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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on December 18, 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. Jason Hursey was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 11, 2023. Roll call 6 yes.

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

Citizens' comments: None

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Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2023-58 regarding establishing rules and regulations for a photo traffic enforcement system in school zones will receive its third and final 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 third and final reading. A request was made to pay any outstanding invoices through the end of December in order to close out 2023 since there will not be another meeting until January 8, 2024. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to pay any outstanding invoices through the end of December. Roll call 6 yes. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported on the issue with the appeal for the Wenck case. There was an expectation that a hearing schedule would be received for the filing of information and it was never received. Apparently the 5th District does not do that and Joel admitted it was his error in not understanding their process, stating that he did receive the notice for another appeal he has currently. Joel stated that there is still time to file an appeal, but after discussing with other attorneys, he feels it might be better to put it to rest since the property is being sold and the issue will be resolved with the new owners. Councilwoman Brittany Howell confirmed

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that the closing will be on January 15, 2024 and she is handling it and doesn't see any reason why it would not go through. The Village Administrator has a schedule set up with the new owners to have the issue abated within 6 months of ownership. There was no action taken, indicating that there is no wish to refile the appeal. Solicitor Blue sincerely apologized for his error.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that the first half of the sidewalks on Russell are complete. She did a walk through with the contractor, TR Snyder, today and things look well. They are expected to start work again in the Spring, hopefully by March to start the other end beginning at Fair St. to Plainfield Rd. If anyone has any questions or concerns at all, please contact the office. There will be a scoping meeting tomorrow with an ODOT representative and ADR, the consultant chosen for the Safe Routes to School/ODOT TAP grant sidewalk project, to begin discussing the preliminary designs. Construction will not begin until the end of 2025. The cleaning of the aeration basin is complete, which had not been done in a long time and was a large job. The diffusers are repaired, and everything is back online. They will be installing timers for the diffusers in an effort to reduce energy cost. Hicks thanked Councilman Bo Fortune and Mayor Bordenkircher for their service to the Village.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

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:

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-58. Roll call 5 yes, 1 no.

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

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2023-59. Roll call 5 yes, 1 no.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- January 8, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

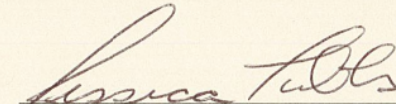
Tax Review Board –

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher presented Bo Fortune with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the Village on Council the past 8 years. Mayor Bordenkircher thanked everyone for the privilege of being able to serve as Mayor the past several years and wished the Village well for the future. He urged Council to keep up the good work and continue to do what is best for the Village residents. Councilman Bo Fortune commented that it has been a pleasure working with everyone and wished the Village a successful future.

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


A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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.



Jessie Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer