**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**April 11th, 2022**

Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Troy Stewart, Diana Pethtel, Jacob Butsch ,John Swindler and Rita Robinett. Nine visitors attended the meeting.

**Agenda**: Robinett moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Mayor. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the March 14th, 2022 council minutes. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Stewart moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending March 31st, 2022. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea. (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review. Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc).

**Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering was present as a guest speaker. The treatment contract with New Madison has been signed by both parties. There will be different dates available for the open house regarding the sewer. The dates are set to be May 17 10AM – 1PM. May 19th 4PM – 7PM. May 21st 9AM – 12PM. There will be sewer fact sheets available at the open houses and agreements available to sign that will allow for the installation and construction of the system on the property owners land. A resident raised concerns about the projected increase in the monthly payments for the sewer system. The resident had concerns about how this would affect residents who are on a fixed income. Brice and council wanted to reiterate to all residents these increases are just projections and if the village can obtain more funding this will help keep these projected increases as low as possible.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Adam Wicker, Tim Weidner and Jim Weidner for their help in the egg addling process.

**Mayor Updates:** The hours to purchase fishing passes from the village are posted on the village office door. The village has had 3 to 4 trees removed from the lakes in the village and has plans to get another 2 to 3 trees removed in the near future. The Light Foundation has taken over the Hooked on Fishing program.

**Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** No report given

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: The community building is not scheduled to be rented again until late May.

**Zoning:**  No report given by Curtis Yount

**Special Projects:** No report given

**Open Discussion:** A resident had concerns about trees/limbs hanging over onto their property. The resident stated they have tried talking to the property owner multiple times but have had no luck in getting the property owner to take action. A resident had concerns about the number of golf carts being driven within the village. The resident was concerned about the potential for accidents. A resident wanted to know if they would be able to vote in the village again. Council received feedback from the County Board of Elections about things needed to be done to get voting back in the village. The village needs to repave the parking area and provide signage/parking space for people with a handicap. The door to the community building also shut too quickly and needs to close more slowly.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** Sales of fishing passes for 2022 have totaled $217 YTD. Council wanted to reiterate that all money from the sale of fishing passes goes back into the treatment/care of the lakes.

**Chippewa Lake:** The village is still working with Gavin at Brumbaugh Construction for plans on the old dam currently in place to help with the planned repairs at Chippewa Lake.

**Lawn Mower:** The purchase of a new lawn mower may be tabled until next year due to cost. The proposed cost of the new mower came back much higher than expected.

**Salt Spreader:** Mayor Clark has received a contract from Shane at Darke County about purchasing a refurbished salt spreader for the village.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-04-14-01:** This resolution authorizes the mayor and the fiscal officer to enter into an agreement with Zach Dellarware to perform the mowing in the village for 2022. Swindler made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Robinett made a motion to adopt the resolution. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**Ordinance 2022-04-14-01:** This ordinance confirms the appointment of Diana Pethtel as the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Wayne Lakes, Ohio. Swindler made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Butsch seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Butsch and Robinett voted yea. Pethtel abstained. Stewart made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Robinett seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Butsch and Robinett voted yea. Pethtel abstained. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Butsch and Robinett voted yea. Pethtel abstained.

**Ordinance 2022-03-14-01:** This was the second reading of the proposed zoning regulations for the village of Wayne Lakes. This is in the best interest of the village to provide for the orderly use of the land within the village.

Troy Stewart made a motion to allow Mike to have two additional maintenance workers to assist him when he is performing work within the village. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea. This is on work Mike performs as requested by the village and only to be paid when performing the work. Mike will turn in the times worked to ensure accuracy of pay.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: The sonar has been purchased for treatment of the lakes. No treatments have been performed yet due to the bad weather. Approx. five geese nests have been addled so far. The next lakes meeting is set for May 3rd. The lakes may be stocked at the end of the year depending on the remaining budget for the lakes.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** The remaining potholes in the village will be filled by the county and the county will be coming to the village to trim brush/trees on village property. The chipper will be available again starting in May and there will be a dumpster available for brush/leaves.

**Tree Commission:** No update given

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: If anyone finds a leash in the village can they please turn it into the office.

**Social Media**: No report given

**Welcome Packets:** There are still packets available in the office if anyone should need one.

**Grants:** Darke County Parks will be giving out grants again this year. The village will be submitting two/three applications for grant money.

Stewart moved to adjourn. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 07:48PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer