

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

October 15, 2025

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

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

Minutes from the September meeting were presented. Motion was made by Oliver, seconded by Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, abstain. Vote 5-0-1. Motion carries.

Citizens:

Waynesburg Historical Society members requested update on the Zwick Park project. Welker stated that they would be having the dumpster removed and would begin leveling the lot. He would also like to get grass seed and straw laid down before the weather turns. Members asked who the checks should be made out to. Kaltenbaugh stated that they could make them out to the Village and make sure that Zwick Park is on the memo line.

Resident complained of the property at 139 S. Main St. There is a large amount of trash and debris. She has had a large rat in her garage and now is dealing with raccoons. Council directed Chief Bath to issue a warning tomorrow and cite the property owner if not cleaned up.

Tosha Starcher was present to observe.

Street Department:

Sickafoose reported that road salt will be \$58.14 a ton this year. The Village is required to purchase 50 tons. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Oliver to approve the purchase of 25 tons at this time. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Informed Council that the dump truck needs service. It is due for an oil change and fuel filters. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Oliver to allow Sickafoose to get the necessary service complete at Ruegg's. Sickafoose is to contact Council if anything other than service will be needed. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Advised that the water tank will be shut down on October 28th for approximately 2 days for cleaning.

Anthony asked Sickafoose if he would be able to get the banners down at the park this week. If he is unable to let Anthony know and he will do it this weekend.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Dierick questioned the background check process of the new officer. Dierick has learned that the officer has had two resignations in lieu of termination this year and there is an unsettling video that has surfaced with this officer at his previous employer. Dierick has also been told that the officer is sending snapchats while he has people pulled over in the Village. Bath requested that Dierick get proof of this and forward the posts to him. Dierick would like it known that he feels that the officer is a liability to the

Village and does not believe he should be permitted to continue his service here. Bath stated that he spoke with the officers previous Chief's and both stated that he deserved a second chance. Bath will speak with the officer on Friday and was instructed to contact Anthony after the meeting to inform him of the results of the meeting.

Fire Department:

Oliver reported that the 2 officers that the Board had found to be guilty of multiple charges were given second chance letters. Both officers declined the offer. Anthony asked if anything else came with the letter. After a brief discussion, it was learned that the second chance letter also demoted both officers.

Oliver was assured by the Chief of the Fire Department that the safety of those in the Village is intact. Welker asked that the Chief be invited to the next Council meeting.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for September collected \$7,610 to the General Fund.

Clerk:

Informed Council the audit had started. The Auditors believe that the audit will be ongoing until at least June. Kaltenbaugh has some information for Council that can not be discussed in an open meeting.

Attended the Auditor of States Fiscal Officer training in Athens on October 2nd.

Asked that Council print off their fraud training certificates. Some that had sent them could not be printed.

Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-10-001: An Ordinance establishing a Property Maintenance Enforcement Board for the Village of Waynesburg; and declaring it an emergency. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welker to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 2025-10-002: An Ordinance establishing rules for the disposal of trash, garbage, ashes, and rubbish; repealing Ordinance 12-471-03; establishing definitions and penalties; and declaring it an emergency. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Welch to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welker to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 2025-10-003: An Ordinance to establish and adopt a policy regarding the Waynesburg Police Department Law Enforcement Trust Fund policy; and declaring it an emergency. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Solicitor:

Found out that the old cemetery is still owned by Sandy Township even though the Village has been maintaining it. He believes that this was an oversight when the Village took over the cemeteries. He will reach out to Sandy Township.

Old Business:

L. Welch brought up the property at 149 Market St. that was damaged by fire and is no longer inhabitable. Daughter has been trying to sell the property. Council asked if family may sign it over to the Village to be torn down. Yost brought up possible liens that would transfer with the property and the Village may qualify for a matching grant through the Land Bank but would need to have the money up front to do so. Yost will investigate this.

New Business:

Knight asked Sickafoose if he still had back up for plowing season.

Anthony made a motion to set Trick or Treat for Sunday, October 26th from 3 PM- 5 PM. Seconded by Oliver. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Anthony made a motion, seconded by Oliver to purchase candy to pass out not to exceed \$400. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Dierick reported that there were homeless persons camping along the water line right away in the Village. They have already been removed.

Payment of Bills:

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

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

Executive Session:

Oliver made a motion, seconded by Anthony to enter into executive session to discuss matters that are to be kept confidential due to state statute and to include the Fiscal Officer, Solicitor, Mayor, and Council Elect Starcher. Vote: Oliver, yes; Knight, yes; Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welker, yes. Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Reconvene:

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

No action was taken.

Adjournment:

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

/S/ Angela Kaltenbaugh

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch

Douglas W Welch, Mayor