

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on March 10, 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. Fire Chief Damon Gould, Officer Bishop, Corey with Rumpke Trash, representatives from Kimble and several village residents were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 24, 2025. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving two emails from residents against village-wide trash, 1 phone call against village-wide trash, 4 Facebook questions about village-wide trash, 2 face-to-face conversations regarding village-wide trash which ended in favor of village-wide trash, 4 other communications in favor of Rumpke or anyone other than Kimble for trash services. An email was received from Kimble regarding the Village awarding an exclusive trash contract to Rumpke at the next council meeting and taking away residents right to choose a trash service provider. Kimble strongly suggested the residents to attend the meeting and voice their opinion.

Citizens' comments: Shana and Jerry from Kimble spoke stating some facts about the service currently being provided to residents and asked consideration to put the contract back out to bid. They stated that typically 3-4 haulers will bid and they would expect roughly 20% savings if it is rebid. Mr. Kimble also spoke to the difficulties that have been experienced in delivering service to the village over the past year. He also stressed that rebidding would save the village residents a considerable amount of money. Several residents spoke asking questions about the contract, and expressing opinions in favor and not in favor of the village-wide trash service. It was explained that should Council accept the bid and approve the contract, all village residents will be required to sign up with Rumpke for their trash service.

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached. Fire Chief Gould also reported that March 19th at 9:50am is a statewide fire drill. Over the past weekend was the time change, moving time up an hour. Chief Gould reminded residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. The trailer for the new 6x6 will be picked up this week.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2025-09 will receive its second reading regulating open burning in the village. The February end of month cash summary was presented to the finance committee. Preparation for the fiscal years 2023-2024 audit has begun and will be conducted by the auditor of state this year. Bills were passed for approval.

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Police: See attached.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported responding to citizens this evening regarding village wide trash. He also reported working on some contracts and an easement that will be presented this evening for approval.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks was not in attendance.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported discussing that advertisement for bids for the property located at Orchard and Main will begin on March 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th with the opening of the bids to be held on April 28th during the Council meeting. A citation was issued to residents at 216 E. Railroad Street for trash.

Community & Business Development: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that Rally Point Gaming has moved to the old Mint Ivy building with a Grand Opening Friday at 2pm. Lori's Heavenly Sweets will be opening soon at 101 W. Railroad St.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported We R WL met and discussed taking over the flower project from Rotary as well as other upcoming projects at Waterworks Park and other areas in the village. The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 18th at 10am at the football stadium.

Community Revitalization: Chairman Adam Fisher reported there will be a meeting on April 2, 2025 at 6pm.

Finance: Councilwoman Brittany Howell reported reviewing the February end of month cash summary. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to approve the February end of month cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported Ordinance 2025-12 will receive its first reading authorizing the Mayor and/or Village Administrator to sign contracts for the village-wide trash service.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported the dog waste stations have been delivered and will be installed soon. The splash pad location will be changed in order to be closer to the existing utilities, which will also cause a change to the soccer and restroom locations. A letter was received from the West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce regarding the fee for using Burt Park for the Homecoming in July, asking the fee to be waived since it is a community event. Councilman Hursey commented that there was discussion during committee meetings this evening. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the \$50 per day fee for 2025 for the use of Burt Park for the Homecoming. Roll call 4 yes, 2 no.

Planning Commission: No report.

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Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported discussing the conceal carry ordinance that was passed in 2018 for village officials. With the recent security precautions that have been put in place, such as a police officer at all council meetings, panic buttons, a security system at the Administration office as well as a video access system to the administration office coming soon, it has been decided that this ordinance is not necessary. Keeping the ordinance in place will cost the village a considerable amount of money for liability insurance to keep it in force. A new ordinance will be drafted to present to council to approve to abolish the 2018 ordinance.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing the village wide trash service bid and reviewed the Wastewater treatment plant monthly report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

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

2025-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 144 EAST WOOD AVENUE, WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, 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 Ordinance 2025-11. Roll call 5 yes. Councilwoman Brittany Howell abstained.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2025-11. Roll call 5 yes. Councilwoman Brittany Howell abstained.

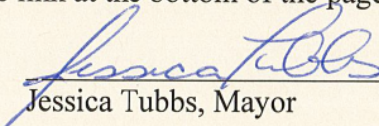
2025-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND/OR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE-WIDE TRASH SERVICE First Reading

Other Business: None

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 24, 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

West Lafayette Fire Department Report
February, 2025

Years (Date) 2025
Months (Date) Feb

District	Date	Type	Activity	Code	Incident Type	Sum of Hours	Sum of Loss
650, Lafayette TWP	2/12/2025	Response Call	25-00027	111	Building Fire	14.10	\$100,000.00
	2/28/2025	Response Call	25-00035	671	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	4.20	
651, Lafayette TWP	2/13/2025	Response Call	25-00028	324	Motor Vehicle Accident With No Injuries	14.70	
	2/27/2025	Response Call	25-00034	311	Medical Assist, Assist EMS	0.73	
659, Village of West Lafayette	2/7/2025	Response Call	25-00025	412	Gas Leak (Natural Gas or LPG)	1.20	
660, Oxford TWP	2/12/2025	Response Call	25-00026	311	Medical Assist, Assist EMS	1.85	
	2/16/2025	Response Call	25-00030	611	Dispatched & Canceled En Route	1.08	
661, Oxford TWP	2/2/2025	Response Call	25-00022	324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2.20	
	2/18/2025	Response Call	25-00031	622	No Incident Found	3.25	
671, Linton TWP	2/2/2025	Response Call	25-00023	324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3.00	
Out Of District	2/14/2025	Response Call	25-00029	611	Dispatched & Canceled En Route	1.83	
	2/25/2025	Response Call	25-00032	111	Building Fire	8.20	
	2/27/2025	Response Call	25-00033	111	Building Fire	15.40	
Grand Total						71.75	\$100,000.00

February 2025: 13

Year-To-Date: 34

February 2025 Loss: \$100,000.00

Year-To-Date Loss: \$281,000.00

February 2024: 19

Year-To-Date 2024: 42

February 2024 Loss: \$6,000.00

Year-To-Date Loss 2024: \$6,500.00

Township		Monthly Activities	FF Count	Hours
1	5	Emergency Calls	73	71.75
4	9	Meetings	2	4
4	11	Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	12	24
1	2	In Person Training	15	30
0	3	On-Line Training	20	20
3	4	Special Detail	0	0
13	34	Totals	122	149.75

Per Call Payroll	Training Payroll
November-24	Total
	\$1,845.00
December-24	\$45.00
	\$1,008.00
January-25	\$0.00
	\$1,632.00
February-25	\$0.00
	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$120.00
	\$5,436.00



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: February 2025

Calls For Service	674
Reports Taken	31
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	62
Citations Issued	11
Traffic Crashes	2
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	0
Fuel Used	\$ 919.14

Chief of Police Morgan E. Eckelberry