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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on May 22, 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.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 8, 2023. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: None

Citizens' comments: None

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2023-22 regarding junk motor vehicles will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-23 was updated to add wording regarding solar panels and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-25 is to amend the Ohio Basic Code Ordinance 2023-07 that was passed earlier in the year to adopt the Ohio Basic Code. The Ordinance Committee met to review the list of ordinances contained and several more were added and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-26 regarding dilapidated structures was updated to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023 27 regarding free standing outdoor furnaces was updated to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-28 is an update to ordinance 2010-48 regarding curfews in the Village and will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-29 is to update ordinances regarding animals in the Village. Village Solicitor Joel Blue made some additions, and it will receive its third and final reading. Ordinance 2023-33 regarding sexually oriented businesses in the Village was updated to remove the old code of ordinances references and will receive its first reading. The three required readings will be requested to be waived in order to pass the ordinance this evening. Resolution 2023-33 is to approve a "Then & Now" purchase order for Agri-Sludge in the amount of \$3,504.50 to cover the remainder of the belt pressing done. The blanket purchase order created at the beginning of

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the year was underestimated. An invitation to attend the annual Regional Council of Governments meeting for RITA was received and either the Delegate or Alternate Delegate needs to attend. Currently, Mayor Bordenkircher is listed as the Alternate Delegate, but no one is listed as the Delegate. Bourne has registered to attend the upcoming meeting on June 15, 2023 in Brecksville, but is not one of the appointed delegates. Mayor Bordenkircher recommended to Council that Amy Bourne be appointed as the Delegate for the Village since she deals with the Village taxes on a daily basis and is the first contact for RITA. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to appoint Amy Bourne as the Delegate for the RITA Regional Council of Delegates. Roll call 6 yes. Bourne reported that the natural gas contract with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS) is set to expire at the end of May and has been working with Rick Peepers at IGS on a renewal contract. The rates are going to increase quite a bit, from our current rate of \$3.75 and the lowest rate offered is \$5.41. Village residents are currently paying \$5.65 if they are signed up under the Village aggregation. Rick Peepers is recommending that the Village sign up for the 3-year term at \$5.99 due to the volatility of the market. Should the rates drop drastically before the end of the 3-year term, he stated that they can look to do a "blend and extend" to blend our current rate with the new lower rate. Bourne also asked Peepers to evaluate the Village's current electric contract that does not expire until September 2024, wondering if the prices are going to spike, should we look at locking in a current lower rate now or wait until it expires. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to lock in the natural gas supply rate for a 36-month term at the \$5.99 offered by IGS. Roll call 6 yes. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported the Shurtz settlement has been processed and completed.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that the Street Department put up the flags on Main St. today. The potholes will be patched this week and going into next week. The Wastewater Department will be replacing pumps tomorrow in the Morning Glory lift station and Zemba will be here to clean out the wet wells at the lift stations as well as cut through tree roots that are plugging a main sanitary sewer line. The sidewalks on Russell to Fair Street are almost complete. The curb ramps were not installed properly, and the contractor will be returning to correct them. The remainder of the sidewalks on Russell will be completed later this year. The funding for the recent sidewalk projects comes from the income tax levy that the voters approved several years ago to use for improvements to streets, sidewalks, alleys and curbs. Residents are reminded not to blow cut grass into the streets and alleys. There is still a burn ban in the Village from 6am to 6pm. Burning trash is not allowed inside the Village limits. The only fire that is allowed is a small cooking fire. Grass and weeds must be kept below 7" in height. There were 7 high grass and weed notices posted last week. The City of Coshocton did start flushing hydrants today with the reservoir on the North side of town and will finish the hydrants on the North side before moving to the South side. If residents experience any issues with water during this time, they are encouraged to contact the City of Coshocton Water department. The second part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant was awarded to Melway Paving that will consist of the parking lot on Main St., the two parking lots at the Waterworks ballpark, the picnic pavilion at the ballpark and a new handicap accessible

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ramp at the Village Administration building. There is no expected date for this work to begin yet.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported meeting on May 15, 2023 and discussed properties located at 425 Main St., 212 Main St., 110 Main St. and 405 Main St. and instructed the Village Administrator to issue citations.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting on May 11, 2023 and discussed Ordinance 2023-25 regarding the Ohio Basic Code and the ordinances listed within that are kept in force. He noted that several more were added and that they also reviewed changes made by the Village Solicitor to Ordinance 2023-29 regarding animals.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported meeting on May 15, 2023 and discussed several issues with the sewer system.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-22 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING BOATS AND MOTOR HOMES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2023-22. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-47, THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-23. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2023-25. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-18 TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE OR ANY UNSANITARY PREMISES OR NOXIOUS REAL ESTATE, PROVIDING FOR ERADICATION OF NUISANCES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT Third Reading

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-26. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-27 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FREESTANDING OUTDOOR FURNACES Third Reading

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-27. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-28 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2010-48 REGARDING CURFEWS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2023-28. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-29 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 Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-29. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-32 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2023-32. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Ordinance 2023-32. Roll call 6 yes.

2023-33 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER 23268 TO AGRI-SLUDGE, INC A "THEN & NOW" PURCHASE ORDER First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2023-33. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2023-33. Roll call 6 yes.

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business- May 23, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- June 12, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

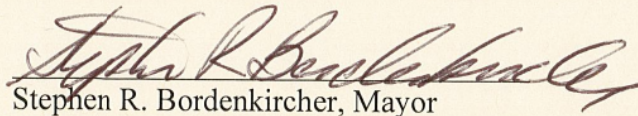
Tax Review Board –.

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be meeting in the Council Chambers tomorrow evening at 6:30pm. There will be two upcoming boot drives for the Homecoming fireworks on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of June from 10am-1pm.

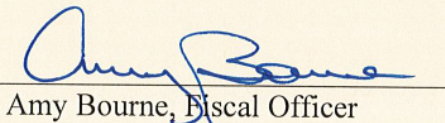
A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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