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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on January 12, 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. Chief Eckelberry and Chief Gould 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 December 15, 2025. Roll call 4 yes. Councilman Kenny Koch abstained.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the special council meeting held on January 5, 2026. Roll call 6 yes.

**Council Organization for 2026 and Committee Assignments:** Council members were provided with the Council Rules and Rules to the Media prior to the meeting for review.

President Pro Tem will fill the spot of Mayor in the Mayor's absence. Councilman Kenny Koch nominated Jason Hursey for President Pro Tem for 2026. No other nominations were received. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Tyler Maple to approve Jason Hursey as the 2026 President Pro Tem. Roll call 6 yes.

Council Committees and Chairs were presented. See attached.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to approve the Council Rules for 2026. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the Rules of Notice to the Media for 2026. Roll call 6 yes.

**Mayor's Correspondence:** Mayor Tubbs reported receiving no correspondence.

**Citizens' comments:** None

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing a property on Main St. that has debris that needs addressed as well as a property on 4<sup>th</sup> St. that has issues to be addressed.

**Community & Business Development:** No report.

**Community Relations:** No report.

**Community Revitalization:** No report. There will be a meeting on January 15, 2026 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.

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

**Fire Dependency Board:** No report. A meeting will be held January 14, 2026 at 5:00pm at the Fire Station.

**Ordinance:** No report.

**Park Board:** No report.

**Planning Commission:** No report.

**Public Safety:** Chairman Adam Fisher reported having issues with people parking on or obstructing the sidewalks. Residents are reminded that they are NOT to park on or obstruct sidewalks in any way and must keep in mind that a wheelchair must be able to pass through. Parking spots on Oak St. next to the old Village Market were discussed regarding possibly changing them to parallel parking spots.

**Public Works:** Village Administrator, Tammy Hicks reported that the village was awarded an OPWC grant for drainage on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> streets to place catch basins for stormwater flooding. \$284,000 in grant and \$147,000 in loan was received. That project is expected to start late this year or in the spring of 2027. The village was also awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$186,000 to fix a storm and sanitary sewer line on the east end of Main St. to reroute the stormwater. The current sewer outfall is moving along very well. The 2026 Sidewalk Project was awarded and preliminary work should begin next month or so. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next week.

**Records Retention:** No report.

**Rules:** No report.

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** See attached. Chief Gould reported still working with Diversified on specs for the new building and that he should have more information in the next couple of weeks. He stated that the Association should have the money to cover the expense.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported reviewing the December end of month reports. End of month reporting is in process and the 2026 budget is in place and ready for expenditures. Due to 2026 budget appropriations being put in place based off of the tax budget, there were several things that changed by the end of 2025 that need to be added to the 2026 budget. Resolution 2026-04 will receive its first reading to add funds. The Sewer Outfall was expected to be completed in 2025 but is still ongoing and the remaining funds need to be appropriated for the grant and loans funds to be received in the HB168 fund, ARC fund, OPWC fund and OWDA loan fund. In the General Fund, \$3,000 is needed to purchase new computers

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for the cruisers, which are currently outdated. The loan payment for the police cruiser needs added in the 103 fund for roughly \$7,300. In the 265 ARC Ready grant fund, the \$50,000 advance back to the General Fund needs appropriated for when the village receives that reimbursement grant funding. In the Sewer fund \$1,365 needs added for an OPWC loan payment. A request was made to waive the three readings and pass the resolution immediately in order to pay invoices in a timely manner, especially outstanding invoices for the sewer outfall project. Ordinance 2026-01 will receive its third and final reading regarding animals in the village. Resolution 2026-03 will receive its first 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 weeks to announce to the public. Resolution 2026-05 will receive its first reading to appoint James Skelton as the non-paid assistant to Solicitor Joel Blue.

**Police:** See attached.

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Joel Blue reported that Skelton works for the City of Coshocton and is in the courthouse several times each week as the Law Director. He has agreed to take the village criminal cases, and he will not be charging the village. Whenever he files a case and it is successfully prosecuted and there is a fine, if the case is filed under the local village ordinance, the village will receive the fine money. It will also avoid Joel's expense to try the cases and save the village money.

**Village Administrator:** Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported her topics in the Public Works committee report.

### **Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:**

#### **2026-01 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH** Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to adopt Ordinance 2026-01. Roll call 5 yes, 1 no.

#### **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)** First Reading

#### **2026-04 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2025-63, ADDING FUNDS** First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2026-04. Roll call 5 yes. Councilman Kenny Koch abstained.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Resolution 2026-04. Roll call 4 yes and 1 no. Councilman Kenny Koch abstained.

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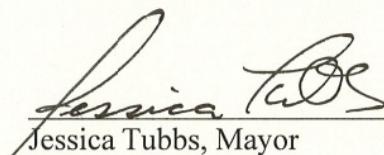
Discussion was held regarding the voting outcome of Resolution 2026-04 stating that it did not pass, therefore, bills could not be paid. Councilman Koch requested it be tabled until the next meeting so that he could review the ORC and have a better understanding of the resolution rather than voting yes on something not understood. Solicitor Joel Blue recommended holding an emergency meeting when Koch is prepared to vote. Mayor Tubbs commented that Council members are paid extra for attending Emergency meetings. It was proposed to reach out to the sewer outfall contractors to explain the delay in payment and revisit at the next council meeting.

### **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** First Reading

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

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Kenny Koch interjected before adjourning to hand out packets regarding the sidewalk projects and the trees for the council members to review prior to the next committee meeting. The packet gives information regarding funding opportunities for the trees. Roll Call to adjourn 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be viewed by visiting [www.westlafayettevillage.com](http://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

# West Lafayette Fire Department Monthly Report (December 2025)



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: December 2025

Calls For Service	1,420
Reports Taken	22
Follow Ups	23
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	5
Juvenile Arrests	2
Traffic Stops	48
Citations Issued	6
Traffic Accidents	4
OVI Arrests	1
Warrant Arrests	1
Civil Paper Service	6
Fuel Used	\$ 925.44

*Chief of Police Morgan E. Eckelberry*