Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on April 10, 2023 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, Adam Fisher and Bo

Fortune were present.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on March 27, 2023. Roll call 6 yes.

**Mayor's Correspondence:** Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter from WE Quicksaw regarding upcoming grant application deadlines. A letter dated March 30, 2023 from ODNR regarding substantial damage assessments for flood planes.

Citizens' comments: None

Zoom Log-in

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

Passcode: 571265

#### **Department Reports:**

Fire: See attached.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Resolution 2023-16 will receive its third and final reading and is to add funds in the amount of \$11,500 to the Fire Fund to purchase wildfire turnout gear. The Fire fund has received \$10,500 for the recent sale of the 1986 mini pumper as well as a \$1,000 grant from the Million Dollar Round Table and would like to utilize those funds to purchase the turnout gear. Funds are also needed in the 610 OWDA Sewer WWTP fund to cover the remaining engineering expenses from the Thrasher Group. Loan proceeds in the amount of \$62,881.48 are expected and need to be appropriated to pay the Thrasher Group. Resolution 2023-19 is to authorize the Village to participate in the 2023 ODOT road salt program and will receive its second reading. Resolution 2023-20 will receive its second reading authorizing the Village to sell surplus items by internet auction. Resolution 2023-21 will receive its second reading and is to authorize the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to contract with Verdantas to perform engineering work for the remaining sidewalk replacements on Russell Ave. The March end of month cash summary was presented to the Finance Committee this evening. The first half of real estate tax was received by the County Auditor. The Park Levy and fire contract money should be rolling in within the next few weeks. A reminder to all Village residents that the tax filing deadline for RITA

municipal taxes, as well as federal and state taxes, is Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Bills were passed around for approval.

**Police**: See attached. Chief Walters announced that the midnight shift officers will begin doing more of the nightly business security checks and document the checks nightly. Captain Eckelberry is working on reaching out to all business owners in the Village and getting updated contact information. Mayor Bordenkircher inquired about the reduction in fuel expenses. Chief Walters believes the reduction is possibly due to using the Chevy truck much less and using the Charger more, which gets much better gas mileage.

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

**Village Administrator**: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported there being 3 preliminary citations issued in March, with 2 being abated. There are 5 citations being issued in April to date for dilapidated structures or unsightly properties. The notice of the tall grass and weeds was published in the Beacon in March. Residents are reminded that if grass grows to 7" or more, they will receive a notice and have 5 days to respond, or the Village will cut and the resident will be invoiced. The gas project is still in progress on Russell Ave. and will continue for a while yet. The 100 block of East Russell will have the sidewalks replaced soon. Residents that will be affected will receive a letter before the project begins.

#### Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

**Finance:** Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting on April 10, 2023 at 6:30pm and that finances look good. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the March month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

**Ordinance:** Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting on April 3, 2023 to discuss junk vehicles and solar panels. He will provide those updated ordinances to the Fiscal Officer to add to the agenda for the April 27, 2023 Council meeting.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-16 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2022-68, ADDING FUNDS Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2023-16. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023 Second Reading/Emergency

2023-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023 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

2023-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VERDANTAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE Second Reading

Committee Meetings:
Building & PropertyCommunity & BusinessCommunity Relations —
Fire Dependency Board-.
FinanceOrdinance- April 18, 2023 at 6:00pm.
Park BoardPlanning Commission —
Public Safety —
Public WorksRecords Retention —
Rules —
Tax Review Board —.
Public Hearing —

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported speaking to students at the After the Bell program and while there was informed that the school is going through a bottle cap fund drive to acquire benches. They would like to donate the next bench to the Village to be placed in either Burt Park or Waterworks

Park. Councilwoman suggested the bench be placed at the Waterworks Park to go along with all of the other upcoming new construction and feels it will get more use there. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to accept the bench from Ridgewood Schools to be placed at Waterworks Park. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune 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 adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting <a href="www.westlafayettevillage.com">www.westlafayettevillage.com</a> and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.

Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Council President Pro Tempore

Attest:

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer



### March 2023 Fire Report

Incident Type;	Fire	
•	121 Fire in mobile Home, Fixed Structure	2
	131 Passenger Vehicle Fire	1
	141 Brush Fire	1
	151 Outside Rubbish or Trash Fire	1
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Incidents	
	311 Medical Assist	1
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries	2
	324 Motor Vehicle Accident No Injuries	1
	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
	422 Chemical Spill	1
	444 Power Line Down	1
	445 Shorted Electrical Equipment	1
	Service Call	
	561 Unauthorized Burning	1
	Good Intent Call	
	611 Dispatched and Cancelled En-Route	1
	622 No incident Found	2
	False Call	
	Weather	

		March	Year-to-Date
Call History;	Total	16	40
	Last Year	20	51

## Location of Incidents;

-,	March	Year-to-Date
Village of West Lafayette	3	8
Lafayette Township	2	10
Linton	2	5
Oxford	1	4
White Eyes	3	7
Out of District	5	6

Activity;	Туре	Firefighters	Hours
	Emergency Calls	110	92
	Meetings	9	18
	Tools & Small Engines	6	12
	Vehicle maintenance	3	6
	SCBA Maintenance	16	16
	Training	52	112
		Total Hours	244.75

## Payroll;

November 2022	\$1,430.00
December 2022	\$1,480.00
January 2023	\$860.00
February 2023	\$610.00
March 2023	\$1,100.00

## Payroll YTD

\$5,480.00

Fire.	Loss;
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March 2023	\$3,500.00
Year-to-Date	\$50,000.00
Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$12,200.00



#### WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: March 2023

221
22
0
3
0
17
2
0
0
2
\$976.18