

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 23, 2025

Waynesburg Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Doug Welch and the following council members present: Dwayne Knight, Scott Anthony, Lee Welch, and Shawn Oliver who arrived after the start of the meeting. Others present: Solicitor Yost, Chief Bath, and Clerk Angela Kaltenbaugh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens:

Tasha Starcher was present to observe.

Street Department:

No report was given.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report. Reported that all training was completed for 2025.

Councilman Welch voiced his concern of the large increase in truck traffic and the

Fire Department:

No report was given.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for November collected \$6,050 to the General Fund.

Requested a donation of \$50 for Santa services for the parade. Welker made a motion to make the \$50 donation, seconded by Knight. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Clerk:

Learned that Software Solutions will not refund any of the annual subscription fee that was already paid. Since it will take time to get UAN set up, we will need to have both running concurrently. Council agrees that moving forward with UAN is the best option.

Informed Council that Aultcare insurance for the employees is projected to increase by 16%. Received a call from Mike Sessor to say that he was working on getting that number down.

Requested permission to work additional hours in the next few months to get office organized since Auditors have been given the documents that have been requested to date. Also will need additional time to get the year-end fiscal reporting completed. There were no objections from Council.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2025-12-001: An Ordinance for Employment of Village Solicitor for a two year period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by

Welker to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welker to adopt the ordinance with the correction of one year period to two year. Welker seconded the motion. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-12-002: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract and agreement(s) with the Ohio Auditor of State to participate in the Uniform Accounting Network; and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to adopt the ordinance as presented. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-12-003: An Ordinance making the temporary appropriations to provide necessary expenses and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Knight, seconded by Welker to suspend the three reading rule. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Knight, seconded by Welker to adopt the ordinance as presented. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-12-004: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Canton for criminal prosecution services in the Canton Municipal Court byt the Canton Law Department ; and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Oliver to suspend the three reading rule. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welch to adopt the ordinance as presented. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-12-005: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Village Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Stark County Sheriff for full dispatching services for the Village Police Department by the Stark County Dispatching Center; and declaring an emergency. Motion made by Anthony to suspend the three reading rule, seconded by Welch. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welch to adopt the ordinance as presented. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Solicitor:

Requested Council enter into executive session to discuss matters that are to be kept confidential due to State Statue prior to the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

Welker reminded Council that tonight was the last night to have your computer on to be updated. Also discussed using Village emails for Village business instead of personal emails. Council agreed to not continue support on the laptops as they are not being utilized at this time.

Oliver has been appointed as the Sandy Township Representative on the Fire Board. Council has decided not to appoint a new representative at this time.

New Business:

Knight questioned if the new and reelected Council members should be sworn in prior to the next meeting. Swearing in is scheduled for January 6th at 5:30 P.M. for those available.

Payment of Bills:

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

Knight made a motion, seconded by Welker to approve the monthly bank reconciliation as presented. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Executive Session:

Oliver made a motion, seconded by Anthony to enter into executive session to discuss matters that are to be kept confidential by State Statue to include the Solicitor, Fiscal Officer, and Council Elect Starcher. Vote Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Oliver, yes; Anthony, yes; and Welch, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Reconvene:

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

No action was taken.

Adjournment:

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

/s/ Angela Kaltenbaugh

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch

Douglas W Welch, Mayor