

Village of Wayne
Regular Council Meeting
JANUARY 17TH, 2024

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Craig Everett and the pledge of allegiance was said. Roll call was read: Gross present, Vandersall absent, Wildman present, Boyer present, and Young present. Lee moved and Wildman second to approve the minutes as read. All yeah, M/C. Lee moved and Boyer second to turn all bills over to finance and to pay all those found favorable. All yeah, M/C.

Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn discussed some changes going on at the sheriff department and all thru Wood County and also answering question from council. The sheriff department assists local police depts., have updated the police radios for all of Wood County for the last 5/6 months, and put in two new towers, and some additional repeater sites for communication (all cost out of sheriff budget). The sheriff dept. has a special response team, GPS in all sheriff vehicles, 30 road deputies, over 46,000 911 calls a year, average call response time is 8 minutes, etc.

Council asked about a way for the local depts. to get information/report when sheriff dept. handles a call in the area? No specific system right now that will automatically send that information to the local police depts without them contacting the sheriff dept. themselves, however, there is a program on the sheriff dept. webpage called Police to Citizen where anyone is able to search for what has been going on in a one mile area. This Police to Citizen will only go back 15 days of activity though and show what information was given by the caller. Sheriff Wasylyshyn has been working on a new CAD System, that will hopefully all go live January 1, 2025. The CAD System and cost for five years is covered by a grant that was received by the sheriff dept., then area depts will pick up the yearly cost of their portion. All police and fire depts. will have access to this system, be able to generate reports, see availability of help from other police/fire departments and requested specific trucks, route personnel to the actual call (even if assisting another officer), etc. There will be ongoing training for the sheriff dept. to help train fire/police personnel.

Council thanked Sheriff Wasylyshyn coming to the meeting and answering some questions and updating on what is going on at the sheriff dept. and jail. Police Chief Mocniak thanked Wasylyshyn for some information and resources available to the police dept. thru the sheriff dept.

Mike Bechstein, Wayne Little League, reported that spoke with the scoreboard company and scoreboard will ship 3 weeks after ordering. Little League has the money to cover shipping and looking to get scoreboard installed hopefully April. Little League signups at in the back room of the library on Jan. 30th & Feb. 5th and all information is on the Wayne Little League Facebook page. Little League is currently staying in the same division as last year. There was some discussion about the possibility of creating an Elmwood Little League to which Bloomdale, Cygnet, Portage, and Wayne would be all together with different age groups playing in certain towns for practice. Bechstein also would like anyone interested in joining the board for Little League to contact Amanda Sterling or himself.

Mayor reported from Village Admin. that is working on a setting up some maintenance schedules and still waiting on the quote for the leak detector.

Police Chief T. Mocniak reported had one resign and one officer interested in a position.

Mayor reported received information on Fostoria Kiwanis Annual Pancake Day on March 7th at St. Wendelin Parish Life Center from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Also, there will be a raffle and if interested in donating contact the president of the Kiwanis Club.

Toledo Edison/Penn Line has been in town this past week cutting back trees from the electrical lines. Gross reported that the grant application period for the Sanitary Sewer project just closed this week. Fiscal Officer presented council with the quote from Win Construction for replacing the 4 dugout roofs with metal for \$7,290.64. Young moved and Gross second to approve the quote for the dugouts. All yeah, M/C. Fiscal Officer will contact Win Construction to let them know.

Gross moved and Young second to approve the Rules of Council 2024. All yeah, M/C. Fiscal Officer passed out material from Text My Gov, council not interested at this time. Had 1st reading 2-24-753: Permanent Appropriations for 2024. Fiscal Officer reported that 2023 Year End is complete and submitted to State Auditor. Fiscal Officer brought up about a tax software for the Tax Commissioner, council would like Tax Commissioner to come to a meeting to discuss.

Young moved and Lee second to approve a increase in salary for the Fire Chief & Asst. Fire Chief of \$100.00 more a month (salary will then be \$350 chief /\$300 asst.chief monthly). All yeah, M/C. Gross moved and Young second to go into executive session for personnel matters at 8:42 p.m. All yeah, M/C. Mayor brought the meeting back to order at 9:13 p.m. Young moved and Gross second to approve a 2.59% increase in salary for Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer, 2.5% salary increase for Police Chief, T. Rochowiak increase from \$17 to \$18 an hr., and J. Houtz increase from \$16 to \$16.50 an hr. retroactive back to January 1, 2024. All yeah, M/C.

No further business, Gross moved and Boyer second to adjourn. All yeah, M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Repasz
Fiscal Officer

Council President