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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on May 8, 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. Councilman Adam Fisher was absent due to his work schedule. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to excuse Councilman Adam Fisher. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on April 24, 2023. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: None

Citizens' comments: None

Zoom Log-in

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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 on the legislation being presented. Ordinance 2023-22 regarding junk motor vehicles will receive its second reading. Changes were made since the previous Council meeting to remove references to "cracked" windshields as well as adding wording in Section 5 to add that if residents contact the Village Administrator regarding a notice, their time frame may be extended if they submit a plan for remediation. Ordinance 2023-23 was updated to add wording regarding solar panels and will receive its second reading. Ordinance 2023-25 is to amend the Ohio Basic Code Ordinance 2023-07 that was passed earlier in the year to adopt the Ohio Basic Code. Within the ordinance, it states that the Village will adopt the OBC as the code of ordinance as well as other ordinances that are listed within the OBC ordinance. The Ordinance Committee met to review the list of ordinances contained in 2023-07 and found that many of the ordinances still referred to an old code of ordinances that the Village no longer has in force. Those ordinances were updated to remove reference to the old code and are also receiving their second readings this evening. Ordinance 2023-26 regarding dilapidated structures was updated to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances. Ordinance 2023 27 regarding free standing outdoor furnaces was updated to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances. Ordinance 2023-28 is an update to ordinance 2010-48

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regarding curfews in the Village and will receive its second reading. The current curfew for all minors under the age of 18 is midnight. Updates were made to include minors under the age of 11 years old shall be off the streets from 10pm to 6am, minors between the ages of 12 & 15 shall be off the streets from 11pm to 6am, minors between the ages of 16 & 17 years shall be off the streets between 12am to 6am. Ordinance 2023-29 is to update ordinances regarding animals in the Village. Much of the wording that was in the old code of ordinances was found to already be in force within the Ohio Basic Code that the Village has adopted. Ordinance 2023-29 contains only the portions that were not found in the OBC and it will receive its second reading. Ordinance 2023-30 is to accept the Terms of Settlement regarding the Shurtz Family Farms case and Solicitor Joel Blue will speak more to that in his report. Resolution 2023-31 is to add funds to the 602 Sewer fund for the Shurtz settlement costs as well as in the 101 General Fund, 210 Fire fund and 602 Sewer fund for windstorm damage repairs to roofs on Village buildings. A settlement check was received from the insurance company to complete the repairs to the Police department roof, Fire department roof, the Fire department storage building and the Police department shooting range storage building. The first half of the Park levy money was received in the amount of \$11,850 and will be deposited into the Park fund this week. The April end of month cash summary was presented to the Finance committee this evening for approval. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: See attached. Chief Walters reported looking into the reason for the decrease in fuel cost and found that the truck was being used 416 hours each month and is now being used 180 hours per month due to the change to 12-hour shifts. Chief reported receiving an Excellence in Lexipol Policy & Management plaque from Lexipol. The department uses Lexipol for their police policies and each officer has the application on their phones. Each officer receives daily training bulletins that contain quizzes on the content. Chief Walters also reported that the First Responders Block Party will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 4pm at the West Lafayette Nazarene Church this year to allow for more room. Several County first responders will be in attendance such as many of the fire departments displaying trucks, ladder truck, and boats, the National Guard will have army vehicles, ODNR, Father Initiative in Coshocton, Sheriff's Office will bring k-9's and have a drone display. Donations have been received from Kraft and Conn's as well as bike helmets and monetary donations to purchase bikes for the kids.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported on the Shurtz litigation pending in the Court of Common Pleas where a settlement has been reached in the amount of \$8,500 for a permanent easement necessary for the Sewer outfall project. An ordinance will be presented to Council to approve the settlement amount to the Shurtz family.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported that potholes will be repaired as soon as the weather cooperates and the holes can be dried out. The City of Coshocton will be flushing hydrants the week of May 22nd and notices will be published on the Village website and Facebook page with the schedule. Residents are reminded to remove garage/yard sale signs off of poles throughout the Village. It is actually a violation of Village ordinances to post signs on any poles in the Village and any found can be reported to the Village Administrator. The Thrasher Group provided an update on the Sewer Outfall project stating that the environmental permits have been obtained. The spadefoot mitigation plan has been submitted. As stated earlier, the Village did receive a \$50,000 grant and \$50,000 loan from

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OPWC as well as a \$250,000 ARC grant to help offset the Village share of the project. The project should be advertised for bid sometime in June. Hicks requested a Buildings and Property committee meeting to discuss citations as well as a Public Works meeting to discuss sanitary sewer maintenance.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: No report.

Finance: Chairwoman, Brittany Howell reported meeting this evening and reviewed the April end of month cash summary, discussed recent insurance claims for roof repairs due to a windstorm and also shopping around for Village liability insurance quotes. A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the end of month cash summary for April. Roll call 5 yes.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Bo Fortune provided further details on the junk motor vehicle ordinance on the table to say that the remediation wording from the dilapidated structure ordinance was added to be sure the citations were brought before the Buildings and Property committee for approval before pursuing litigation.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported meeting on April 28, 2023 and were updated by VA Tammy Hicks on upgrades to Waterworks Park such as the parking lots, pavilion, and playground. Burt Park was also discussed regarding the removal of shrubs and placement of mulch. Mayor Bordenkircher reported the school approached him about the donation of the park bench and wanted to clarify that it is to be placed at the Waterworks park.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-22 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING BOATS AND MOTOR HOMES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE Second Reading

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2023-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-47, THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Second Reading/Emergency

2023-25 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 Second Reading/Emergency

2023-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-18 TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE OR ANY UNSANITARY PREMISES OR NOXIOUS REAL ESTATE, PROVIDING FOR ERADICATION OF NUISANCES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT Second Reading

2023-27 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FREESTANDING OUTDOOR FURNACES Second Reading

2023-28 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2010-48 REGARDING CURFEWS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Second Reading/Emergency

2023-29 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH Second Reading

2023-30 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT OF CASE NO.: 22CI0290 CAPTIONED AS THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE VS. SHURTZ FAMILY FARMS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, PURSUANT TO THE "SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS" AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE AGREED SETTLEMENT First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2023-30. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Christie Maurer to adopt Ordinance 2023-30. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-31 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2023 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2022-68, ADDING FUNDS First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Resolution 2023-31. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Bo Fortune to adopt Resolution 2023-31. Roll call 5 yes.

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Committee Meetings:

Building & Property- May 15, 2023 at 7:00pm

Community & Business- May 23, 2023 at 5:30pm

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance-

Ordinance- May 11, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Park Board-

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works- May 15, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Records Retention –

Rules –

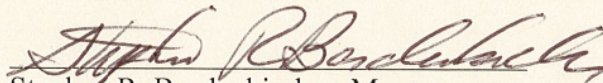
Tax Review Board –

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported attending the statewide Mayor's conference call and found that we may be receiving an increase in our Local Government funds. On May 2nd, the Mayor, Amy Bourne, Tammy Hicks, Chief Walters, Captain Eckelberry and members of the Village Chamber of Commerce had a lunch meeting with Congressman Troy Balderson and his team. The grant application we have in with them has made it past the first phase for approval and we should hear within the next 6 months if we receive the funds. Mayor Bordenkircher reported that there are Village residents that are organizing a Village clean-up and the Village was invited to join efforts with them, but there is not enough time for the Village to secure funding or answers to liability concerns in time for the Village to participate. The Village will look to possibly do one at a later date, but funding would need to come from the General Fund, which has a tight budget right now. Bordenkircher provided an update to prior discussions of sewer backup damage done at the Hill residence at 659 E. Russell. He provided pictures and expenses incurred to repair the damage. Receipts were received for Johnson's Plumbing in the amount of \$319.59 to remove tree roots from the resident's line, carpet for \$1,192.39 and installation of the carpet for \$850. Bordenkircher explained that the gas company had recently run a camera in the line and found that the tree roots were blocking the pipe prior to the sewer blockage and feels the Village should not be responsible for this bill. After discussion, a motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to approve reimbursement to Mike Hill for \$1,192.39 for the carpet and \$850 for the installation. Roll call 5 yes.

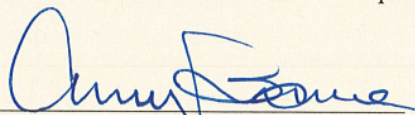
A motion was made by Bo Fortune and seconded by Tim Cheney to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Bo Fortune to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 5 yes.

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



April 2023 Fire Report

Incident Type;	Fire		
	121 Fire in mobile Home, Fixed Structure		1
	130 Vehicle Fire		1
	154 Dumpster Fire		1
	Rescue & Emergency Medical Incidents		
	311 Medical Assist		2
	322 Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries		4
	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)		
	440 Electrical Wiring		1
	445 Shorted Electrical Equipment		1
	Service Call		
	561 Unauthorized Burning		2
	Good Intent Call		
	611 Dispatched and Cancelled En-Route		4
	622 No incident Found		2
	False Call		
	736 CO Detector Malfunction		1
	Weather		

		April	Year-to-Date
Call History;	Total	20	60
	Last Year	15	66

Location of Incidents;

	April	Year-to-Date
Village of West Lafayette	4	12
Lafayette Township	4	14
Linton	2	7
Oxford	2	6
White Eyes	3	10
Out of District	5	11

Activity;	Type	Firefighters	Hours
	Emergency Calls	103	69.5
	Meetings	10	20
	Tools & Small Engines	7	17.5
	Vehicle maintenance	11	22
	SCBA Maintenance	7	14
	Training	40	97
		Total Hours	240

Payroll;

November 2022	\$1,430.00
December 2022	\$1,480.00
January 2023	\$860.00
February 2023	\$610.00
March 2023	\$1,100.00
April	\$1,030.00

Payroll YTD **\$6,510.00**

Fire Loss;	April 2023	\$300.00
	Year-to-Date	\$50,300.00
	Last Year, Year-to-Date	\$12,200.00



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

MONTH: April 2023

Calls For Service	199
Reports Taken	21
Felony Arrests	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	11
Juvenile Arrests	3
Traffic Stops	23
Traffic Crashes	2
OVI Arrests	1
Warrant Arrests	1
Civil Paper Service	5
Fuel Used	\$896.47

Chief of Police Christopher Walters