

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Mayor Jessica Tubbs presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Tim Cheney, Brittany Howell, Jason Hursey and Christie Maurer were present. Councilman Adam Fisher was not present.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Brittany Howell to excuse Councilman Adam Fisher. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Jason Hursey and seconded by Christie Maurer to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on September 9, 2024. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: Mayor Tubbs reported receiving an updated Memorandum of Understanding from Muskingum Valley Health Center.

Citizens' comments: No comments.

Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported that Ordinance 2024-35 will receive its third and final reading to establish the 2024-2025 sewer rates. It is proposed to increase the rates by 10% to be effective with the October 2024 billing cycle. The City of Coshocton water rates are also included as an attachment. Ordinance 2024-36 will receive its second reading to authorize the Fire Chief, Mayor and Fiscal Officer to sign fire contracts with the area townships for 2025. Resolution 2024-37 will receive its second reading and is to add funds in the amount of \$290,000 in newly created Safe Routes to School fund to account for design engineering work done by ADR & Associates and utilizing grant funding. Resolution 2024-38 will receive its first reading and the Village Administrator will speak to it during her report. The second payment for the Park Levy was received. Bills were passed for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, reported having conversations with the Fiscal Officer regarding contracts and another upcoming project.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported following up on property code violations and several have been abated or the residents have reached out to make arrangements for a resolution. One property on Main Street will be mowed this week.

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Resolution 2024-38 to authorize the Village Administrator to submit an application to ODNR for a grant for improvements at Waterworks Park. The deadline for the application is November 15, 2024.

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: Councilman Tim Cheney reported discussing the mold problems in the Police Department and the Village Administration building.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported We R WL is hosting a Red Hot Chili Pepper Chili Cookoff on October 15th from 1-5pm at Burt Park. The Chamber Halloween party will be on October 26th from 2-4pm with Trick-or-Treating the same day from 5:30-7pm. The West Lafayette Chamber dinner will be held at Schumaker's on September 24, 2024.

Community Revitalization: No report.

Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: No report.

Park Board: Chairwoman Christie Maurer reported discussing the ODNR land and water grant that Tammy spoke to in her report.

Planning Commission: County Representative Rich Wheeler reported meeting at the county level, but there was not a quorum, so there was no official business.

Public Safety: Chairman Jason Hursey reported on behalf of Adam Fisher that there were discussions regarding quotes received to improve security at the Administration Building.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: No report.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2024-35 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES, AND SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Third Reading/Emergency

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to adopt Ordinance 2024-35. Roll call 5 yes.

2024-36 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, FISCAL OFFICER AND FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN FIRE CONTRACTS Second Reading

2024-37 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2023-57, ADDING FUNDS Second Reading/Emergency

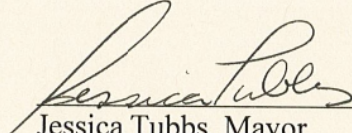
2024-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

Other Business: None to report.

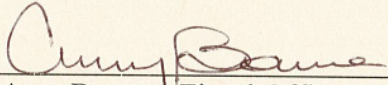
A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Jason Hursey to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Brittany Howell and seconded by Jason Hursey to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024, 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.



Jessica Tubbs, Mayor

Attest: 

Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer