

## MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 13, 2025

Waynesburg Village Council met in regular session with Mayor Doug Welch and all council members present: Dwayne Knight, Park Welker, Shawn Oliver, 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 9, 2024 were approved as presented.

### **Police Department:**

Chief Bath gave members a written report. Dierick requested that the Chief provide time sheets for himself and officers with his report moving forward.

### **Street Department:**

No report given. Anthony requested that Sickafoose make a list of what the Village mows and weed eats and the approximate time it takes to get it done. Council had no additional questions for Sickafoose.

### **Fire department:**

No report given.

### **Mayor:**

Mayors' court for December collected \$280.00 for the General Fund.

Updated list of Committees for 2025.

Oliver made a motion, seconded by Knight to nominate Anthony as President of Council. Vote: Anthony, abstain; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 5-1-0.

### **Clerk:**

Received request from resident in regards to changing the zoning from commercial to residential for a church he purchased to make it his residence. Kaltenbaugh had given him the zoning inspector's phone number. When resident contacted Morris, he was told "that it didn't matter and he could live there with it zoned as is." Resident wants to have it changed due to taxes and utilities being charged at a commercial rate. Per Council, have resident reach out to Mayor to file a zoning appeal.

Updated Council that the printer that had been approved has been ordered and will be delivered this week.

Spoke with the Auditor of States office. They are behind in audits at this time and are aware that we have not located any additional documents.

Auditor of State approved moving balance from bank reconciliation to the A99 fund for now. The bank and computer balance are now balanced.

Water bills will be going out tomorrow. There were issues with the gun for the meter reader and several meters that did not get read. Water Board is aware and addressing the issue.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance 2025-0001:** An Ordinance to make appropriations for Current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Waynesburg, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2025, and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Knight to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 6-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Dierick, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Adopted 6-0.

**Resolution 2025-0002:** A Resolution to proceed to renew a tax exceeding ten-mil limitation for general current expenses of the Municipal Corporation. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Dierick to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 6-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welch, to adopt the Resolution as presented. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Adopted 6-0.

### **Solicitor:**

Returned the signed contract with the Stark County Sheriffs office for 2025 dispatching services.

Reported that he was still researching the legalities of marijuana dispensaries as discussed at the last meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Welker reported that he has made several more attempts to contact Norm Saeger in regards to the pavilion project and has not gotten any response. The delay may have cost the Village the donor for the project.

Dierick inquired if there had been any follow up with the porta john business in town. Mayor stated that he had not been able to make contact with the owner and would continue to attempt contact.

### **New Business:**

Anthony reported that the Cemetery Board met with Tim Costello on January 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss prices, fees, and regulations. Prices had not been reviewed for at least eight years. Anthony presented Council with the proposed changes. After a brief discussion, Ordinance 2025-0003 was presented.

**Ordinance 2025-0003:** An ordinance adopting and approving the amended fee schedule and rules and regulations of the Village Cemetery(s); and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welch to suspend the three reading rule. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 6-0. Motion made by Anthony, seconded by Welker, to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Adopted 6-0.

Anthony requested that keys be made for all Council members for the door that separates the hall and offices and front doors. Motion was made by Anthony, seconded by Welker to have keys made for all members, not to exceed \$150.00. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 6-0.

Dierick questioned if a lump sum payment of \$50,000 could be made on the paving loan out of the street department fund. It was decided to wait until tax funds were received to make a motion.

**Payment of Bills:**

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. by Welker, seconded by Anthony. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Knight, yes; Welker, yes; and Oliver; yes. Motion carries 6-0.

/s/ Angela Kaltnebaugh

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch

Douglas W Welch, Mayor