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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on July 10, 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. Also in attendance were Dan and Kelly Erb on behalf of Jones Metal and Tyler Maple.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 26, 2023. Roll call 6 yes.

Proclamation: Jones Metal – See attached. Dan and Kelly Erb presented gifts of “Jones Ware 100 years” cups to all Council members. Mayor Bordenkircher commended them for 100 years of business.

Mayor’s Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter dated July 5, 2023 from W.E. Quicksaw advising on the listing of grant applications are open for submission, which the Village was awarded \$1.3 million for sidewalk replacement.

Citizens’ comments: None

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

Passcode: 571265

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2023-37 will receive its first reading with a proposed sewer rate increase of 10% and the addition of a \$100 processing fee for delinquent accounts sent to the County Auditor for property tax to be assessed. The new rates will be effective with the October 2023 billing. The Ordinance and Public Works committees will share more in their committee reports. The June end of month cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening as well as the 2024 Tax Budget. Quotes for proposed electric rates and terms were presented on behalf of IGS. The Village current rate is .0442 with the term expiring September 2024. With the rising electric costs, it was suggested that the Village take advantage of a “Blend and Extend” option to leverage our current contracted low rate with the actual current rates. The recommendation is to lock in a 34-month term at .05410. Should the Village wait until the current contract expires in October 2024, the projected rate at that time will be .06080. No further discussion. A motion

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was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to authorize the Fiscal Officer to lock in the electric rate for 34-months at the .05410 rate. Roll call 6 yes. Bourne reported she will be on vacation next week. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached.

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

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks is on vacation and was not present. Her report was read by Mayor Bordenkircher as follows. MJ Excavating is currently paving the sections where they put in the storm sewer system on Oak St., but this is not the finished product. They will do the final paving when the whole project is complete on Oak St. They will be extending the system down Oak and adding new drains on 6th & 7th streets. Hicks will be meeting with Verdantas, the engineers for the Russell Ave. sidewalks, to review the plans next week. The Sewer Outfall plans are complete and will be ready to advertise for bid the middle of this month, with construction tentatively planned for October. The contractors working on the parking lots for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant will begin their prep work soon, and as a reminder, the Main St. parking lot will have to be closed during this time. The first meeting with ODOT for the TAP and SRTS (Safe Routes to School) planning will be August 1, 2023. The money for this project won't be released until 2026. The Summer Work Program is going well. They have been cleaning and painting and sprucing up around the Village. Councilman Bo Fortune inquired if Hicks has reached out to the Main St. residents to make them aware of the parking lot construction. Councilwoman Brittany Howell inquired about an update on the walking trail project. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that the meetings have just begun and it will most likely be Fall before there is any movement.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman, Brittany Howell, reported meeting today, July 10, 2023 at 6:00pm and reviewed the June end of month cash summary as well as discussed the 2024 tax budget, which will be tight. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the June end of month cash summary. Roll call 6 yes. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the 2024 tax budget as presented and the Fiscal Officer to submit to the County Auditor. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman, Bo Fortune reported meeting on July 6, 2023 to discuss the sewer rate ordinance due to the sewer infrastructure issues.

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Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: Chairman, Rich Wheeler, reported meeting jointly with the Ordinance committee on July 6, 2023 to discuss sewer rates for the next year, financial difficulties as well as sewer infrastructure issues and updates on projects.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-37 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES, AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business- July 17, 2023 at 6:30pm

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-.

Finance-

Ordinance-

Park Board- July 17, 2023 at 6:00pm

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

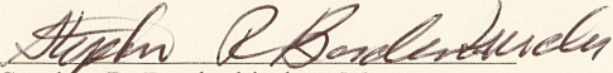
Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported giving an update on the Village on the WTNS talk show last week. The current projects and grants were discussed. WTNS is also going to do an article as well. Mayor Bordenkircher stated that this is one of the busiest years since he has been involved in Council with the \$3.4 million sewer outfall project, \$1.4 million for the TAP/SRTS sidewalk project, Oak St. addition of storm sewer lines as well as other critical infrastructure projects.

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

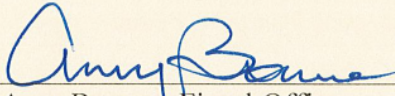
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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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

Proclamation

By Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher

West Lafayette, Ohio

A Proclamation Commemorating Jones Metal Products

WHEREAS: The Village of West Lafayette, Ohio wishes to recognize the accomplishments of Jones Metal Products; and

WHEREAS: The Village of West Lafayette, Ohio recognizes the important role that Jones Metal Products has played in the success of the Village; and

WHEREAS: Jones Metal Products is celebrating 100 years of creative problem solving; and

WHEREAS: The Jones Metal Products has provided employment for many residents of the Village and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS: According to U.S. Census Bureau reports, only about a half a percent (0.5%) of all companies have what it takes to last 100 years; and

WHEREAS: Jones Metal Products continues to make quality products and support this community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of July 10, 2023, as:

JONES METAL PRODUCTS COMMEMORATION WEEK

in the Village of West Lafayette and I call this observance to the attention of all Village citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, to be affixed this 10th day of July 2023.



Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor



June 2023 Fire Report

Incident Type;	Fire		
	111 Building Fire		1
	131 Vehicle Fire		1
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Incidents		
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries		2
	324 Motor Vehicle Accident No Injuries		2
	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
	Service Call		
	531 Smoke or Odor Removal		1
	551 Assist Agency		1
	Good Intent Call		
	611 Dispatched & Canceled En-Route		1
	False Call		
	735 Alarm System Malfunction		1
	745 Unintentional Alarm Activation		1

		June	Year-to-Date
Call History;	Total	11	93
	Last Year	24	106

Location of Incidents;

	June	Year-to-Date
Village of West Lafayette	0	13
Lafayette Township	8	28
Linton	0	10
Oxford	0	13
White Eyes	1	13
Out of District	2	16

Activity;	Type	Firefighters	Hours
	Emergency Calls	70	42.5
	Meetings	12	24
	Tools & Small Engines	6	12
	Vehicle maintenance	15	30
	SCBA Maintenance	8	16
	Training	36	80
	Total Hours		204.5

Payroll;

November 2022	\$1,430.00
December 2022	\$1,480.00
January 2023	\$860.00
February 2023	\$610.00
March 2023	\$1,100.00
April	\$1,030.00
May	\$1,490.00
June	\$700.00

Payroll YTD **\$8,700.00**

Fire Loss;	June 2023	\$16,000.00
	Year-to-Date	\$146,550.00
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$12,200.00



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: June 2023

Calls For Service	172
Reports Taken	28
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	8
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	43
Traffic Crashes	7
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	0
Fuel Used	\$ 878.93

Chief of Police Christopher Walters