

## MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

August 20, 2025

Waynesburg Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Doug Welch and the following council members present: Dwayne Knight, Park Welker, Shawn Oliver, Lee Welch, 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.

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

Minutes from the July 16th meeting were approved as presented.

### **Citizens:**

Members of the Waynesburg Historical Society requested an update on the gazebo and other issues at Zwick Park. Welker advised that the trees had been cut back as far as safely possible. Pallets were dropped off to store the bricks on while other work was being carried out. Will be posting and asking for volunteers to help bring down the gazebo in the next couple of weeks. Welker stated that he was looking into a tent that could be used for Christmas time. Sickafoose has the fundraising sign and the members stated that they would paint it and contact the people who have committed to donating toward the project to get the funds sent in. A sub account will be added to the park fund to ear mark all donations for this project.

### **Street Department:**

Sickafoose provided estimates to repair the fascia and spouting on the garage. Motion was made by Dierick and seconded by Welker to approve the estimate from Watts Construction in the amount of \$2800 to be split with the Water Board. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Rocky's will be switching to BP. Mayor Welch stated that he would get the information so that we can open a BP account for fuel.

Sidewalk in front of Cibo's is chipping. Will determine if that is the Villages responsibility or the property owners.

### **Police Department:**

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Officer Muster has completed training and will be on his own starting this weekend. He will patrol on Saturdays.

### **Fire Department:**

No report given.

### **Mayor:**

Mayors' court for May collected \$990 to the General Fund.

Registered for the Mayor's Court class in October. The last one was cancelled.

**Clerk:**

Presented Council with the Alternative Tax Budget.

Gave update on printer. The lease is \$155 per month.

Discussed letter received from Bob Morris about action needed if a zoning permit is denied.

**Ordinances:**

Ordinance 2025-08-01: An Ordinance adopting the Village of Waynesburg's Alternative Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2026; and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Knight, seconded by Welch to suspend the three reading rule as an emergency. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Welch, seconded by Dierick to adopt Ordinance 2025-08-01. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

**Solicitor:**

Is working on updating current public notice ordinance to reflect House Bill 315 ruling that the Village can use its website to post notices.

Has had communication with the owners of the property with the storage containers. Owners stated that they had been granted permission to have the containers there but had not provided any evidence of such.

Spoke with Jon Oates who approved the Village turning in the Alternative Tax Budget in on August 21<sup>st</sup> since the regular monthly meeting was on the due date.

Verified that the levy will be on the ballot this fall.

**Old Business:**

Welker received email from the Stark County Commissioners in regard to the street funding extension. Will be requesting an extension and additional funding for Greer St.

Welker met with Gene, TPS Pro Consulting. His contract is almost up and the Village will need to find a new provider for technical support. Council will reach out to individuals they are familiar with to see if they are interested in taking over the contract.

**New Business:**

None.

**Payment of Bills:**

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

**Executive Session:**

Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welch to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welch to reconvene. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

**Adjournment:**

Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welch to adjourn. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Oliver, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

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Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

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Douglas W Welch, Mayor