

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
October 11th, 2021

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Linda Clark, Troy Stewart, Diana Pethtel, Darren Anderson and Rita Robinett. John Swindler was absent with an excused absence. Six visitors attended the meeting.

Agenda: Stewart moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Acting Mayor. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

Minutes: Stewart moved to approve the September 13th, 2021 council minutes. Robinett seconded. Stewart, Robinett, Clark and Pethtel voted yea. Anderson abstained.

Financial Report: Stewart moved to approve the finance reports as of September 30th, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

Acting Mayor Updates:

Guest Speaker: Matt Lindsay from MVRPC was present as a guest speaker. He wanted to reiterate the job of the MVRPC is to make sure the wishes of the community are reflected in the water map of the area. There is a 30 day public comment period that will open on October 25th. There also will be a public meeting to be held in Wayne Lakes on November 15th from 06:30 – 08:00PM. The materials will be set up one week in advance for anyone not able to attend the meeting on that date. It will be an open house style meeting, so people are welcome to come and go at their convenience. People will be able to submit comments at the meeting or through the link of the village website. Brice Schmitmeyer was also present at the meeting. He wanted to update the funding for the project so far. The village is projected to get \$4 million from the EPA, \$3 million from Ohio HB168 and \$500K from the Ohio Public Works.

Appreciations: Thanks to all who have volunteered with office hours. Thank you to Rick Clark for trimming all the bushes around the office and cleaning up as well.

Mayor Updates: The village is looking for volunteers to help with the Halloween Party on October 31st. Please let council know if you are interested in helping. One raccoon and one groundhog were trapped at the village office.

Community Group Updates:

E-Bird: Cindy reported there were 116 different species spotted through the end of August and 118 as of the date of the meeting. She reported the uptick was due to the migratory birds moving through the area. She also wanted to thank the residents who have reported sightings to her.

Village Updates:

Community Building: Reservations are strong for the Community Building through the end of the year. There was 1 no call/no show for September. The community building is not able to be used for voting for 2021 due to issues with the parking lot and one of the doors shutting too quickly. These are things council will look into for future voting cycles.

Zoning: No report given by Curtis Yount

Open Discussion: The village is looking into getting a dead end street sign put up on Hickory. The village is also looking to put signage/reflectors on the curvy bridge for the safety of motorists. It was brought to council's attention that the parks and other areas in the village need one additional mow. Darren Anderson made a motion to approve one additional mowing at a cost of \$125. Pethel seconded. All present voted yea. The contract for mowing ended on September 31st. Council is considering extending the length of the contract for 2022.

Special Projects: No report given

Council Business:

Fishing Passes: Sales of fishing passes for 2021 have totaled \$16, 089 YTD.

Cell Phone Tower: The cell phone tower just outside the village is expected to be operational soon. It is a Verizon tower.

Corby Anderson: Corby Anderson has requested permission to trap muskrats within the village as in years past. Troy Stewart made a motion to allow Corby Anderson to trap within the village. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Member Compensation: A council member spoke with Greenville and it was determined their council members are paid approx. \$3400/year to be on council. Council is also trying to determine how much/if the village of Arcanum pays their council members.

BestWay: BestWay has provided a leaf dumpster for the village. The village also received a quote from them on for a dumpster for clean-up of the debris at Chippewa Lake. It would be \$175/trip plus \$40/ton of debris removed. Council thinks it would take approximately 3-5 loads for everything to be removed.

Beach Clean Up: It was discussed having Crowell Lawn Service hired to clean up the area around the beach. This was put on hold due to a resident expressing interest in donating their time to clean up the beach area.

Requests for Council Approval:

1st Reading of Resolution 2021-10-11-01: Accepting the rates and amounts as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor – This is confirming the budget that was previously sent to the county. Stewart made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Pethel made a motion to adopt the resolution. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to declare an emergency. Pethel seconded. All present voted yea.

1st Reading of Resolution 2021-10-11-02: Renewing the contract to have snow/ice removal for the village through December 31st, 2022- This resolution renews the contract from 2021 to have snow/ice removal services provided again for the village. Stewart made a motion to waive the three reading rule. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to adopt the resolution. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Pethtel made a motion to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance: No report given

Lake Management: There is consideration being given to relocating fish from one lake to a different lake. More information to come. The drain project is still on for 2021. The village is finalizing the easements so work can begin.

Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings): The excess cans have been removed from the village garage.

Tree Commission: The commission is working on getting letters out to homeowners who have dead trees that have been identified by the commission.

Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering: If you know of anyone who is new to the village or has had a life event happen, please contact Rita so a basket can be sent out.

Social Media: No report given.

Grants: No report given.

Stewart moved to adjourn. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 07:54PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer