

Village of Wayne
Regular Council Meeting
FEBRUARY 21ST, 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 present, Wildman present, Boyer present, Lee present, and Young present. Young moved and Vandersall second to approve the minutes as read. All yeah, M/C. Boyer moved and Gross second to turn all bills over to finance and to pay all those found favorable. All yeah, M/C.

Various residents attended the council meeting tonight. Cindy Kieffer asked about paving Hutchins St. and heard that council was not working on the road until the church was built. Council answered that was waiting so that the new road would not be tore up by the heavy equipment and Hutchins St. will need some work besides paving. Hutchins St. needs re-graded, widened, paved, etc. which is a bigger project than just paving a street. Revisiting the issue this year but will take time with the work that will be involved. Mrs. Kieffer also spoke about during ball season that people are driving thru her yard to get to the park. Council did report that Joe had put posts and chain link up to hopefully prevent the situation (there is also a sign posted at the intersection of Hutchins & South St).

Randy Althaus expressed concerns about the condition of the alley by his house. Council is unaware of alley issues since was never brought to their attention. Council will have Village Administrator check out the alley.

Mayor and Council addressed concerns from residents in attendance concerning enforcement of Mobile Home Ordinances. Mayor described the ordinances and what they entail, if put a permanent foundation then becomes a home, what can and cannot be done since no zoning in town, and due to pending litigation can not discuss anything further at this time. One resident asked if there is a violation on water/sewer taps, like do they have all the required taps, etc. Council will forward the concern to village solicitor (solicitor will need the sewer ordinances for review). A resident also asked about Police in town and Council member Vandersall answered their questions to the best of his ability and Gross also mentioned looking into mutual aide between the three departments (Wayne, Bradner, & Risingsun). Many police depts. are experiencing a police shortage.

Young moved and Gross second to go into executive session for legal matters at 7:56 p.m. Motion was tabled to speak with Tax Commissioner before going into executive session. Kathy Garner, tax Commissioner, disused with Council the tax software she was looking into to help with better tracking of tax filings, noncompliance, better reports, etc. The cost is \$5,600 with includes training, then just have annual software supporting fees after. Gross moved and Vandersall second to approve the Tax Commissioner to purchase the tax software. All yeah, M/C.

Lee moved and Young second to go into executive session for legal matters at 8:01 p.m. All yeah, M/C. Mayor called the meeting back to order at 8:38 p.m.

Wildman reported for the Wayne Welcoming Society that raised \$660 for the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green, OH. They donated 60 baskets and helped with the shelters wish list for supplies. Currently working on the Facebook post for the Military Hero's with the form, requirements, etc. Hopefully have it done within a week and the deadline will be April 14, 2024. There at 20 light poles that will be used and any applications over 20 will be held for the next year.

Finance Committee (2023) met to approve the bank statements some from 2023 and Jan. 2024. Finance Committee also approved and signed the 2023 Supplemental Appropriation report. Fiscal Officer handed out the 2023 revenue status, etc.

Fiscal Officer reported have not heard on an update on when the LED street lights that are on back order will be done. Lee moved and Young second to approve Ordinance 2-24-753: Permanent Appropriations for 2024 totaling \$997,240.89.

Gross moved and Lee second to waive the third reading rule. All yeah, M/C. Boyer moved and Young second to pass Emergency Ordinance 2-24-754: Amend Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances Village of Wayne for Income Tax. All yeah, M/C. Had 1st reading Ordinance 3-24-755: Street Lighting Assessment for 2025 \$15,000. Mayor spoke about an new EPA mandate about Service Line Inventories that is due October 16, 2024. Mayor and Council will have the solicitor look into this since do not believe to have to comply with this particular mandate since do not know what type of pipe the homeowners are using, etc. Fiscal Officer reported to solicitor that will forward email over in the morning. Mayor also spoke about that the EPA annual inspections went well but they do want us to connect with Bradner and EPA has 90% matching grant for this particular kind of project. Mayor and Council had a discussion on this idea and spoke with solicitor a bit as well.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Fiscal Officer

Council President