

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

February 18, 2026

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

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

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens:

Waynesburg Historical Society Members were present to discuss the Zwick Park project. Welker explained that Council is waiting on weather and funding. They are also waiting to appoint a new Council Member to fill the vacancy and will then new committee appointments will be made.

The Historical Society also reported that they had 36 veteran's banners sold and could possibly sell up to 50. When questioned by Welker, they stated had not reached out to AEP to see what poles could be used.

Street Department:

Sickafoose was not present due to a water leak.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Informed Council that the 2 Police computers and 6 hard drives need to be updated. The estimated cost is \$750 to \$1,000. Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welch to update the Police computers and hard drives not to exceed \$1,200. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Fire Department:

No report was given.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for November collected \$550 to the General Fund.

Notified Council that the oil and gas lease for the old cemetery was prepared and ready. It is with the same company and same terms. Dierick is aware of a company that will possibly offer more per acre with the same terms and will contact them.

Executive Session:

The mayor requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Motion made by Dierick, seconded by Welch to enter into executive session. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Reconvene:

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

Motion was made to appoint Nathan Loveless to Council by Dierick, seconded by Welch. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion was made to appoint Welker as the Village Representative to the Sandy Valley Fire Board by Knight, seconded by Welch. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, abstain; Knight, yes; Welker, abstain; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 3-0-2.

Clerk:

Received new health insurance rates from Mike Sessor. Initially Aultcare went up by 16%. Sessor was able to get that decreased to around 9%. By switching the supplemental from BayBridge to AmFirst, the overall increase per month was under \$5.00 per employee. All benefits and deductibles remain the same.

Solicitor:

Was not present.

Old Business:

Welker discussed the focus on the Zwick Park funding. Kaltenbaugh informed Council that the Village had not received any funds from the Historical Society or individuals at this time.

New Business:

Welch commended Sickafoose on the work he did during the large snowstorm and keeping up with the plowing.

Dierick stated that the Village should start looking into a new snow plow before next winter.

Payment of Bills:

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

Knight made a motion, seconded by Welker to approve the bank reconciliation as well as any other reports presented by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

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