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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Adam Fisher, Jason Hursey, Kenny Koch, Tyler Maple, Christie Maurer and Jacob Yoho were present. Police Chief Eckelberry, Fire Chief Gould and Todd Shroyer were also present.

A motion was made by Kenny Koch and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on January 12, 2026. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Kenny Koch to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on January 27, 2026. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

Mayor's Correspondence: None

Citizens' comments: None

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing items that the Fire Department wants to declare as surplus and sell to include a boat and trailer and a truck cap. A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Kenny Koch to declare surplus the boat, trailer and truck cap. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried. Fisher also reported that there is an upcoming court date for a nuisance property.

Community & Business Development: Chairman Kenny Koch reported discussing the curriculum for the Business Survivor series and that it would be ready to present at the next committee meeting.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the West Lafayette Historical Society meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5pm at the West Lafayette Museum. The museum is open to the public from 5-8pm on these meeting dates. The West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the West Lafayette Fire Station meeting room. We R WL has started their American Flag rental program with flags being \$30 each if paid before May 10th and \$35 after that date. Forms and payment can be made at the French Press Café or Haarman's Pallet Treasure. Proceeds are used to support local projects and activities. This past Saturday, the West Lafayette Homecoming Court hosted a quarter auction.

Community Revitalization: No report.

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Finance: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported reviewing the January end of month cash summary. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the January end of month cash summary. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing snow removal and parking on the streets.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing a parking ban during snow emergencies to help with cleaning the streets. Discussions were held regarding purchasing a snowplow for the side-by-side as well as maintenance issues with the snowplow and salt trucks due to aging equipment.

Public Works: Chairman Jason Hursey reported discussing NPS-IS grant to be used to address small scale water shed issues. It will open up doors to apply for federal funding. The Clean Ohio Trails grant was discussed to be used to create a path around the wetlands and attach to the school infrastructure, which could be turned into a park. There will be a call for Statement of Qualifications for new engineering projects. Progress of the sewer outfall project was discussed. The tree removal for the 2026 sidewalk project has begun. Letters were sent to all affected property owners last year and this year to give them the opportunity to address the sidewalk themselves and keep their trees.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: Chairman Tyler Maple reported discussing training deadlines for Council members to include Fraud Training due 1/31/2026, Public Records/Sunshine Laws due March 31, 2026, Harassment/Discrimination due 2/13/2026 and the Training Seminar/Ethics is scheduled for February 21, 2026 in Columbus.

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached 2025 Annual report and January 2026 report. Chief Gould reported applying for Fire Marshalls Equipment grant that will be out in the next month or so for new bottles and masks totaling \$67,517. The current equipment is currently at or beyond end of life and needs to be replaced. The northwest corner of the fire station by the door has sunk due to an underground down spout and there is a big crack above the door. Estimates are being gathered. There are still ongoing discussions with Diversified regarding design plans for a new building.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported Resolution 2026-03 will receive its third and final reading to permit the village to use GovDeals to sell obsolete and surplus items in the village. This is an annual ordinance that needs passed and is then posted in the Beacon for 2

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weeks to announce to the public. Resolution 2026-05 will receive its third and final reading to appoint James Skelton as the non-paid assistant to Solicitor Joel Blue. Resolution 2026-08 will receive its second reading authorizing the Mayor to apply for the next round of Safe Routes to Schools sidewalks. Resolution 2026-09 will receive its second reading authorizing the Mayor to apply for the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant. Resolution 2026-10 will receive its first reading with updates to the village credit card policy. Updates made included names of those employees authorized to use the village fuel cards. The January end of month cash summary and reports were discussed in the Finance committee. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: See attached.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue had nothing to report until the Executive Session.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Resolution 2026-11 will receive its first reading authorizing the Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer and Environmental Design Group to apply to the Great lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities grant for Phase II of the GIS mapping and surveying inside the village with sanitary sewer mapping this time.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2026-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D) Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2026-03. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

2026-05 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES SKELTON AS A NON-PAID ASSISTANT AUTHORIZED TO PROSECUTE, LITIGATE, NEGOTIATE, ADVISE, AND RESOLVE CRIMINAL CASES FILED UNDER VILLAGE ORDINANCES Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2026-05. Roll call 4 yes and 2 no. Motion carried.

2026-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM Second Reading/Emergency

2026-09 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, FOR THE CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND, (COTF), AND ONCE THE GRANT

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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 Second Reading/Emergency

2026-10 A RESOLUTION REGARDING CREDIT CARD USE First Reading

2026-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, FISCAL OFFICER AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT MAKING PROGRAM PHASE II First Reading

Other Business: None

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Kenny Koch to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

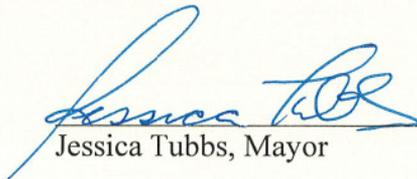
Todd Shroyer with Coshocton County EMS spoke to say that he will be retiring in June 30, 2026. Joe Hunt will be replacing him and Todd will bring him by in the near future to introduce him.

A motion was made at 7:22 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss discipline/dismissal of personnel with the Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Police Chief and Solicitor to remain. Roll call 5 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:56 p.m. to continue in Open Session. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried. There was no action taken.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call 6 yes. Motion carried.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be viewed by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the Facebook link at the bottom of the page under CONTACTS.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer