

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 21, 2026

Waynesburg Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Doug Welch and the following council members present: Dwayne Knight, Park Welker, Tasha Starcher, Scott Anthony, 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.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens:

State Representative Matt Kishman discussed capital projects and grants available.

Historical Society informed Council that they were going to be selling Veteran banners for the poles for \$50 each. Welker mentioned that they should contact AEP and see how many poles they would be permitted to hang banners on prior to selling them. They discussed the progress on the gazebo and the idea of adding signage to honor the donors.

Shawn Oliver was present to observe.

Street Department:

Sickafoose presented an estimate to repair the lights on the inside and outside of the Village building. Council took no action and requested additional estimates.

Discussed the State Route that is being damaged by the increase in truck traffic. State Rep Kishman stated that he would reach out to ODOT.

Reported that flags need to be ordered. Anthony will send Sickafoose the contact information.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

No additional questions from Council.

Fire Department:

No report was given.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for November collected \$3,410 to the General Fund.

Mayor Welch read a letter of resignation from Scott Anthony. Anthony served on Council for 10 years and is resigning due to relocation.

Clerk:

Reached out to UAN. They will not accept any new users until around March.

Discussed the Local Government Conference that will be in March. Welker made a motion, seconded by Anthony to approve Kaltenbaugh attending the conference if her schedule allows and not to exceed the posted rate and hotel. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; Starcher, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2026-01-001: An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Waynesburg, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule and declaring it an emergency. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; Starcher, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 6-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Dierick to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; Starcher, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Solicitor:

Reminded Council that he would not be present at the February meeting.

Knight questioned if the Cyber Security plan was completed. Solicitor Yost stated that he was working on it and would have it completed prior to the July 1st deadline.

Old Business:

Welker informed Council that he had been discussing ways to level the lot for the gazebo with landscapers.

New Business:

Welker nominated Knight as the President of Council, seconded by Anthony. No further nominations were made. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; Starcher, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, abstain. Motion carries 6-0.

Dierick states that the contracts for the cemetery and mowing need reviewed and addressed due to unsatisfactory work being completed for both.

Dierick questioned Yost if there were any assistance programs for demolition of properties within the Village. Yost explained that the Village would need ownership of the property and have matching funds to apply for grants.

Payment of Bills:

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

Knight made a motion, seconded by Welker to approve the bank reconciliation as well as any other reports presented by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: Dierick, yes; Welch, yes; Anthony, yes; Starcher, yes; Welker, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Public:

Shawn Oliver questioned if he would be appointed to the open Council seat. Yost stated that a vacancy could not be filled until after the vacancy existed, which would be February 1st. Anthony mentioned posting the opening to see who was interested in the position.

Adjournment:

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

/s/ Angela Kaltenbaugh _____

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch _____

Douglas W Welch, Mayor