

MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 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, Nathan Loveless, Lee Welch, and Jeremy Dierick. Others present: Chief William Bath, David Sickafoose, and Clerk Angela Kaltenbaugh.

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

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.

Citizens:

None.

Street Department:

Sickafoose met with ODOT. They stated that the Village was responsible for patching. They plan to resurface the area in 2028. Dierick made a motion, seconded by Welker to purchase HPM as needed from the Motor Vehicle Fund. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Loveless, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Requested to purchase 75 flags for the flag poles at approximately \$10 each. Welker made a motion, seconded by Dierick to approve the purchase. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Loveless, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Attending a Safety Course on March 24th at Pike Township from 9 AM- 11 AM. There is no cost for this training.

Reported that he had a complaint from a resident on Maple St. in regard to the alley. The alley is a dead end and is only used by the resident to access her driveway. Resident stated that it is now all mud and would like to know what is going to be done. According to Solicitor Yost, the alley is dedicated but the Village has no obligation to improve it.

Asked Council to consider purchasing a 20 foot storage container. The area over his office is full and there will be nowhere to put any additional boxes. After a brief conversation this suggestion was tabled.

Police Department:

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

Informed Council that the updates to the computers were completed and came in under budget.

Fire Department:

No report was given.

Mayor:

Mayors' court for February collected \$1480 to the General Fund.

Set the Council Member Committee assignments for 2026.

Clerk:

Will be travelling to the Auditor of State Local Government Conference tomorrow.

Knight mentioned that the first half settlements from the County Auditor may be delayed.

Solicitor:

Updated Council on the Richardson property. The County initiated foreclosure. There will be a sheriff's sale for back taxes. If not sold it could go to forfeited lands and the Village would be able to ask for a transfer from the land bank. Once transferred, the Village would apply for demolition assistance which is usually around half of the total cost. The Village could then sell the property to recuperate the funds.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Mayor Welch set the Spring Clean Up Day for May 2nd.

Dierick mentioned some properties in town that needed addressed by the Property Maintenance Committee.

Dierick would like Yost to look into the legality of septic systems in town. Yost stated that the person looking to put a septic system in would need approval from the Health Department. The Health Department will not approve in the Village where a sewer system is available.

Dierick presented a bid from Custom Landscape. After a brief discussion, Dierick made a motion, seconded by Knight to approve the edge, prune, and mulch bid only for both Veterans Park and Blue Star Memorial. Vote: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Loveless, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Public:

Adam Meininger, treasurer of the Sandy Valley Youth Baseball Association, was asked to attend the meeting in response to a field agreement that he drafted for the use of the park fields. Meininger stated that the association assumed that the fields were built for their exclusive use. The association presented the agreement to another team that wanted to use the field. Yost stated that the agreement has several legal issues. First, the park is for public use on a first come first served basis. Secondly, the agreement sounds like the association is representing the Village which they do not. Under no circumstances can this agreement be circulated. The association has no authority to enter into an agreement in regard to Village property.

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; Loveless, yes; and Starcher, 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: Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; Loveless, yes; and Starcher, yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Adjournment:

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

/s/ Angela Kaltenbaugh

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch

Douglas Welch, Mayor