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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Christie Maurer, Tim Cheney and Ron Lusk were present. Bo Fortune was not in attendance due to his return flight from his vacation being delayed. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to excuse Councilman Bo Fortune. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on November 28, 2022. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving an invitation from the Governor's office to attend the inaugural gala on January 7, 2023.

Citizens' comments:

Zoom Log-in

<https://zoom.us/j/96595775556?pwd=eVJIY04yaFFmbU9GSEISRU9kNnRjQT09>

Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

Passcode: 571265

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached. Chief Gould reported there will be a Fire Dependency Board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Fire Department.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2022-67 will receive its third and final reading to establish the 2023 pay and benefit schedule for employees. There will be a 2% raise for all employees recommended, a section was added to further explain how holiday pay will be paid, salary employees will be paid on a bi-weekly schedule as the rest of the employees, and a section added to offer Voluntary Life insurance for employees at the employees' expense. Ordinance 2022-68 will receive its third and final reading for the permanent appropriations budget for 2023. Resolution 2022-69 will receive its third and final reading for the pay and benefit allocation for 2023. Ordinance 2022-70 will receive its third and final reading for commercial businesses and factories being required to have Knox Boxes if they have a fire suppression or fire alarm system. Resolution 2022-71 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator to contract with William Albert to replace sidewalks on Russell Ave. Resolution 2022-75 will receive its second reading to add funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,407.50 to reimburse Police Department wages received from Ridgewood schools for working special events at the schools. Money is also needed in the 608 Pearl Valley Fresno Fund in the amount

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of \$30,356.86 in order to transfer funds to the 602 Sewer fund per approval from the State Tax Commissioner. Ordinance 2022-76 will receive its first reading to amend the septage hauling guidelines to include industrial and/or commercial septage. Resolution 2023-01 will receive its first reading authorizing the Village Administrator to put out to be again the 1986 Pierce Mini Pumper. Resolution 2023-02 will receive its first reading authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application for the TAP grant through ODOT. Ordinance 2023-03 will receive its first reading accepting the plat of the Garden Gate Extension Private Road Subdivision. Letters were sent out to all Village residents explaining the recent changes to the Village income tax credit amount and outlining who needs to file Village taxes. Taxes can be filed online with RITA at www.ritaohio.com. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached. Chief Walters read the resignation letter received from Captain Tom Coutts, to be effective December 22, 2022.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported there is an upcoming trial on Monday, December 19, 2022. There has been no word on the Shurtz case and the continuance. Joel will have a form to be completed regarding the opioid settlement.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported leaf pick up is complete. Village residents can still bag their leaves and leave them on the curb strip and Village employees will collect them. ODOT has invited the Village to submit a full application for the TAP grant for sidewalk improvements. The resolution is on the agenda to receive its first reading and the application deadline is January 31, 2023. Thrasher reported that the OEPA permits will be completed this week for the sewer outfall project. The final design will be completed this week and hopefully be put out to bid in January. The plans for the Critical Infrastructure and Neighborhood Revitalization project are complete and will go out to bid in January, with hopes of construction in early Spring. Ordinance 2022-76 will receive its first reading and is amending the permitting of septage to include commercial/industrial septage. Resolution 2023-01 will receive its first reading and is authorizing the Village Administrator to put out to bid the 1986 Pierce mini pumper. Resolution 2023-02 is authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for the ODOT TAP grant, as mentioned earlier. Ordinance 2023-03 will receive its first reading and is accepting the plat of the Garden Gate Extension Private Road subdivision. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that this went before the Planning Commission and was approved. It will be to extend the subdivision as well as the road.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting this evening and reviewed the November end of month cash summary. Finances are tight as the year comes to an end. A

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motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the November month end cash summary. Roll call 5 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: No report. Chairman Ron Lusk thanked those that decorated Burt Park.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Revitalization Committee: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the committee has been meeting and has provided a list of ideas to improve the Village and that he will be looking for grant funding to complete the projects if Council approves the ideas. Chairwoman Brittany Howell presented the top 5 picks. First on the list is a multi-use path that would have 3 different intensity levels of paths. There would be an “easy” path that would be paved and handicap/stroller accessible with a Story walk along the path. There would also be an intermediate and difficult path going up Plain Hill that would be made with gravel or mulch. Second would be an outdoor education center that would build off of the shelter house that is already planned for construction this spring. Third, a soccer field would be located on the back side of the ball fields. Fourth, a Welcome sign would be placed to the entrance of the Village on N. Kirk St. with the hopes of adding other Welcome signs on CR 16 by Dollar General and E. Main St. next to the Care Center. Fifth, trees would be planted in Waterworks Park to create natural shade and a barrier between the park and residents nearby. A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to move forward with the Revitalization Committee ideas for improving the Village. Roll call 5 yes.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2022-67 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2023 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Ordinance 2022-67. Roll call 5 yes.

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2022-68 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2022-68. Roll call 5 yes.

2022-69 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BASE PAY & BENEFIT ALLOCATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2022-69. Roll call 5 yes.

2022-70 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING KNOX BOXES AT ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND FACTORIES HAVING A FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM OR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM Third Reading

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2022-70. Roll call 5 yes.

2022-71 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH WILLIAM ALBERT, INC. FOR REPLACING SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF RUSSELL AVENUE FROM S. KIRK ST. TO FAIR ST., WEST LAFAYETTE Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2022-71. Roll call 5 yes.

2022-75 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2021-87, ADDING FUNDS Second Reading/Emergency

2022-76 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PERMITTING AND REGULATING THE RECEIPT AND DISCHARGE OF APPROVED HAULED DOMESTIC AND/OR INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL SEPTAGE AND/OR WASTEWATER AT THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2022-76. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to adopt Ordinance 2022-76. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-01 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL A 1986 PIERCE MINI PUMPER First Reading/Emergency

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2023-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE VILLAGE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

2023-03 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PLAT OF THE GARDEN GATE EXTENSION PRIVATE ROAD SUBDIVISION IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AND CONFIRMING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROAD EXTENSION AND RIGHT OF WAY TO PRIVATE USE AS SHOWN THEREON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board- December 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Finance-

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

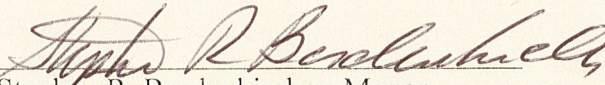
Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher had no other business to report. Tim Cheney mentioned that there is a sign/flag on 6th and Plainfield Road with profanity regarding Biden and wanted to know if there was anything that the Village could do to have it removed. Due to freedom of speech, there is nothing that can be done, though it is not appropriate. Ron Lusk asked if there was an ordinance that could be drafted that would prohibit such profanity. Solicitor Joel Blue said he would look into it further and see if an ordinance could be passed.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Christie Maurer to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

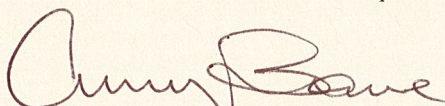
A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on

Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 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



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: November 2022

Calls For Service	257
Reports Taken	16
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	4
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	7
Traffic Crashes	4
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	1
Civil Paper Service	0
Fuel Used	\$1191.33

Chief of Police Christopher Walters



November 2022 Fire Report

Incident Type;	Fire		
	111 Building Fire		4
	131 Vehicle Fire		1
	141 Wildland Fire		2
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Incidents		
	311 Medical Assistance		2
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries		2
	352 Extrication from Vehicle		1
	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
	444 Power Line Down		1
	462 Aircraft Standby		1
	Service Call		
	Good Intent Call		
	611 Dispatched & Canceled Enroute		4
	622 No incident Found		1
	650 Steam or Gas mistaken for Smoke		1
	False Call		
	733 Smoke Detector Activation Malfunction		1
	Weather		
	800 Severe Weather Other		1

		November	Year-to-Date
Call History;	Total	22	180
	Last Year	15	152

Location of Incidents;

	November	Year-to-Date
Village of West Lafayette	7	52
Lafayette Township	6	40
Linton	2	17
Oxford	2	30
White Eyes	0	15
Out of District	5	26

Activity;	Type	Firefighters	Hours
	Emergency Calls	143	157
	Meetings	10	20
	Tools & Small Engines	7	14
	Vehicle maintenance	13	26
	SCBA Maintenance	9	18
	Training	47	94

Total Hours 329**Payroll;****November 2022 \$1,430.00****Payroll YTD \$1,430.00**

Fire Loss;	November 2022	\$2,750.00
	Year-to-Date	\$54,450.00
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$1,048,751.00