

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 21, 2025

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

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

Anthony made a motion, seconded by Welch to excuse Oliver due to work obligations. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Minutes from the April 10th meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens:

Visitors present were Bob Neiderman, Ryan Wilson, and representatives of the Waynesburg Area Historical Society.

Mr. Neiderman of the North County Trail Association requested an alternative route for the current walking trail to avoid busy roads. Council stated that it was ok to use the existing walking path next to the empty lot at the cemetery. According to Solicitor Yost, no action is needed to approve this as it is already a walking trail. The Association will place markers on the trail and is responsible for maintenance.

The representatives from the Historical Society announced that the sign at Zwick park honoring PFC Joseph Cicchetti was installed and that they would be having a ceremony in his honor on June 14th at noon. They also informed Council that that have received a total of \$7,100 in pledges for the gazebo project. Welker stated that the whole lot was in need of repair prior to building a new gazebo. He has already spoken with an electrician as well. This will be a larger project and will need to get estimates and other sources of funding before it can move forward.

Mr. Wilson is new to the area and came to observe.

Street Department:

Sickafoose stated that the garage door on the shop has broken. The bottom panel has fallen out and there is no way to repair it. Received a quote to replace the door and opener in the amount of \$4,770. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to approve half the cost of the door pending the Water Boards approval of their half. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Sickafoose informed Council that ODOT no longer provides patching on the state routes. He will patch N. Main temporarily but will reach out to ODOT in regard to the structural issues on this part of the road.

Spoke with Mr. Longo again to discuss the flooding of his property due to his neighbor changing the elevation of his property. Kaltenbaugh will mail a letter to the neighbor to contact Anthony to discuss this matter,

Multiple storm drains are plugged. The County is unable to provide a vac truck. Sickafoose will get some estimates and use the most cost effective company to provide the service.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Informed Council that the reimbursement from the State for the vests has been received.

Is completing a background check on an applicant and will let the Personnel Committee know when that is finished.

Fire department:

No report given.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for December collected \$1,630 for the General Fund.

Village is ready for Memorial Day. Had the parade route swept.

Clerk:

Clerk informed Council that she would be out of the office for surgery on June 5th and the following week and would be working from home.

Has been in contact with the Auditors office. They stated that the Audit would start after July.

Teacher from Sandy Valley Elementary called and stated that they would be having a Memorial Day service on May 23rd at 10 A.M. and requested that there would be no mowing around that time. Also invited all Village officials to attend.

Resolution:

Resolution 2025-05-01, A Resolution to proceed to renew a tax exceeding ten-mil limitation for general current expenses of the Municipal Corporation. Welker made a motion to suspend the three reading rule and declaring it an emergency. Motion seconded by Knight. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Welker, seconded by Knight to adopt as presented. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Solicitor:

Informed Council that upon review, the Buildings and Lands Committee can be given authority to issue citations for Property Maintenance violations. Motion was made by Dierick, seconded by Anthony to have Yost draft the Ordinance needed to make this effective. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Yost will also draft the Ordinance for the progressive fines for property violations as previously discussed.

Yost also informed Council that the property owner at 152 Silver St was given an Order to Comply from the Building Department. They did not comply so the case was turned over to the Prosecutors office. If they do not remove the storage containers from the property, they will be in contempt of court. Yost will keep Council updated.

Old Business:

Dierick asked what could be done in regard to the house on Market St. that sustained fire damage approximately 3 years ago. Yost stated that the Village had no authority at this time. Anthony will contact

the owner's son to see what can be done. The property is currently for sale. If the property is handed over to the Village, the Village could apply for assistance from the Land Bank to demo the structure.

New Business:

Anthony mentioned that the new flags were hung at the Blue Star Memorial by Flags of Freedom. He then made a motion, seconded by Welch to make a donation of \$300 to Flags of Freedom. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Welch questioned if the Village still had a grant writer. Yost mentioned that most grants require a match which the Village did not have at this time.

Dierick would like for the Street and Finance Committees to meet to discuss putting a lump sum payment on the paving loan to decrease the amount of interest the Village is paying. Kaltenbaugh stated that she would also speak with the bank in regards to a lower interest rate on the loan. No meeting date was set.

Payment of Bills:

Knight made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Anthony. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Welker, seconded by Anthony. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; and Welker, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

Douglas W Welch, Mayor