Record of Proceedings

Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Tim Cheney, Adam Fisher and Jason Hursey were present. Christie Maurer was absent.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to excuse Councilwoman Christie Maurer. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 12, 2024. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving no correspondence.

Citizens' comments: None

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Resolution 2024-02 will receive its second reading to request certification of millage from the county auditor in order to renew the Village Current Expense levy that is a 5-year levy for 3 mills, which brings in roughly $68,000 to the General Fund. Once the certification is received, another resolution will be presented to declare it a necessity to place the renewal levy on the ballot this fall. Ordinance 2024-05 will receive its second reading to regulate trees in the village. The listing of approved trees will be removed from the ordinance and a link will be provided on the website as it is an extensive list and does change. Ordinance 2024-06 will receive its second reading and is to adopt the 2024 version of the Ohio Basic Code. There were a few updates to the listing of additional ordinances to keep in force along with OBC. Resolution 2024-07 is for the annual authorization for the Village to sell obsolete municipally owned property by internet auction during calendar year 2024 and will receive its second reading. Ordinance 2024-08 will receive its second reading that establishes the sewer rates and wording was removed that prohibited sewer taps within a manhole. Each sewer tap permit will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to make the decision to allow the manhole tap if needed. Ordinance 2024-09 will receive its second reading regarding

the building and zoning codes to modify the wording to the maximum height of accessory structures in the Village in the R-1 district to 20'. Resolution 2024-10 is to authorize the Mayor to apply for a Construction loan for the Sewer Outfall project to complete the necessary funding needed to complete the project and will receive its first reading. The existing Design loan is set up on a 5-year term for $355,000 with annual payments of $71,000. The Construction loan will permit the loan to be extended to a 30-year loan, reducing the burden on the Sewer fund with payments of roughly $17,000. It is requested that the 3 required readings be waived in order to move the project along and meet the December 31, 2024 completion deadline. Resolution 2024-11 is authorizing the Police Chief and Fiscal Officer to apply for a Drive to Succeed Grant through the state that will provide scholarships to Ridgewood Local School students for drivers training classes. The grant application requires that a local unit of government apply for and administer the grant. There will be an application process that will determine the eligibility of the students with the assistance of Ridgewood Local Schools, the Career Center and Coshocton County JFS. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, had nothing to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that Ordinance 2024-12 regarding regulating septage hauling will receive its first reading. The rate for residential hauling will be reduced back down to $0.02 per gallon in order to match surrounding area charges. No one else in the area takes industrial waste, so that fee will be left at $0.05 per gallon. There have been 2 recent citations issued for unsightly/unsanitary premises. Approval for the ARC grant was finally received, which was the final piece of funding needed for the Wastewater storm sewer outfall project. Advertising for construction should be done very soon. The Russell Ave. sidewalk project should pick up in the next couple of weeks with the break in the weather. The wastewater treatment plant finished belt pressing the sludge last week to get ahead of the process due to the sewer outfall project beginning soon. There are still ongoing repairs at Fresno and Pearl Valley on the sewer lines with both pumps needing repairs as a result of the type of waste being discharged from Pearl Valley. Thank you to the Street Department for the snow clearing the past couple of weekends on a job well done. Trees for waterworks park will be coming from the Soil and Water Conservation. They will most likely define the perimeter of the Village property.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled their meeting for February to March 26, 2024 at 6:30pm and the Easter egg hunt eggs will be stuffed on March 14, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Community Revitalization: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the We R WL members would like to have the original Waterworks Park ideas be published on their Facebook page in order to spur conversation and input and awareness in the Village of the projects in the works. Mayor Tubbs suggested the ideas also be posted on the Village Facebook page.

Finance: No meeting.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported meeting on February 19, 2024 at discussed the Blue Line Solutions contract and ordinances that may need some changes made. The new building permits were also reviewed and will be posted on the website.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported meeting on February 15, 2024 with the Blue Line Solutions representative to answer contract questions and concerns. It was decided that the original contract would be scrapped and reworked to meet the Village needs.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2024-02 A RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MILLAGE FOR RENEWAL OF TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO Second Reading

2024-05 AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TREES AND ESTABLISH OFFENSES RELATED TO TREES, REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Second Reading

2024-06 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, BEGINNING IN 2024 AND AS AMENDED IN PERPETUITY, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Second Reading/Emergency

2024-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D) Second Reading

2024-08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES, AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH Second Reading

2024-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-23, THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES Second Reading

2024-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTP SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DESIGNATING DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2024-10. Roll call 5 yes.
A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2024-10. Roll call 5 yes.

2024-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE (OTSO) DRIVE TO SUCCEED GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2024-11. Roll call 5 yes.
A motion was made by Rich Wheeler and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2024-11. Roll call 5 yes.

2024-12 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 First Reading

Committee Meetings:
Building & Property-
Community & Business-
Community Relations –
Fire Dependency Board-
Finance- March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm
Ordinance-
Park Board-
Planning Commission –
Public Safety – March 4, 2024 at 6:00pm
Public Works-
Records Retention –

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Revitalization –
Rules –
Tax Review Board –

Other Business: Mayor Tubbs had no other business to discuss.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, 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.

Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer