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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 11, 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. Several were in attendance to witness the swearing in of Mayor elect Jessie Tubbs, Councilman Jason Hursey and Councilman Adam Fisher.

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

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving several Christmas cards. A letter from W.E. Quicksaw dated December 1, 2023 was received alerting of a number of grant opportunities. A letter from Columbia Gas dated November 21, 2023 was received explaining the possible rate increase for the Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider for February 2024.

Citizens' comments: None

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: See attached. Chief Gould requested approval to add Josh Finton to the fire department. He is a local resident on 4th St. has completed background check. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the addition of Josh Finton to the fire department. Roll call 6 yes.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2023-55 regarding dilapidated structures is updated to remove old "600" codes and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-56 is to establish the 2024 pay and benefit schedule for Village employees and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-57 is to establish the 2024 appropriations for expenses and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-58 regarding establishing rules and regulations for a photo traffic enforcement system in school zones will receive its second reading. Resolution 2023-59 authorizing the Mayor and Police Chief to sign documents with Blue Line Solutions for the photo traffic enforcement system will receive its second reading. Resolution 2023-60 will receive its first reading to add funds to the General fund for an emergency furnace purchase for the Police Department. Resolution 2023-61 will receive its first reading to reallocate money in the Sewer fund from the Admin department to

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the Collections department to cover additional expenses related to the cleaning of the aeration basins at the Wastewater Treatment plant. The November month end cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached. Chief Walters expressed appreciation for the 4 1st grade classes at Ridgewood Elementary for their donations to the food pantry. Over 450 food items were donated and as well as \$450. There will be a write-up and a picture in the Beacon next week spotlighting the kids, Chief Walters and the donations.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, had nothing to report in open session but did request an Executive Session. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that there will be an executive session at the end of the Council meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that leaf pickup is complete for the year and residents may then bag the leaves and leave them on the curb strip for pick up. The trucks are now ready with the plows for snow removal. BZA met on December 4, 2023 to review variances requested for height of accessory buildings. The Buildings and Property committee met last week to discuss the results of the BZA meeting and changes to the building permit and ordinance. Hicks met with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Forestry expert last week. They toured the Village and he provided guidance on the best trees to plant in different areas throughout the Village as well as a lesson on tree maintenance. He is going to prepare a plan for the Village for potential areas to plant trees as well as review the Village ordinance regarding allowable trees that can be planted in the curb strip.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that immediately following the Council meeting that 2 new Council members as well as the Mayor elect will be sworn in and anyone wishing to remain is welcome. There will be an Executive session towards the end of the meeting and the visitors will be asked to leave and can wait in the Village Administration building.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported meeting on December 6, 2023 and discussed the variances that were granted by the BZA on December 4, 2023 for Shannon Lawrence and Bryan Carroll. There was also discussion about possibly changing the Building and Zoning codes to increase the height for accessory structures.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting this evening and discussed the legislation on the table to add funds and move funds in the Sewer fund. The November month end cash summary report was reviewed. The CD investments are doing very well. The real estate taxes didn't bring in as much as anticipated, however the income from the Municipal taxes was higher than projected. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the November month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

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Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on November 30, 2023. The playground at Waterworks Park is complete and ready to use and there is a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for the Spring. Lighting in the Waterworks Park will be the next project to work on over there. Hicks shared with the committee information regarding an outdoor fitness court for community wellness and they will be looking into it further. There was discussion about the Appalachian Community Grant Partnership with Jefferson County soil and water and building a trail around Plain Hill. Benches for the Waterworks Park are also being researched.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-55 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-26 TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE OR ANY UNSANITARY PREMISES OR NOXIOUS REAL ESTATE, PROVIDING FOR ERADICATION OF NUISANCES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Ordinance 2023-55. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-56 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2024 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-56. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-57 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 Third Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Ordinance 2023-57. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-58 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PHOTO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM WITHIN SCHOOL ZONES AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES Second Reading

2023-59 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS, LLC Second Reading

2023-60 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 Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2023-60. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2023-60. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-61 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2023-61. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Chaney and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Resolution 2023-61. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-
Community & Business-
Community Relations –
Fire Dependency Board-
Finance-
Ordinance-
Park Board-
Planning Commission –
Public Safety –
Public Works-
Records Retention –
Rules –
Tax Review Board –

Other Business:

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A motion was made at 7:27pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation with the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer remaining. Roll call 6 yes.

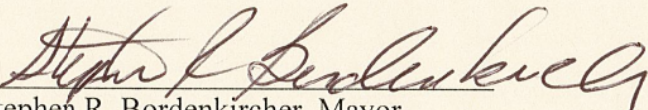
A motion was made at 8:02pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Adam Fisher to continue in Open Session. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

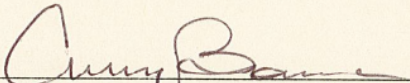
Councilwoman Christie Maurer shared information regarding the Ridgewood Basketball Boosters hosting the 2nd annual alumni game and chicken dinner on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 4:30pm. Chicken dinners are \$12 with carryout available. All proceeds will go to the Trevor Griffith Scholarship Fund. Call Emily if interested in purchasing a ticket at 740-294-2349.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 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



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: November 2023

Calls For Service	297
Reports Taken	26
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	14
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	39
Traffic Crashes	3
OVI Arrests	1
Warrant Arrests	2
Civil Paper Service	0
Fuel Used	\$ 737.27

Chief of Police Christopher Walters