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## Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on January 9, 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, Bo Fortune and Ron Lusk were present.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 19, 2022. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor Bordenkircher announced that with the new year, a new President Pro Tem needs to be elected.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to nominate Bo Fortune as President Pro Tem. No other nominations were made. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt the Village of West Lafayette Rules of Council. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt the Village of West Lafayette Rules for Notification to the Public and News Media. Roll call 6 yes.

Mayor Bordenkircher presented the assignment of 2023 Committees for the West Lafayette Tax Review Board to remain unchanged, the Community Revitalization committee that will have a dwindling role, remains the same, the Zoning Board of Appeals remains unchanged, the Local and County Planning Commission representatives remain unchanged and the Council Committees.

Mayor Bordenkircher reported that he will be emailing copies of the Sunshine Law as well as the Ethics Laws to all Council members and that they complete the form that states they received a copy of those documents.

**Mayor's Correspondence:** Mayor Bordenkircher reported receiving a letter from the Coshocton County Solid Waste District and although the Village of West Lafayette remains #1 in recycling the numbers have dropped.

### **Citizens' comments:**

### **Zoom Log-in**

<https://zoom.us/j/96595775556?pwd=eVJlY04yaFFmbU9GSElSRU9kNnRjQT09>

**Or Dial: 1-301-715-8592**

**Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556**

**Passcode: 571265**

### **Department Reports:**

**Fire:** See attached. Chief Gould reported that the department responded to a tragic house fire on December 26, 2022. He stressed that if there is anyone that does not have a smoke alarm in their home, to contact the Fire Department or Village Administration and one would be provided at no



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charge. A smoke alarm would have prevented the tragic fire on December 26<sup>th</sup>, saving 6 lives. Chief Gould reported having 2 new firefighters that need Council approval to become part of the department. Jesse Hamilton lives on Russell Ave. and works at Coshocton Tire for about 20 years. Cole Powers is a Coshocton City Fireman and lives on TR 162 and wants to run with the Village department as well. A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve Jesse Hamilton as a member of the Fire Department. Roll call 6 yes. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve Cole Powers as a member of the Fire Department. Roll call 6 yes. Chief Gould also reported receiving a MARCS grant from the State Fire Marshall in the amount of \$960. He is also working on a couple of grants for replacement fire helmets as they all expire in March 2023. One grant is through the Fire Marshall's office for \$9,000 and the other through ODNR for wildfire turnout gear for roughly \$6,000-\$7,000. Chief Gould requested to schedule a Public Safety committee meeting to discuss allowing lights and sirens on privately owned vehicles.

**Fiscal Officer:** Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Resolution 2023-01 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the Village Administrator to put out to be again the 1986 Pierce Mini Pumper for the Fire Department. Resolution 2023-02 will receive its second reading authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application for the TAP grant through ODOT. Ordinance 2023-03 will receive its second reading accepting the plat of the Garden Gate Extension Private Road Subdivision. The December month end cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening. The Certificate of Funds Available and the 2023 appropriations budget was submitted to the County Auditor's office and approval was received to begin spending money. There was a carryover of roughly \$2,175,000 from 2022, which is a slight increase from the prior year. Bills were passed around for approval.

**Police:** See attached. Chief Walters reported they are still looking to hire a new officer.

**Solicitor:** Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported receiving the continuance for the Shurtz case. He also spoke to Atty Weir who stated that according to his insurance company, he has a conflict of interest, so Atty Weir will be withdrawing from the case.

**Village Administrator:** Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that the Oak St. sewer is ready and will be advertised for bid at the end of January. Columbia Gas will be replacing service lines and main lines on the east end of town. The project will begin sometime in the first few weeks of January. The gas company sent letters to affected residents last week and will hold a virtual meeting on January 16, 2023 at 6pm to discuss the project. Hicks requested Ordinance and Building & Property committee meetings.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Property:** No report

**Community & Business Development:** No report.

**Community Relations:** No report.



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**Finance:** Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on January 9, 2023 and reviewed the December 2022 end of month cash summary. There is a carryover from 2022 and approval has been received for the 2023 budget from the County Auditor. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to approve the December 2022 month end cash summary. Roll call 6 yes.

**Fire Dependency Board:** No report.

**Ordinance:** No report.

**Park Board:** No report.

**Planning Commission:** County Chairman, Rich Wheeler, reported there will be a meeting later in January.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Public Works:** No report.

**Records Retention:** No report.

**Rules:** No report.

### **Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:**

**2023-01 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SELL A 1986 PIERCE MINI PUMPER**  
Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2023-01. Roll call 6 yes.

**2023-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE VILLAGE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Ron Lusk to adopt Resolution 2023-02. Roll call 6 yes.

**2023-03 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PLAT OF THE GARDEN GATE EXTENSION PRIVATE ROAD SUBDIVISION IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AND CONFIRMING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROAD EXTENSION AND RIGHT OF WAY TO PRIVATE USE AS SHOWN THEREON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Third Reading/Emergency



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A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Ordinance 2023-03. Roll call 6 yes.

**Committee Meetings:**

**Building & Property-** January 12, 2023 at 6:00pm

**Community & Business-**

**Community Relations -**

**Fire Dependency Board-**

**Finance-**

**Ordinance-** January 16, 2023 at 6:00pm

**Park Board-**

**Planning Commission –**

**Public Safety –** January 16, 2023 at 7:00pm

**Public Works-**

**Records Retention –**

**Rules –**

**Tax Review Board –.**

**Other Business:** Mayor Bordenkircher had no other business to report.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Bo Fortune to pay the bills. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made at 7:30pm by Bo Fortune and seconded by Ron Lusk to go into Executive Session to discuss pay and benefits with the Fiscal Officer and Police Chief to remain. Roll call 6 yes.

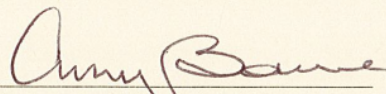
A motion was made at 8:09pm by Tim Cheney and seconded by Ron Lusk to continue in open session. Roll call 6 yes.

A motion was made by Ron Lusk and seconded by Tim Cheney to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, 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](http://www.westlafayettevillage.com) and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.

  
Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:

  
Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer





WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: December 2022

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Reports Taken</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Felony Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Misdemeanor Arrests</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Traffic Crashes</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OVI Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Warrant Arrests</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Civil Paper Service</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fuel Used</b>	<b>\$949.92</b>

*Chief of Police Christopher Walters*





**December 2022 Fire Report**

<b>Incident Type;</b>	<b>Fire</b>		
	111 Building Fire		3
	<b>Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Incidents</b>		
	311 Medical Assistance		1
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries		3
	<b>Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>		
	444 Power Line Down		2
	445 Shorted Electrical Equipment		1
	463 Vehicle Accident, General Clean-up		1
	<b>Service Call</b>		
	522 Water Leak		1
	531 Smoke or Odor Removal		1
	561 Unauthorized Burning		1
	<b>Good Intent Call</b>		
	611 Dispatched & Canceled Enroute		3
	622 No incident Found		1
	631 Controlled Burning		1
	<b>False Call</b>		
	731 Sprinkler Malfunction		2
	733 Smoke Detector Activation Malfunction		1
	<b>Weather</b>		

		<b>December</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Call History;</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>202</b>
	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>167</b>



**Location of Incidents;**

	<b>December</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Village of West Lafayette	5	57
Lafayette Township	7	47
Linton	3	20
Oxford	3	33
White Eyes	1	16
Out of District	3	29

**Activity;**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Firefighters</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Emergency Calls	148	166.75
Meetings	12	23
Tools & Small Engines	6	12
Vehicle maintenance	12	24
SCBA Maintenance	6	12
Training	42	48

**285.75 Total Hours****Payroll;**

<b>November 2022</b>	<b>\$1,430.00</b>
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>\$1,480.00</b>

**Payroll YTD \$2,910.00**

<b>Fire Loss;</b>	<b>December 2022</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$84,450.00</b>
	<b>Last Year, Year-to-Date</b>	<b>\$1,048,751.00</b>