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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Tim Cheney, Adam Fisher, Christie Maurer and Jason Hursey were present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 10, 2024. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving a letter from Kevin Wright stating that he would be willing to pay for the deed and title search and the lot that the Village owns at the end of West Wood, which is property that had has been maintaining for several years. This will be discussed more at a later date.

Citizens' comments: No comments.

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Resolution 2024-22 is to add funds to the General Fund to purchase chemicals for mosquito spraying and police department community events from donations received. Money is also needed in the 910 Unclaimed Funds fund in order to move money to the General Fund for funds that have not been claimed in 5 years. This will receive its first reading and be requested that the 3 required readings be waived and passed this evening. Resolution 2024-25 will receive its first reading and is to approve the return of property to the Ridgewood Local Schools that was once used for a community swimming pool. Ordinance 2024-26 will receive its first reading and is to authorize the annexation of the Wetlands property owned by the Village. The three required readings will be requested to be waived. In the Finance committee meeting, the draft tax budget was reviewed and the final copy will be ready to present at the next finance meeting on July 8th. There will also be a Public Hearing for anyone that would like to review the tax budget on July 8th at 6:45pm. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

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Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported preparing the paperwork and resolution for the Wetlands annexation. He also attended the annexation public meeting.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported the property code violation updates on ones that have been completed and those that will have preliminary citations issued. The Russell Avenue sidewalk walk through was completed and overall, the contractor did an excellent job. There are a few issues that will be addressed, the main being that the grass is not growing back well in some areas. A meeting was held with the Environmental Design Group which is the engineer selected from the Statements of Qualifications received to work on a plan for several projects in the Village. There will be another sidewalk project starting soon that will be paid for with the village income tax money received that will cover Main St., Wall St., Oak St. and a walking path. The advertisements have been placed for the SOQ's to select an engineer and are due July 8th by 4pm. The bids for the sewer outfall project were supposed to close on Friday, June 21st, but were extended to June 26th at 11am in hopes of receiving a bid. The Wastewater Treatment plant is still making preparations for the project to start. The Street department has been cleaning and painting the curbs, filling potholes. The village was sprayed for mosquitos last week. Residents are asked to limit the standing water on properties, high grass and weeds, trash, bags of cans, and tires as they are prime breeding areas for mosquitoes. Tammy announced that the village was awarded 2 grants from the Coshocton Foundation. One grant was awarded for a total of \$40,000 for a splash pad with \$20,000 coming from the Janet Jones Mulligan Aquatic Fund and \$20,000 from the Ed Mulligan Memorial Fund. The second grant was awarded for \$4,000 for the flashing stop signs to be placed at Main and Kirk Streets.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported a new bakery will be opening Tuesday at 6:00am.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that We R WL would like to ask for donations from Coshocton Materials to compliment the grants received for the splash pad. Thank you to the West Lafayette Fire department, Police Department, Coshocton water department, French Press Café, Dollar General, Darin Welker and Ridgewood Local Schools for helping kids cool off on a couple of hot days by opening a fire hydrant and using the fire truck hoses to spray the kids. The First Responders Block Party will be Saturday from 4-7pm.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting and reviewing the draft copy of the tax budget that is due to the County Auditor's office in July.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

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Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that 2 dog stations have been sponsored.

Planning Commission: Local Chairman Jason Hursey reported having an Annexation Public Meeting to gauge residents' interest in annexation along with the Wetlands. There was not much interest from the residents in attendance.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2024-22 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2023-57, 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 2024-22. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2024-22. Roll call 6 yes.

2024-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PROPERTY TO THE RIDGEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT First Reading

2024-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF WETLANDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2024-26. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Brittany Howell to adopt Ordinance 2024-26. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Fire Dependency Board-

Planning Commission (Local) –

Records Retention –

Revitalization –

Tax Review Board –

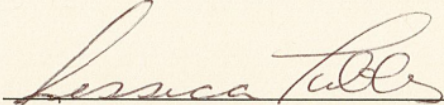
Other Business:

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

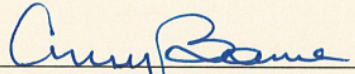
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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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.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest: 

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer