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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on April 8, 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. Police Chief Chris Walters, Fire Chief Damon Gould and State Representative Mark Hiner were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on March 25, 2024. Roll call 6 yes.

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

Citizens' comments: None

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Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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Department Reports:

Fire: See attached.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported Resolution 2024-14 will receive its second reading declaring it a necessity to place a renewal levy on the ballot this fall for general operational expenses. It is estimated that the 3-mil levy will bring in roughly \$65,000 and cost the residents roughly \$81.00 per \$100,000 appraised value of the property and will take effect with tax year 2025 to be paid in 2026. A reminder to residents that the filing deadline for village income taxes is April 15, 2024. Taxes can be filed online at www.ritaohio.com or paper forms can be picked up at the Administration office. The March end of month cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, had nothing to report.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that the Russell Avenue sidewalk project is going well and reminded residents that all of the affected tree lawns will be replanted around all of the sidewalks all at once when the concrete work is completed. Potholes throughout the village will be filled once the weather clears up. There is currently no authorized

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soliciting in the village. There have been reports of unauthorized soliciting happening in the village. Residents are encouraged to report the incident to the police department. The City of Coshocton has purchased a new mosquito sprayer and has generously donated their old sprayer to the village.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the Brickstone is full again with a new bakery coming soon in the corner space. Gwen's Guns & Goods is now open. Precious Treasures Daycare will be moving into the old Ridgewood General Store building on Main St. There is no news on the Quality Brake building. The Kirk St. property has been sold.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported the Community clean up will be April 20, 2024 from 9am-3pm. The We R WL group has signed papers for their 501c3.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting this evening and reviewed the March end of month cash summary. The Sewer fund is still in the red but improving. Over \$9,000 was received in the first quarter for the CD investments. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to approve the March month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey reported having discussions about revamping outdated ordinances regarding Burt Park use and rentals. There are new Park Use forms coming soon to include the new rental fees for each facility.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported that the restrooms at both Burt Park and Waterworks Park are now open for the season. The ribbon cutting at Waterworks Park will be on April 28th at 1pm. Work on the Waterworks walking trails has begun with volunteer work from the Natural Resources group from the Career Center. Trees have been planted at the Waterworks Park and signs are coming. More trees from Soil & Water will be in next week. The Waterworks Park pavilion will be available for reservation July through October. Discussion was held regarding adding a 60'x120' soccer field in the NW corner of Waterworks Park. Approval is needed from Council to do so as well as We R WL to fundraise for it.

Planning Commission: Local Chairman Jason Hursey reported that there will be a meeting with Clark Smith, the property owner of the 28 acres of S. Oak St that would like to be annexed, on Thursday with Fred Wachtel and the Coshocton County Planning Commission. More discussion was held regarding the 3 acres on SR 93 that is being auctioned and would like to be annexed.

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Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported the project with Blue Line for the traffic cameras has been cancelled. The EMS levy failed, and village residents should expect a delay in response time due to the West Lafayette squad potentially being called out to cover the city and leave the village short. More discussion was held regarding adding crosswalks in front of Circle K, Plainfield Rd at the Mills and in front of the French Press Café. The crossing at the Mills requires a hard landing area for the crosswalk and currently there is not any, so this addition may be postponed until the SRTS sidewalk project is in progress. The recent internet outage at the Village Administration building was discussed. The internet and phone lines were down for almost a whole week.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported that the Kirk Drain issue has received some attention from the County Commissioners and Engineer Fred Wachtel. The West Lafayette Mills are getting estimates to clean the drains and retention pond to help reduce the flooding in that area. The new drains at 6th & 7th at Oak St. carried water very well during the last storm. Tammy and Jessie met with OMEGA to update them on all of the infrastructure projects and park projects. OMEGA gave them many suggestions and ideas and are forming a plan to work with them on the outlined projects. An update was given on the Pearl Valley sewer line issues and another meeting with Pearl owners is being scheduled.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2024-14 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19(A) Second Reading

Committee Meetings:

Fire Dependency Board-

Planning Commission (County) – April 11, 2024

Records Retention –

Revitalization –

Tax Review Board –

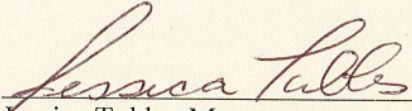
Other Business: Councilwoman Christie Maurer reported that the West Lafayette Rotary is doing the Lease a Flag program again this year. The cost is \$30 if received by May 15th and \$35 if received afterwards. Forms can be picked up at the West Lafayette Library, the Post Office, Rally Point Gaming, and the French Press Café. They will be installed on May 18th and May 25th.

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

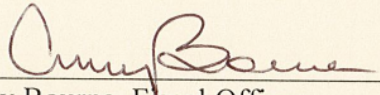
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

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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

Code	Date	Incident Type	Incident Number	District	Apparatus	Total Loss
111	3/16/2024	Building fire	240317-055541-WLVFD600 659, Village of West Lafayette	West Lafayette	5	\$500.00
142	3/26/2024	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	240402-132312-WLVFD600 661, Oxford Twp		6	\$0.00
143	3/22/2024	Grass fire	240324-102935-WLVFD600 650, Lafayette Twp		3	\$0.00
311	3/3/2024	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	240302-183419-WLVFD600 660, Oxford Twp		3	\$0.00
320	3/20/2024	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	240321-024749-WLVFD600 681, White Eyes Twp		2	\$0.00
322	3/29/2024	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	240402-130648-WLVFD600 651, Lafayette Twp		3	\$0.00
445	3/25/2024	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	240325-130411-WLVFD600 658, Special Box - Commons Apartment Complex		4	\$0.00
462	3/16/2024	Aircraft standby	240317-054720-WLVFD600 659, Village of West Lafayette		1	\$0.00
611	3/24/2024	Dispatched & canceled en route	240325-134618-WLVFD600 653, Lafayette Twp		1	\$0.00
622	3/4/2024	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	240307-101657-WLVFD600 650, Lafayette Twp		2	\$0.00
3/26/2024	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	240401-131510-WLVFD600 664, Special Box - Ravens Glenn & Unusual Junction		2	\$0.00	
651	3/13/2024	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	240317-064629-WLVFD600 653, Lafayette Twp		2	\$0.00

March 2024: 12
 Year-To-Date: 54
 March 2023: 16
 Year-To-Date 2023: 40
 March 2024 Loss: \$500.00
 Year-To-Date Loss: \$7,000.00
 March 2023 Loss: \$3,500.00
 Year-To-Date Loss 2023: \$50,000.00

Township	Emergency Calls	Meetings	Vehicle Maintenance	In Person Training	On-Line Training	Special Detail	Totals
Village of West Lafayette	76	14	14	14	35	28.67	42.73
Lafayette Township	14	14	16	13	34	2	155
Oxford Township	16	16	13	34	2	2	165.4
Linton Township	13	13	13	34	2	2	165.4
White Eyes Township	34	34	34	34	2	2	165.4
Out of District	2	2	2	2	2	2	165.4
Totals	155	155	155	155	155	155	165.4

Month	Per Call Payroll	Training Payroll	Total
November-23	\$1,210.00		\$1,210.00
December-23	\$770.00		\$770.00
January-24	\$1,896.00	\$190.00	\$2,086.00
February-24	\$1,812.00	\$40.00	\$1,852.00
March-24	\$1,059.00	\$75.00	\$1,134.00
April-24			\$0.00
May-24			\$0.00
June-24			\$0.00
July-24			\$0.00
August-24			\$0.00
September-24			\$0.00
October-24			\$0.00



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: March 2024

Calls For Service	618
Reports Taken	21
Felony Arrests	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	7
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	39
Traffic Crashes	4
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	4
Fuel Used	\$ 682.84

Chief of Police Christopher Walters