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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on August 25, 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, Tim Cheney and Jason Hursey were present. Officer Abner King, Fire Chief Damon Gould and Tyler Maple were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 11, 2025. Roll call 5 yes and 1 abstained.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving 10 letters of support for projects at Waterworks Park.

Citizens' comments: None

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported 206 W. 7th still has trash around the yard as well as 121 W. Park having debris around the yard and possible chickens.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman, Brittany Howell reported that the Community Sales will be September 5th & 6th. The Village Cleanup Day will be September 6th from 9am until the dumpsters are full. The Boy Scouts will be helping, there will be 2 dumpsters from Rumpke, 1 from Lafayette Township and a scrap container donated by Litty's. A reminder that tires will not be accepted. The West Lafayette Chamber dinner will be September 23rd at 6pm at Schumaker Farms. The Chamber Halloween party will be Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm at the Middle School with Trick-or-Treating in the village from 5:30-7pm. Ridgewood Rec is hosting a Balloween on October 12th at Waterworks Park.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing ordinance 2023-29 animal ordinance, looking to make some updates to align more with the Ohio Basic Code. There was discussion

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about adopting an ordinance similar to the Township regarding dead and dangerous trees in the village right-of-way.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported Ridgewood Rec is fundraising for a pony league size ball field.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported TR Snyder Construction will be installing concrete landing pads for the crosswalk section at the Middle School on S. Oak St. Students are reminded to not walk on Wall St., but rather walk on the new walking path that was installed for that purpose. Residents are asked to please stop parking on and blocking sidewalks. Drivers are also reminded that pulling traffic that has stopped to turn is illegal and to please stop as it is not safe. The new ambulance that the County purchased has been put in service at the Lafayette station this week.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported potholes, the sewer outfall project updates and sidewalks starting to be installed on W. Main St. Residents that are new to Columbia Gas will be receiving a mailing regarding the village gas aggregation.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported Resolution 2025-37 will receive its second reading authorizing the Fiscal Officer and/or Village Administrator to sign agreements with Verdantas for engineering of the 2026 sidewalk project. Resolution 2025-39 to approve the rates and amounts from the County Budget Commission will receive its second 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. Resolution 2025-41 will receive its first reading to add funds. Funds are needed in the Fire Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for repairs to engine 603. Funds are also needed in the General Fund for 2 bullet proof vests in the Police Department. A grant was received last year to cover 50% of the cost for a new vest which will be reimbursed to the village. A new TCGM Fund (252) will be created to track federal grant funds received. Resolution 2025-42 will receive its first reading to officially appoint Officer Abner King as an officer of the village since he has satisfactorily completed his 6-month probationary period. Ordinance 2025-44 will receive its first reading to update the village purchasing policy and increase the spending limit to \$75,000 before projects have to go out to bid, to align more with the federal and state guidelines. Resolution 2025-46 will receive its first reading to create the new TCGM Fund (252) to track the grant funds received. Bills were passed for approval.

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Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, stated that he needs to review the animal ordinance once it is ready.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Resolution 2025-43 will receive its first reading to authorize the Mayor and Village Administrator to submit an OPWC grant application for stormwater drainage on 5th, 6th & 7th streets. Resolution 2025-45 will receive its first reading and is to authorize the Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator to sign agreements with Pepsi to receive full-service vending to be placed at the parks. Resolution 2025-47 will receive its first reading and is to authorize OMEGA and the Village Administrator to submit an application to ODNR for the LWCF program for Waterworks Park improvements and renovations. Resolution 2025-48 will receive its first reading and is to authorize the Mayor and/or Village Administrator to submit an application for the AMLER grant program, also for Waterworks Park improvements. The applications are all due in the fall.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

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 Second Reading

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

2025-41 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 2025-41. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-41. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-42 A RESOLUTION STATING THE APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER ABNER KING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-42. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-42. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-43 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

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AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED First Reading

2025-44 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE PURCHASING POLICY AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH First Reading.

2025-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH G&J PEPSI-COLA BOTTLERS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FULL-SERVICE VENDING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO First Reading

2025-46 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TCGM FUND (252) 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 Jason Hursey to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-46. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2025-46. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OHIO MIDEASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA) AND THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES First Reading

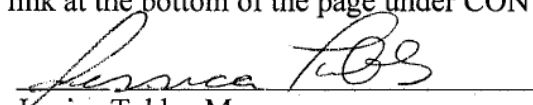
2025-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE ABANDONED MINE LAND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, (AMLER) GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES First Reading

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 6 yes.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 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