

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL  
April 10, 2025

Waynesburg Village Council met in regular session with the following council members present: Scott Anthony, Dwayne Knight, Park Welker, Shawn Oliver, and Jeremy Dierick. Others present: Solicitor Yost, Chief Bath, David Sickafoose, and Clerk Angela Kaltenbaugh.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Oliver made a motion, seconded by Knight to excuse both Mayor Welch and Councilman Welch. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Councilman Welch joined the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

President Pro Tem Scott Anthony presided over the meeting.

**Minutes:**

Minutes were approved as presented.

**Citizens:**

Members of the Historical Society addressed Council in regards to the gazebo at Zwick Park. The gazebo's floor, posts, and flower boxes have rotted beyond repair. The members reached out to the family that donated it originally and they are willing to contribute towards the replacement. They have also received an additional donation of \$1,000. Total to replace and fix electrical was approximately \$10,000. The contractor stated that it would save \$1,600 if the gazebo was removed prior to starting construction. Council requested that the Historical Society members reach back out to the family to see how much they will donate towards the replacement and then come back to Council. The members also mentioned another family that was wishing to donate benches in memory of a loved one. Anthony mentioned that the Village had extra benches that could be used if the family wanted to make a monetary donation that could be put towards the gazebo. The members also reported that they have purchased a new sign for the park as well as a new tree to replace the tree that had died.

Resident William Gentry questioned Council in regards to his neighbors at 152 Silver St and the storage containers that are on the property. Yost stated that the issue has been looked into and has been turned over to the Zoning Inspector. Mr. Gentry also stated that they are leaving ruts in his yard and dumping debris in the woods that he owns. Yost stated that he would need to sue them for encroachment and or destruction of property. Mr. Gentry also questioned the neighbors on the other side of his property that have a car parked in the yard that has not moved in several months. The vehicle is backed in so Chief is not able to run the plates to see if they are expired. Mr. Gentry was advised that Council is aware of multiple issues within the Village and has been working on amending the current ordinance to help address these issues.

### **Police Department:**

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Two auxiliary officers, Wallace and Finn, resigned last month due to finding full time employment that would not allow them to continue their commission with the Village. Officer Stanton is still stationed in New Mexico.

Bath advised Council that he is no longer using Verizon for the cell phones. He was able to get a better deal through First Net. The First Net bill is for 3 lines, one of which is for his wife, Genie. Council advised Kaltenbaugh to deduct the amount of that line from Chief Bath's pay monthly.

Council questioned the programming of the radios. Chief stated that they were being encrypted with Marcs.

Dierick requested the breakdown of hours worked for all officers for the previous month. Bath stated that he had turned it into the Mayor.

### **Street Department:**

Requested Council approve purchase of Dura Patch for patching from the Township. Dierick made a motion, seconded by Oliver to purchase Dura Patch from the Township not to exceed \$1,000. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 5-0

Sickafoose received a call from Mr. Longo in regards to a drainage issue on his property that started after the adjacent property made a parking lot. Council suggested having Mr. Longo reach out to the property owner and request that he put a drain basin in to correct the issue he created.

Catch Basin on Mill and Silver is plugged. Sickafoose reached out to the County to see if they would be able to assist with a vac truck.

Received an estimate of \$800-\$1000 to repair the mower trailer and a quote of \$4,000 to purchase a new trailer that is rated to haul the mowers. This was tabled.

Quote for new water fountain for the park is \$3,200. Dierick stated that he would look for some additional options. This was also tabled.

Had a call from Dorsey Reed that a tree had fallen. Sickafoose removed the tree. Ms. Reed would like a new tree as soon as possible.

**Mayor:**

Mayors' court for March totaled \$3872 to the General Fund.

**Clerk:**

Kaltenbaugh informed Council that the new printer was installed and being used.

Advised Council that the Police Fund was in the negative at the closing of March. The grant reimbursement for the vests will cover that amount.

Cemetery cards are being worked on. Created a google form and spreadsheet to make it easier to locate lots in the future.

**Resolution:**

Resolution 2025-4-001: A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew a two-mill tax levy and requesting the Stark County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy, pursuant to Section 5705.19(A) of the revised code, and declaring it an emergency. Motion was made by Dierick, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 5- 0. Motion was made by Dierick, seconded by Knight to adopt Resolution 2025-04-001 as presented. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

**Solicitor:**

Yost presented several options for billing for false alarms as discussed at previous meetings. He will continue to look into other entities' policies and report back.

Yost also brought some examples for the Ordinance relating to trash and debris. After a lengthy conversation, Council agrees that the Buildings and Lands Committee should be over implementing the standards and ensuring the Ordinance is enforced.

**Old Business:**

Knight advised that the members of Council and the Records Committee would need to complete the Public Record Training on the Attorney General's website.

Welker reminded the members who did not have their computers on for the update after the last meeting that they would need to contact Gene to set up a date and time to do so.

Welker also stated that he received an estimate of \$600 to make copies for bid packets for the pavilion. Council agreed to look into other options for bid packets such as digital copies.

The regular meeting date that was set at the last meeting does not work for everyone. Upon further discussion, the third Wednesday of the month was agreed upon. Motion was made by Dierick, seconded by Welker, to set the regular meetings for the third Wednesday of each month beginning in May. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welch, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6- 0.

Anthony shared a letter from the American Legion requesting donations for the Flags and grave markers for Memorial Day. Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welker to make the same donation as last year. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welch, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6- 0.

### **New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

### **Payment of Bills:**

Knight made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Oliver. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

### **Executive Session:**

Dierick made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 9:27 P.M. Welker seconded the motion. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welch, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6- 0.

Dierick made a motion to reconvene at 10:00 P.M., seconded by Welch. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welch, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6- 0.

No action was taken.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dierick, seconded by Welch. Vote: Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welch, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; and Anthony, yes. Motion carries 6- 0.

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Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

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Douglas Welch, Mayor