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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Jason Hursey, Tim Cheney, Brittany Howell, Adam Fisher and Christie Maurer were present. Police Chief Eckelberry and Fire Chief Gould were also present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 30, 2024. Roll call 6 yes.

Rules and committees were presented to Council for approval for 2025.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the Rules for Notification of Meetings to the Public and News Media. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the Council Rules for 2025. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Adam Fisher to approve the Committees as read. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Christie Maurer to nominate and appoint Rich Wheeler as Council President Pro Tem. No other nominations were made. Roll call 5 yes. Rich Wheeler abstained.

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

Citizens' comments: None

Department Reports:

Fire: See attached. Chief Damon Gould requested approval to add Morgan Eckelberry to the fire department. A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve the addition of Morgan Eckelberry to the fire department. Roll call 6 yes. Chief Gould stated he will be present at the next Ordinance committee meeting to present a draft ordinance for open burning. The new side by side will be here this week. The skid unit for it will be here around March. They will be selling the old side by side to Bakersville Fire department.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Resolution 2025-01 will receive its second reading authorizing the village administrator and fiscal officer to contract with Vic Allen to repair storm drains in the village. Resolution 2025-02 will receive its first reading authorizing the village to sell surplus items via internet auction for 2025. Resolution 2025-04 will receive its first reading declaring it a necessity to place a renewal levy on the ballot for village general expenses in the May election and will be requesting the three readings be waived to meet the filing deadline in February. The certificate from the auditors office stated that 3 mils effective

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2025, collected in 2026 estimating \$62 for every \$100,000 of the auditor's appraised property value. The December end of month cash summary was presented to the finance committee this evening. The General Fund had an increase in the carryover balance of roughly \$117,000, a 17% increase. The certificate of estimated resources was received back from the county auditor's office last week with approval to spend funds. An email was received from RITA explaining that 483 administrative subpoenas were sent out January 6th to village residents who did not respond to the 582 non-filing letters sent out last November. If residents need assistance with filing and payments, they can contact the office at 740-545-6541. A certified letter was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce Liquor Control stating the Dollar General is requesting a liquor license and it requires a response by the end of January from the village stating if a hearing is requested or not regarding the issuance of the license. Solicitor Joel Blue recommended that we do request a hearing where we can voice comments and opinions about the upkeep of the property with cutting grass and snow removal. A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Jason Hursey to request a hearing at the county seat for the Dollar General liquor license request. Roll call 6 yes. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: See attached.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported he will be attending the Dollar General hearing for the liquor license and had been answering questions for Tammy.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Resolution 2025-03 will receive its first reading authorizing the mayor and fiscal office to apply for funding to address severe flooding issues in the village working with Mayors Partnership for Progress using CT Consultants. Residents are asked to park off the street if possible when snow is expected to enable the streets to be plowed easier.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Chairman Tim Cheney reported having discussions about selling the vacant lot on Main St. and Orchard as well as items that need to be declared as surplus in order to sell or throw away as needed.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported the We R WL has a meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025 at 6pm with the location to be determined.

Community Revitalization: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported they will meet January 22, 2025 at 6pm and that Adam Fisher will be the new chairman for the committee.

Finance: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported meeting and reviewing the December end of month cash summary. A motion was made by Brittany Howell and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the December end of month cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

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Fire Dependency Board: Mayor Tubbs reported the committee met last month. Fiscal Officer Amy Bourne reported receiving notice to file the report with the 2025 board members.

Ordinance: Chairman Jason Hursey presented the revised inoperable motor vehicle ordinance for review.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: County Representative Rich Wheeler reported there will be a meeting next week.

Public Safety: Chairman Adam Fisher reported Morgan Eckelberry is in place as the new Police Chief. The new police vehicle has arrived and is waiting to be upfitted, which will not be done until early summer. Once the new vehicle is ready for the road, the Silverado will move to the Street department.

Public Works: Chairman Rich Wheeler reported discussing the Mayors Partnership ordinance for the stormwater study, funds for the splash pad water usage and the bid specs for the village-wide trash.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2025-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VIC ALLEN CONSTRUCTION, LLC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING STORM DRAINS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO Second Reading

2025-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D) First Reading

2025-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ADDRESS SEVERE FLOODING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-03. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2025-03. Roll call 6 yes.

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2025-04 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19(A) First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2025-04. Roll call 6 yes.

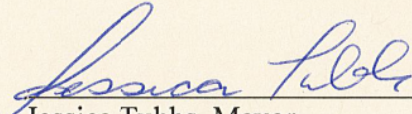
A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Resolution 2025-04. Roll call 6 yes.

Other Business:

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

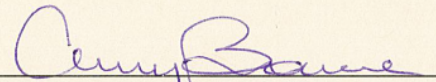
A motion was made by Adam Fisher and seconded by Christie Maurer to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: December 2024

Calls For Service	359
Reports Taken	12
Felony Arrests	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	6
Juvenile Arrests	0
Traffic Stops	39
Citations Issued	8
Traffic Crashes	1
OVI Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	0
Civil Paper Service	4
Fuel Used	\$ 944.61

Chief of Police Morgan E. Eckelberry

West Lafayette Fire Department Report December, 2024

District	Date	Type	Activity	Code	Incident Type	Values Sum of Hours	Sum of Loss
650, Lafayette TWP	12/8/2024	Response Call	24-00202		322 Motor Vehicle Accident With Injuries	1.93	
	12/16/2024	Response Call	24-00205		444 Power Line Down	5.00	
653, Lafayette TWP	12/13/2024	Response Call	24-00204		151 Outside Rubbish, Trash, or Waste Fire	5.20	
659, Village of West Lafayette	12/13/2024	Response Call	24-00203		622 No Incident Found	1.13	
	12/24/2024	Response Call	24-00207		622 No Incident Found	3.00	
	12/27/2024	Response Call	24-00209		622 No Incident Found	1.60	
	12/28/2024	Response Call	24-00210		322 Motor Vehicle Accident With Injuries	8.10	
660, Oxford TWP	12/6/2024	Response Call	24-00200		111 Building Fire	32.08	
	12/6/2024	Response Call	24-00201		111 Building Fire	9.22	\$89,160.00
	12/26/2024	Response Call	24-00211		622 No Incident Found	9.57	
Out Of District	12/22/2024	Response Call	24-00206		111 Building Fire	28.33	
663, Oxford TWP	12/2/2024	Response Call	24-00199		311 Medical Assist, Assist EMS	3.60	
680, White Eyes TWP	12/29/2024	Response Call	24-00212		611 Dispatched & Canceled En Route	0.83	
683, White Eyes TWP	12/30/2024	Response Call	24-00213		542 Animal Rescue	2.00	
Grand Total						111.60	\$89,160.00
December 2024: 14					Year-To-Date: 210		December 2024 Loss: \$89,160.00
					Year-To-Date Loss: \$232,770.00		
December 2023: 12					Year-To-Date 2023: 188		December 2023 Loss: \$4,000.00
							Year-To-Date Loss 2023: \$255,250.00
		Township	Monthly Activities		FF Count	Hours	
4	46	Village of West Lafayette	Emergency Calls		84	301.05	
3	50	Lafayette Township	Meetings		15	24.5	
4	49	Oxford Township	Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance		30	60	
0	20	Linton Township	In Person Training		0	0	
2	14	White Eyes Township	On-Line Training		0	0	
1	31	Out of District	Special Detail		0	0	
14	210	Totals			129	385.55	
		Per Call Payroll	Training Payroll	Total			
November-24		\$1,800.00	\$45.00	\$1,845.00			
December-24		\$1,008.00	\$0.00	\$1,008.00			
	TOTAL	\$2,808.00	\$45.00	\$2,853.00			