Board:** No report.

**Planning Commission:** No report.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Public Works:** Chairman Rich Wheeler reported meeting on August 10, 2022 and discussed the storm sewer line at Main St. and Rippl Lane.

**Records Retention:** No report.

**Rules:** No report.

## **Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:**

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Ordinance 2022-40. Roll call 6 yes.

**2022-43 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022** Second Reading

**2022-44 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2022 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Second Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2022-44. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2022-43. Roll call 6 yes.

**2022-45 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2021-87 ADDING FUNDS,** Second Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2022-45. Roll call 6 yes.

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A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2022-45. Roll call 6 yes.

**2022-46 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ONEOHIO REGION 12 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNDER THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** Second Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2022-46. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2022-46. Roll call 6 yes.

**2022-47 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-32, THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Second Reading/Emergency

**2022-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Second Reading/Emergency

**2022-49 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WATER RATES, SEWER RATES AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** First Reading/Emergency

## **Committee Meetings:**

**Building & Property-**

**Community & Business-**

**Community Relations -**

**Fire Dependency Board-**

**Finance-** September 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm

**Ordinance-** August 30, 2022 at 6:00pm

**Park Board-**

**Planning Commission –**

**Public Safety –** August 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm

**Public Works-**

**Records Retention –**

**Rules –**

**Tax Review Board –.**

## **Other Business:**

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that school would be starting back up this week and residents are asked to be extra cautious with driving and watching for the children.

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

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 4 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting [www.westlafayettevillage.com](http://www.westlafayettevillage.com) and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.

  
Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer