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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on October 23, 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, and Bo Fortune were present. Councilmen Tim Cheney and Adam Fisher were absent. Tim Cheney was absent due to medical issues. Adam Fisher was absent due to a work conflict. Tyler Maple was also present.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to excuse Councilman Tim Cheney for medical issues. Roll call 4 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Brittany Howell to excuse Councilman Adam Fisher for a work conflict. Roll call 4 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on October 9, 2023. Roll call 4 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving no correspondence.

Citizens' comments: Tyler Maple addressed Council to inform them that the West Lafayette Improvements Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00pm at the Burt Park picnic shelter and invited everyone to attend. They want to brainstorm ideas for Village improvements.

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

Passcode: 571265

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2023-51 authorizing the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Fire Chief to sign the 2024 fire contracts will receive its third and final reading. Resolution 2023-53 will receive its first reading to add funds to the Sewer fund in the amount of \$35,500 to cover the first OWDA loan installment for the Sewer Outfall project. Ordinance 2023-54 will receive its first reading with updates to the income tax code for the Village. From the passing of House Bill 33, there are required changes to the municipal income tax code to include wording to exempt income of those under the age of 18 years old, which is already part of the existing code. The Net Profit Allocation section was updated with wording that speaks to remote workers and their work

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location. The Net Profit Filing Extension Due Date was changed from October 15th to November 15th for net profits. Wording was added stating that RITA and the Village are not permitted to send any notices to taxpayers during their extension period. The Late Filing penalty has been changed from \$150 to a max of \$25 for each failure to file. There were Opt-In updates that are already in place and no updates were needed. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported he is still waiting on some items pending with the courts.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported looking into a communication system to be able to send information to Village residents quickly through phone, text or email messages. One company being researched offers only the mass communication while the other company includes website designs as well as the communication feature. A recommendation should be ready for the next Council meeting. Tree removal has begun on Russell Ave. The stumps and roots will also be removed. As a reminder, there will be no parking on the street from 7a-5p, Monday through Friday for the duration of the project. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated, and residents are encouraged to contact the Village Administrator with any questions or concerns at 740-545-5434. A copy of the letter to the residents affected on Russell Avenue that was sent out last week was included in Council packets for reference. The parking lot on Main St and the ones at Waterworks park may be paved this week with the warmer weather.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Village Trick-or-Treating will be on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5pm-7pm. The Chamber of Commerce Halloween party will also be from 2-4pm at the Middle School gym.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: Councilwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on October 23, 2023 to review the rules. Many of the committee members were not in attendance, so another meeting was scheduled for November 27, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

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Public Safety: Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting on October 19, 2023 to discuss traffic safety issues.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: Mayor Bordenkircher reported meeting on October 13, 2023 and reviewed and approved the list of items to dispose.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, FISCAL OFFICER AND FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN FIRE CONTRACTS Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to adopt Ordinance 2023-51. Roll call 4 yes.

2023-53 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2022-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

2023-54 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 First Reading

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board- November 27, 2023 at 5:30pm

Finance- November 13, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Ordinance- November 6, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

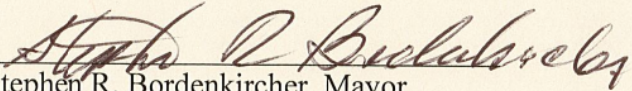
Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher had no other business to discuss. Councilwoman Christie Maurer reported that Precious Treasures will be having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 8-10am and a craft show from 9am-2pm.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Rich Wheeler to pay the bills. Roll call 4 yes.

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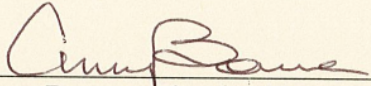
A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 4 yes.

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