

## MINUTES WAYNESBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL

September 17, 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 Jeremy Dierick. Others present: Solicitor Yost, Chief Bath, and Clerk Angela Kaltenbaugh.

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

Oliver made a motion, seconded by Knight to excuse Welker. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Oliver, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented.

### **Citizens:**

Carmie Swinhart with the Waynesburg Historical Society informed Council that a resident, who will remain unnamed until they give permission, has pledged to donate \$10,000 toward the Zwick Park renovation. She also brought up the idea of selling bricks again to help with the remaining costs.

Tosha Starcher was present to observe.

### **Street Department:**

Sickafoose was off on vacation. No report was given.

Dierick requested that the high weeds on Village property be taken care of when possible. Anthony asked that Sickafoose be responsible for filling in and seeding graves as needed moving forward due to complaints from families visiting the cemetery. Mayor Welch stated that he would speak to Sickafoose.

### **Police Department:**

Chief Bath gave members a written report.

No additional questions for Chief Bath.

### **Fire Department:**

Oliver reported that the Fire Board had terminated 2 firefighters. At this time there is no other pending action.

### **Mayor:**

Mayors' court for May collected \$1,760 to the General Fund.

### **Clerk:**

Notified Council that the Auditors Office had sent a letter to engage. It has been signed and returned. The audit for 2022, 2023, and 2024 should begin soon.

Requested permission to attend the Annual Fiscal Officers Training at a cost of \$110 plus travel costs. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Knight to approve the cost of the conference and travel. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Oliver, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

**Ordinances:**

Ordinance 2025-09-01: An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TexOh Energy Partners LLC for the lease of Village property for mineral rights and oil and gas leasing rights; and declaring it an emergency. Motion made by Dierick, seconded by Anthony to waive the three reading rule as an emergency. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Oliver, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0. Dierick made a motion, seconded by Oliver to adopt the ordinance as presented. Vote: Anthony, yes; Welch, yes; Dierick, yes; Oliver, yes; and Knight, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

**Old Business:**

Dierick requested an update on the ordinances that were previously discussed in regard to property maintenance and upkeep. Yost stated that he was working on them.

**New Business:**

Mayor Welch set Fall Clean up for October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM-12 PM

Knight mentioned that a resident complained of odor from the old sewer plant. Resident was instructed to contact the Stark County Metro Sewer Department.

Anthony presented a check to Council that had been sent in July. It was for prepayment of a burial at the previous rates. Council unanimously agreed that the Village has never taken prepayment for burial due to the uncertain cost of labor and materials in the future. Kaltenbaugh was instructed to return the check with a letter explaining the Boards reasoning.

Dierick mentioned that the flags and banners needed to be taken down. Also would like to check with other Villages and Townships to see who they use for their health insurance or if they are in a group that may cost the Village less.

**Payment of Bills:**

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

**Adjournment:**

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

/s/ Angela Kaltenbaugh

Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fiscal Officer

/s/ Douglas Welch

Douglas W Welch, Mayor