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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Jason Hursey, Brittany Howell, Adam Fisher, Tim Cheney and Christie Maurer were present. Police Chief Morgan Eckelberry, Abner King and Corey with Rumpke Trash were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 10, 2025. Roll call 5 yes. Councilman Tim Cheney abstained.

Village-wide Trash Bid Opening: Rumpke Trash was the only bid received. The \$25,000 bond was enclosed. Bids presented are as follows:

Option A – Subscribers provide their own trash containers:

- **Includes billing:** 2025-26 = \$22.62, 2026-27 = \$23.48, 2027-28 = \$24.37, 2028-29 = \$25.30
- **Does not include billing:** 2025-26 = \$21.50, 2026-27 = \$22.36, 2027-28 = \$23.25, 2028-29 = \$24.18

Option B – Contractor will provide the Subscriber with trash containers:

- **Includes billing:** 2025-26 = \$25.62, 2026-27 = \$26.48, 2027-28 = \$27.37, 2028-29 = \$28.30
- **Does not include billing:** 2025-26 = \$24.50, 2026-27 = \$25.36, 2027-28 = \$26.25, 2028-29 = \$27.18

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving a letter from a resident regarding the village-wide trash bids stating that they are very displeased with the service they have been receiving from Kimble.

Citizens' comments: None

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2025-05 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the village to sell a vacant lot located at the corner of Main and Orchard St. Ordinance 2025-06 will receive its third and final reading to regulate inoperable vehicles in the village. Updates were made to it from the prior meeting regarding abandoned vehicles. Resolution 2025-08 will receive its first reading authorizing the transfer of funds from Special Revenue Funds 250, 251 and 260 to Capital Improvement Funds 405, 406 and 407. The Special Revenue funds were created in error to account for grant funds to be received for the sewer outfall project and they should have been created as Capital Improvement funds per

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guidance from both the County and State Auditors offices. The three readings were requested to be waived in order to have the funds in place with the project beginning very soon and grant funds will be released. The 2024 Annual Financial Report has been completed and uploaded to the State Auditor's site and is available for review in the Administration office during normal business hours. A notice has been published in the Beacon. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: Chief Morgan Eckelberry requested Councils approval to hire Abner King as a full-time police officer for the village. King graduated from COTC in 2022 and has worked with Chief at the Sheriff's Office. He left the SO to finish college and earned his Associates degree in December. A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the hiring of Abner King as a full-time police officer for the village. Roll call 6 yes.

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

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported there will be a walk-through for the village-funded sidewalk project tomorrow. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 18th at 10am, sponsored by the Police Department. The police department has a desk that is falling apart and needs to be declared surplus and junk. A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to declare the desk surplus. Roll call 6 yes. Resolution 2025-10 will receive its first reading to authorize the Mayor to apply for an ODNR grant for a walking trail behind the baseball fields at Waterworks Park. OMEGA will be applying for the grant on behalf of the village. The deadline to apply for the grant is March 15th and the three required readings are requested to be waived.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported discussing remodeling to one of the street department buildings to supply heat for the purpose of storing a vac truck that may be obtained through the sewer outfall grant.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported We R WL will be meeting Wednesday at 6pm in Council Chambers. The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 18th at 10am at the football stadium. The Chamber of Commerce will be meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing the noise ordinance and determining it is not needed as the issues would fall under the Disturbing the Peace laws. Ordinance 2025-09 will receive its first reading regarding open burning in the village. Open burning needs to be

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contained in a fire ring or pit using clean fuel such as propane, clean wood or natural gas. The pit/ring should be placed on a surface that is not combustible. There must also be a method of extinguishment at the site. No burning in a pit/ring or other container at all during statewide burn bans. No trash or yard waste is permitted to be burned.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the resolution to apply for the ODNR grant is being presented this evening for hiking trails on Plain Hill and bathrooms.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported a Spectrum representative will be soliciting in the village soon. There was discussion regarding the benefits to having a village police department and the need to attract and retain police officers is very important. The proposed sidewalk routes were discussed. The General Expense levy was discussed and noted that over 60% of the Police department budget comes from the General Fund, which is funded by the levy on the ballot in the spring.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing the sewer outfall project, garbage bids, water for the splash pad and vending machines for the parks.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2025-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Ordinance 2025-05. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-06 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Ordinance 2025-06. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-08 A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 250, 251 AND 260 TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS 405, 406 AND 407, 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 2025-08. Roll call 6 yes.

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2025-08. Roll call 6 yes.

2025-09 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OPEN BURNING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO First Reading

2025-10 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE OHIO RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION PURPOSES, AND ONCE THE GRANT OFFER IS RECEIVED, FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT CONTRACT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO 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 2025-10. Roll call 6 yes.

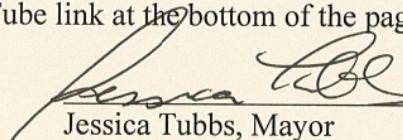
A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2025-10. Roll call 6 yes.

Other Business:

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

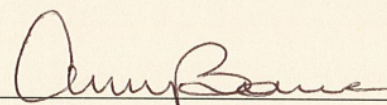
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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