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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on February 13, 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, and Bo Fortune were present. Also in attendance were several Boy Scouts and leaders to observe the meeting as well as Ron Lusk and several of his family members.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on January 23, 2023. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving the resignation of Councilman Ron Lusk on February 2, 2023 due to his declining health after 27 years of service. A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to accept the resignation of Councilman Ron Lusk effective February 2, 2023. Roll call 5 yes. Mayor Bordenkircher requested that Ron Lusk come to the front, and he was presented with a Proclamation declaring February 13, 2023 as Ron Lusk Appreciation Day. See attached. Ron Lusk thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation for being able to be on Council for 27 years.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter dated January 23, 2023 from the Coshocton County Public Health District that including reports by department and is available for review.

Citizens' comments: Janet Wierzbicki with OMEGA shared information regarding the Safe Routes to School grant. There was a Public Meeting on February 13, 2023 prior to the Council meeting to share information about the SRTS and Transportation Alternatives Project. The Thrasher group was able to submit an application for the construction costs of the sidewalk improvements to ODOT TAP. Resolution 2023-08 will receive its first reading to authorize the Mayor to apply for the SRTS program through OMEGA for the non-construction costs of the sidewalk improvements with the estimated amount of \$290,000 as those costs are not covered under the ODOT TAP. Applications are due March 3, 2023.

Mayor Bordenkircher recognized the Boy Scouts in attendance and asked if there were any questions, which there were none.

Zoom Log-in

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Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

Passcode: 571265

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached.

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Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2023-05 regarding changes to the septage hauling will receive its second reading. Ordinance 2023-07 is to adopt the 2023 edition of the Ohio Basic Code and will be requested that the three readings be waived and pass the ordinance this evening. Resolution 2023-08 is to authorize the Mayor to sign the application for the Safe Routes to School application and will receive its first reading. Resolution 2023-09 is to update the list of authorized users for credit card use and will receive its first reading. Ordinance 2023-10 is to update various sections in the 2023 Pay and Benefit ordinance to reflect the Police Department change to 12-hour shifts and will receive its first reading. Ordinance 2023-11 is to update the Employee Handbook to reflect the changes to 12-hour shifts in the Police Department. The January end of month cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening. The 2023 Annual Financial report has been completed and submitted to the State Auditor and is available for review in the Village Administration office during normal business hours. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached. Chief Walters introduced Morgan Eckelberry as an applicant to fill the full-time vacancy in the Police Department. Eckelberry is a former police officer with the Village and is currently working with the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office and would like to return to the Village. Chief Walters read a letter from Eckelberry expressing his desire to work for the Village again, in a community he was born and raised and currently resides. Chief Walters requested Council's blessing to approve the hiring of Morgan Eckelberry as Captain with the Police Department to replace Tom Coutts. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the hiring of Morgan Eckelberry as Captain of the Police Department. Roll call 5 yes. Chief Walters noted Eckelberry has 18 years of prior service with the Village and requested that he be brought in at that pay scale. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Brittany Howell to bring on Morgan Eckelberry at the 18 years of service pay scale as Captain. Roll call 5 yes.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, had nothing to report in open session.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported issuing 18 preliminary citations, 3 have been corrected, 4 are in progress or have an action plan, 5 have not responded and 6 have not been received and will be turned over to the Solicitor for further action. Bids are currently being accepted for the Oak St. Storm Sewer project until Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 10:00am and will be opened at 10:01am at the County Commissioners office. Sealed bids are being accepted for the 1986 Pierce mini pumper until Friday, February 17, 2023 at noon and can be brought in to the Administration office during normal business hours or left in the black drop box on the front of the office. Hicks has scrap metal, miscellaneous fixtures, office furniture and supplies from the street garage remodeling that need to be declared surplus. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to declare surplus miscellaneous scrap metal and supplies. Roll call 5 yes.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

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Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting this evening on February 13, 2023 and reviewed the January month end cash summary, end of year 2022 reports are complete and discussed upcoming sewer projects. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve January end of month cash summary. Roll call 5 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PERMITTING AND REGULATING THE RECEIPT AND DISCHARGE OF APPROVED HAULED DOMESTIC AND/OR INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL SEPTAGE AND/OR WASTEWATER AT THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

2023-07 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 First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2023-07. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2023-07. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA)

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TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM First Reading/Emergency

2023-09 A RESOLUTION REGARDING CREDIT CARD USE First Reading/Emergency

2023-10 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2023 PAY AND BENEFIT SCHEDULE FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading

2023-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH First Reading

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations -

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance-

Ordinance-

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported that due to the resignation of Councilman Ron Lusk, Council has until March 4, 2023 to appoint a replacement for Lusk. If no appointment is made, the appointment will be made by Mayor Bordenkircher. There are currently no potential candidates. Applicants need to have been a resident of the Village for at least 1 year from February 2, 2023 in order to qualify.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

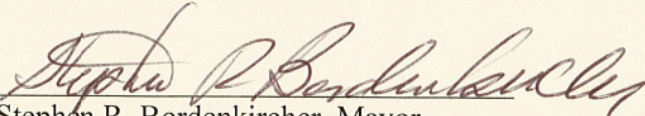
A motion was made at 7:35pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Brittany Howell to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and land acquisition with the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to remain. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made at 7:48pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to continue in open session. Roll call 5 yes. No action was taken.


A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 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.


Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:


Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer

Proclamation

By Mayor Stephen R. Bordenkircher

West Lafayette, Ohio

WHEREAS the Village of West Lafayette wishes to recognize the accomplishment of members of the community.

WHEREAS Ron Lusk has greatly contributed to the growth and success of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio.

WHEREAS Ron Lusk has given his time and talent as a Village Council member for 27 years and has supported the Village Fire Department, County Emergency Medical Service, as well as many other community organizations and projects.

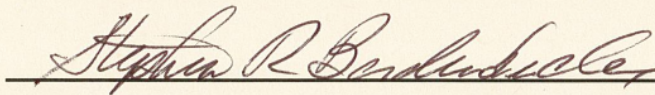
WHEREAS Ron Lusk has cared for his fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2023, as

RON LUSK APPRECIATION DAY

In the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the Village of West Lafayette, Ohio, on this 13th day of February, 2023.



Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor, Village of West Lafayette, Ohio



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: January 2023

Calls For Service	183
Reports Taken	20
Felony Arrests	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	5
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	33
Traffic Crashes	1
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	0
Fuel Used	\$929.14

Chief of Police Christopher Walters



January 2023 Fire Report

Incident Type;	Fire		
	111 Building Fire		1
	131 Passenger Vehicle Fire		1
	132 Freight Vehicle Fire		1
	154 Dumpster Fire		1
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Incidents		
	311 Medical Assistance		1
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries		1
	324 Motor Vehicle Accident No Injuries		2
	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
	Service Call		
	500 Service Call		1
	Good Intent Call		
	611 Dispatched & Canceled Enroute		2
	622 No incident Found		1
	False Call		
	736 Co Detector Malfunction		1
	Weather		
		January	Year-to-Date
Call History;	Total	14	14
	Last Year	15	15

Location of Incidents;

	January	Year-to-Date
Village of West Lafayette	2	2
Lafayette Township	6	6
Linton	1	1
Oxford	3	3
White Eyes	2	2
Out of District	0	0

Activity;	Type	Firefighters	Hours
	Emergency Calls	86	79.5
	Meetings	11	21
	Tools & Small Engines	6	13
	Vehicle maintenance	14	22
	SCBA Maintenance	6	18
	Training	27	36
	Total Hours		189.5

Payroll;

November 2022	\$1,430.00
December 2022	\$1,480.00
January 2023	\$860.00

Payroll YTD **\$3,770.00**

Fire Loss;	January 2023	\$36,500.00
	Year-to-Date	\$36,500.00
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$0.00