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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on August 28, 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, Adam Fisher and Bo Fortune were present. Tim Cheney was absent. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to excuse Councilman Tim Cheney for being on vacation. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on August 14, 2023. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a survey from the Community Outreach Program regarding gas lines. A notice was received from the US Bankruptcy Court regarding Volunteer Energy.

Citizens' comments:

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, was not present. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: Chief Walters reported that the School Resource Officer MOU was reviewed with the school and the SRO rate for the 2023-2024 school year will be increased to \$52,809, or 9 monthly payments of \$5,867.67. The school also nominated Officer Hernandez for Leadership Coshocton County and is paying \$425 for Officer Hernandez to participate in the 2023-2024 year. Chief Walters reported that the school would also like to utilize Officer Hernandez for the Beyond the Bell after school program, 1 hour per day for 4 days per week for the 2023-2024 school year. The school is obtaining a grant from Muskingum Valley to cover the \$40/hour expense of Officer Hernandez for the program. It is uncertain yet if there will be a new MOU with Muskingum Valley or an amended addendum for the current MOU with the school. The school also mentioned the possibility of utilizing Officer Hernandez for a summer school program in 2024 but will let us know for sure. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded

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by Christie Maurer to approve the additional \$40/hour for Officer Hernandez to do the Beyond the Bell after school program. Roll call 5 yes.

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

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that Resolution 2023-40 for the TAP Grant project will receive its second reading this evening. Resolution 2023-41 is to add funds to various funds to track grant funds being received. Funds need to be added to the 250 HB 168 fund, 251 OPWC fund and 260 ARC fund for the Sewer Outfall project as well as in the 261 CDBG NRG and 262 CDBG CI fund for the Neighborhood Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure grant projects. The paving was completed on the Oak St. sewer line project and striping and crosswalks will be done this week. Advertising for bids for the Russell Ave sidewalk project is complete and bid opening and contract award will be Friday, September 1st at 11am. As part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant, the Main St. parking lot and north parking lot at the Waterworks park is progressing. The picnic shelter at Waterworks is framed and has its roof and the ADA ramp at the Administration building is complete. There are no current updates on the Sewer Outfall project. There were 6 preliminary citations issued in August for unsightly/unsanitary properties. A Park Board meeting was requested to discuss the Use Agreement for Waterworks park, park lighting and security and the new installations at Waterworks Park.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Councilman Bo Fortune reported meeting on August 21, 2023 and discussed issues with properties located at 409 E. 5th St., 422 E. 4th St., and 112 N. Kirk St.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Councilwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Village yellow flag sales will be this weekend.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: Councilwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on August 21, 2023 and discussed having a few of the picnic tables at the Burt Park shelter moved to the Waterworks Park shelter when it is completed. Adam Fisher has been checking on getting new Christmas lights on Main St. Tammy Hicks presented the bills received from Ridgewood Recreation for 2023. Maurer reported that the current Use Agreement states that the Village may reimburse up to \$6,000 for their expenses. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that Fiscal Officer Amy Bourne had reported that there are not enough funds to reimburse any expenses to RW Rec this year due to obligations to current improvements to Waterworks Park to include a basketball court, 2 paved parking lots, a picnic shelter and a playground. The Park Board committee also recommended

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that there be no reimbursements made this year to RW Rec. Mayor Bordenkircher also commented that the County Park Levy wording states that the money can be used for “maintenance and operations” of the parks and some of the expenses requested for reimbursement do not fall under that category. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to not reimburse Ridgewood Recreation due to financial concerns. Roll call 5 yes.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-40 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE WEST LAFAYETTE SIDEWALKS PROJECT Second Reading

2023-41 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2022-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2023-41. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2023-41. Roll call 5 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- September 11, 2023 at 6:30pm

Ordinance-

Park Board- September 7, 2023 at 5:00pm

Planning Commission – September 7, 2023 at 6:00pm

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

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Rules –
Tax Review Board –.

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported there was a petition submitted to Council, signed by 29 residents, requesting 2 additional stop signs be placed on Oak St. and Stewart Ave. to make it a 4-way Stop. Police Chief Walters is in support of the request. Chairman Bo Fortune was presented with the petition and reported on behalf of the residents that traffic coming from Kirk St. and George St. on to Stewart with no stop signs and it is a drag race. There has been an influx of children in the neighborhood in the past couple years and the speeding traffic makes it very unsafe for the children. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Brittany Howell to install 2 more stop signs at the intersection of N. Oak St. and W. Stewart Ave. Roll call 5 yes.

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

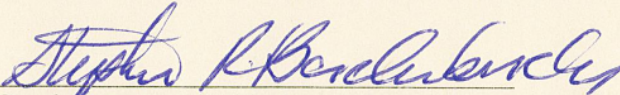
A motion was made at 7:30pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to go into Executive session to discuss contracts with Tammy Hicks to remain. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made at 7:56pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to continue in Open session. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to authorize the Village Administrator and the Mayor to terminate with cause the contract with the Thrasher Group for the Sewer Outfall Project according to a 30-day written notice of substantial failures by either party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof throughout the fault of the terminating party. Roll call 5 yes.

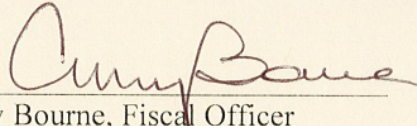
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 yes.

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