

**RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No.: 2024-24**

**Passed: June 10, 2024**

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**A RESOLUTION STATING THE APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER MORGAN ECKELBERRY AND AUSTIN WHEELER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 737.16 of the Ohio Revised Code states that “[t]he mayor shall, when provided for by the legislative authority of a village, and subject to its confirmation, appoint all deputy marshals, police officers, night guards, and special police officers” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.03(A)); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 737.17 of the Ohio Revised Codes states that “[a]ll appointments made under sections 737.15 and 737.16 of the Revised Code shall be for a probationary period of six months' continuous service, and none shall be finally made until the appointee has satisfactorily served his probationary period” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.05(B)); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 737.17 of the Ohio Revised Code further states that “[a]t the end of the probationary period the mayor shall transmit to the legislative authority of the village a record of such employee's service with his recommendations thereon and he may, with the concurrence of the legislative authority, remove or finally appoint the employee” (see also Ohio Basic Code Section 34.05(B)); and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Morgan Eckelberry was rehired as a police officer on February 28, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Austin Wheeler was hired as a police officer on September 6, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Eckelberry and Officer Wheeler have satisfactorily served their probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, to the extent necessary, the Council for the Village of West Lafayette wishes to formally confirm the final appointment of Officer Eckelberry and Officer Wheeler.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of West Lafayette, a majority of all Council members concurring that:

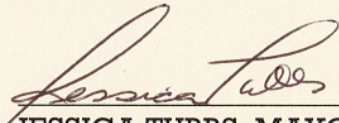
**Section 1.** Council finds that (a) Officer Eckelberry and Officer Wheeler have satisfactorily served their probationary period, (b) the Mayor has informed Council of the employees' service and recommended their final appointment and continued employment, and (c) Council concurs with the final appointment of Officer Eckelberry and Officer Wheeler, effective June 10, 2024.

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**Section 2.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, for the reason that this Resolution formally confirms the final appointment of the officers as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Basic Code procedures for final appointments of police personnel.

Passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of West Lafayette duly convened with a quorum present this 10th day of June, 2024.

  
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JESSICA TUBBS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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AMY BOURNE, FISCAL OFFICER