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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Christie Maurer, Adam Fisher and Jason Hursey were present. Councilman Tim Cheney was not present. Police Chief Eckelberry, Craig Bordenkircher, Brandon Cottrill and Kathy Jones were also present. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Brittany Howell to excuse absent member Tim Cheney. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on July 14, 2025. Roll call 4 yes and 1 abstained.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on July 28, 2025. Roll call 4 yes and 1 abstained.

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

Citizens' comments: Craig Bordenkircher was present to address Council regarding the trash bid document and the Rumpke trash contract and bid. Bordenkircher stated that according to the bid language, the village is able to withhold up to 10% of the payment to Rumpke should they not perform well and inquired how much the village pays Rumpke. Village Administrator, Tammy Hicks replied stating that this ability would only be possible should the village handle billing the residents for the trash services. Bordenkircher asked Council if they had ever heard of Power of Attorney and stated that the village entered him into an agreement with a 3rd party that he never agreed to or signed for and that his property taxes could be billed should he not pay the trash bill and does not understand where the authority comes from to enable the village to do this. Solicitor Joel Blue stated that the Ohio Revised Code gives authority to the village to enter into contracts for utilities and trash is considered a utility. Bordenkircher inquired how the village would be able to assess his property taxes if he doesn't pay and Mayor Tubbs responded that Rumpke would take him to collections, not the village. Resident Kathy Jones spoke regarding the trash contract as well stating that she never knew anything about the trash contract until a trash can was placed in front of her home. She stated that she has been consumed with the health of her sick husband and has not paid for trash for all of the years she has lived there because she takes her trash to her daughter for disposal and can't afford another bill and feels that they should have a choice in trash service. Mrs. Matthews spoke up stating that her understanding was that once the advisory ballot passed, the village was supposed to put it back out to vote, but that is incorrect information. Mayor Tubbs stated that residents can put their service on a "Vacation Mode" when they are away so that they don't receive bills. Bordenkircher expressed his concern that he has no recourse with Rumpke should they not perform well, but yet has to continue to pay and can't cancel their service. Mrs. Matthews also spoke stating her frustration with the trash services being on a low fixed income and much sickness in the family and doesn't feel she should be forced to have a trash service. Brandon Cottrill addressed Council regarding a dead tree in the tree lawn in front of his house that he received a

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citation regarding having it cut down. Mayor Tubbs told him to continue to work with Village Administrator, Tammy Hicks, as she is working on finding a way to assist him in having the tree taken down. Cottrill also commented on the trash conversation in agreement with what had been said prior stating that his bill with Rumpke is almost \$80 every 3 months and he has very little trash. Mayor Tubbs stated that his bill should not be that high and suggested that he bring the bill to the Administration office for assistance with figuring out the higher bill.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney was not present. Councilman Jason Hursey reported discussing high grass issues at 231 W. Railroad that has been resolved and 137 W. Main that will be mowed by the village. Nuisance property issues were also discussed regarding 121 E. Park, 308 E. Main with complaints of snakes due to the trash, 207 W. 7th that has been cited many times, 316 E. Union with a dead tree and a tree in an alley behind W. Russell that the trash truck hit because it's growing out in the alley.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman, Brittany Howell reported that Audrey Tubbs has collected over \$2,000 for the Trap, Neuter and Release program that is enough to neuter about 40 cats and people will start trapping cats later this week to have them spayed/neutered.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman, Brittany Howell, reported receiving \$663 from the Opioid settlement as well as over \$13,000 in interest this past quarter from investments. The cost of contracting with the County Sheriff's office for village protection, rather than having the village Police Department would be roughly \$200,000 more per year. The July end of month cash summary was reviewed. A motion was made by Brittany Howell and seconded by Jason Hursey to approve the July end of month cash summary. Roll call 5 yes.w

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing ordinance 2023-29 animal ordinance, looking to make some updates to eliminate items that are not enforceable as well as adding clarification to other areas. Resolution 2025-37 is a resolution to authorize signing contracts to proceed with the next phase of sidewalks. The sewer rate ordinance had a typo in rates corrected.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported the restrooms at Waterworks Park are now open 8am-8pm daily. Please do not lock the door when leaving. Research is being done on placing a full-service Pepsi machine at Waterworks Park and Burt Park and will be handled entirely by Pepsi at no cost to the village.

Planning Commission: No report.

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Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing the estimates from the Coshocton Sheriff's office, as Brittany mentioned in her Finance report, but also added that the \$200,000 difference does not include additional expenses such as new cruisers, additional equipment, etc. and their jurisdiction is also outside of the village, so the coverage within is still not guaranteed. The County purchased a new ambulance that will be delivered to the village station later this week. Cross walk painting is being done throughout the village. A new crosswalk may be added at the Junior High drop off area. New streetlights may be added to Morning Glory.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing the Street Department patching holes throughout the village. More asphalt patch is needed to complete. The trucks going down Johnson Rd. to the high school for the ball field project are tearing up the road and there are plates covering the damaged areas. Residents are cautioned to be careful when traveling that road. Sewer outfall project updates were discussed. Paving projects will begin in September.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2025-31 establishing sewer rates will receive its third and final reading and does include an increase of 4% for the next 2 years that will take effect with the October billing cycle. Resolution 2025-33 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the mayor and/or village administrator to apply for funding through the Mayors Partnership for Progress for flooding issues in the village. Resolution 2025-35 will receive its third and final reading to sign an agreement with ISResponse, LLC who will be taking over the village IT services starting in September. Resolution 2025-38 is to establish a separate fund to track money received from the Opioid Settlement and have specific guidelines on how the money can be spent, outlined in the OneOhio MOU. The first payment of \$663 has been received from the Walmart settlement. Resolution 2025-39 to approve the rates and amounts from the County Budget Commission will receive its first reading. The inside millage amount expected would be \$66,887, the Police Levy set to expire in a couple of years is expected to bring \$47,614 and the General Expense levy that will be on the fall ballot for renewal is expected to bring \$69,354 should that pass in November. There is a deadline of October 1st to have the a copy of the resolution back to the County Auditor's office once it has passed. Resolution 2025-40 will receive its first reading to add funds in the General fund in the amount of \$1,500 to cover the purchase of a new flashing stop sign to replace the damaged one at Main & Kirk St. The company at fault for the damage did pay for the replacement. Funds in the amount of \$1,500 is also needed to cover increased fees from the county auditor's office. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: See attached.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported reviewing a couple of contracts.

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Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported a solar company solicitor going door-to-door today and there are no active soliciting permits currently. If residents have solicitors approach them, they are advised to call the police. Building permits are needed for permanent structures or additions to the property, such as decks, fence, business signs, etc. Questions can be directed to the Village Administrator or by visiting the village website and reviewing the Building & Zoning codes. To elaborate on Councilwoman Maurer's comment regarding the trash company taking bundled sticks, residents are encouraged to take advantage of that service to rid their property of that debris. The Street department does not take those items away and they are not permitted to be placed on the curb strip or on the storm drains.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2025-31 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES, AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH Third Reading

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Ordinance 2025-31. Roll call 5 yes.

2025-33 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEVERE FLOODING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO Third Reading

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-33. Roll call 5 yes.

2025-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH ISRESPONSE, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt resolution 2025-35. Roll call 5 yes.

2025-37 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VERDANTAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE First Reading

2025-38 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (250) FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-38. Roll call 5 yes.

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2025-38. Roll call 5 yes.

2025-39 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR First Reading/Emergency

2025-40 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2024-48, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-40. Roll call 5 yes.

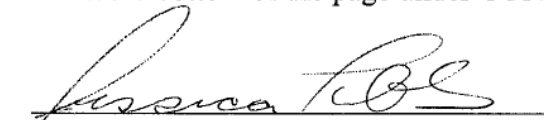
A motion was made Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-40. Roll call 5 yes.

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, August 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be viewed by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on either the Facebook or YouTube link at the bottom of the page under CONTACTS.


Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest: 
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer

West Lafayette Fire Department Monthly Report (July 2025)

658 Lafayette Commons, Mills Apt.	7/2/2025	8:39:00 PM	651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	None	Wednesday	
651 Lafayette Township	7/2/2025	9:42:00 PM	151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	None	Wednesday	
650 Lafayette Township	7/4/2025	12:01:00 PM	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	None	Friday	
651 Lafayette Township	7/8/2025	2:15:00 PM	363 - Swift water rescue	None	Tuesday	
652 Lafayette Township	7/12/2025	5:19:00 PM	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	Automatic Aid Received	Saturday	
653 Lafayette Township	7/17/2025	5:26:00 PM	324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	None	Thursday	
652 Lafayette Township	7/28/2025	12:57:00 PM	311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	None	Monday	
653 Lafayette Township	7/31/2025	11:40:00 PM	131 - Passenger vehicle fire	None	Thursday	\$25,500.00
659 Village of West Lafayette	7/2/2025	6:02:00 PM	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	None	Wednesday	
660 Village of West Lafayette	7/26/2025	8:23:00 AM	442 - Overheated motor	None	Saturday	
660 Oxford Township	7/1/2025	9:51:00 PM	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Tuesday	
661 Oxford Township	7/2/2025	6:51:00 PM	622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	None	Wednesday	
661 Oxford Township	7/2/2025	10:07:00 PM	151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	None	Wednesday	
662 Oxford Township	7/4/2025	7:58:00 PM	342 - Search for person in water	None	Friday	
662 Oxford Township	7/10/2025	9:47:00 PM	311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	None	Thursday	
663 Oxford Township	7/11/2025	8:29:00 PM	322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	None	Friday	
662 Oxford Township	7/23/2025	10:21:00 PM	151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	None	Wednesday	
664 Oxford Township	7/27/2025	5:31:00 PM	324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	None	Sunday	
Out of District, Automatic Aid	7/10/2025	6:25:00 PM	111 - Building fire	Automatic Aid Given	Thursday	
Out of District, Automatic Aid	7/17/2025	9:58:00 PM	111 - Building fire	Automatic Aid Given	Thursday	
Out of District, Automatic Aid	7/31/2025	6:45:00 PM	131 - Passenger vehicle fire	Automatic Aid Given	Thursday	

July 2025: 21

Year-To-Date: 156

July 2025 Loss: \$25,500.00

July 2024: 10

Year-To-Date 2024: 127

Year-To-Date Loss 2024: \$142,610

Township			Monthly Activities	FF Count	Hours
2	36	Village of West Lafayette	Emergency Calls	132	6727
8	35	Lafayette Township	Meetings	9	18
8	39	Oxford Township	Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	23	97
0	17	Linton Township	In Person Training	0	0
0	12	White Eyes Township	On-Line Training	0	0
3	17	Out of District	Special Detail	50	225
21	156	Totals	Totals	214	40727
Month		Per Call Payroll	Training Payroll		Total
November-24		\$1,800.00	\$45.00		\$1,845.00
December-24		\$1,008.00	\$0.00		\$1,008.00
January-25		\$1,632.00	\$0.00		\$1,632.00
February-25		\$876.00	\$75.00		\$951.00
March-25		\$2,856.00	\$45.00		\$2,901.00
April-25		\$1,656.00	\$70.00		\$1,726.00
May-25		\$1,044.00	\$55.00		\$1,099.00
June-25		\$1,668.00	\$35.00		\$1,703.00
July-25		\$1,584.00	\$0.00		\$1,584.00
		TOTAL	\$325.00		\$14,449.00



**WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

MONTH: July 2025

Calls For Service	883
Reports Taken	35
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	6
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	97
Citations Issued	11
Traffic Crashes	7
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	2
Fuel Used	\$ 1171.11

Chief of Police Morgan E. Eckelberry