**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**December 14th, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Linda Clark, John Swindler, Troy Stewart, Darren Anderson, Rita Robinett. Ten visitors attended the meeting.

**Agenda**: Anderson moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Acting Mayor. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the November 19th, 2020 council minutes. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Stewart moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of November 30, 2020 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

**Acting Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering provided an update on the sewer project. The design process is still ongoing and should be completed sometime in the spring of 2021. The design loan is still being processed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The first application for funds from the EPA was unsuccessful and will be reapplied for in the summer of 2021. The plans will be submitted to the Ohio EPA in August of 2021 and a funding decision will be made in October or November of 2021. The project will be bid in August of 2022 and construction will start in late 2022 and continue through 2023. The billing for the project is being finalized so billing can start in Q2 of 2021. Brice reiterated everything is going as scheduled and nothing unforeseen has come up yet. Brice plans to attend the January 2021 meeting.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Rita Neff for donating the Christmas tree for the community building. Thanks to Rita Neff as well for continuing to help collect income surveys.

**Covid-19:** Darke County – 216 hospitalizations, 3059 cases, and 72 deaths as of the meeting.

**Mayor’s Meeting:** Mayors of surrounding municipalities are strongly considering putting together a proposal to hire a full time officer to patrol the area for a dedicated amount of hours. More information to follow.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.W.L:** George Mitterman reported meetings expected to resume again in January 2021. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

**E-Bird:** No report given

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: One cancellation in November and three cancellations in December. Cancellations were due to Covid-19 concerns. Two rentals are still scheduled for December. No rentals yet for 2021.

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

**Open Discussion:** Email from Michael MacKenzie, concerned about the trees and ordinances regarding responsibility for maintenance. Mike Bland was the head of a committee for trees at one time. It will be discussed with him to see what ordinances were passed and when. The village is responsible for trees on village property or anything that is a public safety hazard. The village will put up trail cams to attempt to catch the resident dumping residential trash in the public trash cans.

**Special Projects:** Nothing to report from John Swindler

**Council Business:**

**Open Council Seat:** Diana Pethtel has expressed interest in the open council seat. Linda Clark made a motion to accept Diana Pethtel for the open council seat. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. She took the oath to fill the open council seat left by Joan Faulknor.

**Reeds Gatehouse Fishing Passes:** A letter will be send to Reeds Gatehouse concerning money past due for fishing passes sold.

**Lake Drain Project:** Two more quotes are still needed for the drain project. One has been received so far.

**1102 Main Drive:** Council has been deliberating purchasing the strip of land at 1102 Main Drive from Diana Pethtel. Council started this conversation four to five months ago. The cost of the purchase would be ~$8,000. The purchase of this land would allow the village to continue to use this for the Hooked on Fishing Program and other events for the benefit of the village. No formal plans/agreements were ever made and that’s why this land is still attached the property at 1102 Main Drive.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Paving of Weavers-Ft.Jefferson Road:** The county has proposed this project to the village. The total cost of the project would cost the village ~$28,800. The project would begin eight to ten months from now. If the village chooses not to participate in this project, the county would stop at the corporation limits of the village and then start again outside the village limits. Troy Stewart made a motion to not participate in the county paving project of Weavers-Ft.Jefferson Road. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Safety Zones Construction by Flory Landscaping:** The mayor received a quote from Flory Landscaping to install sand filled fall safety zones. The quote for this project is $1199. This includes installation and removal of debris. Rita Robinett made a motion to accept the quote from Flory Landscaping. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**Gutters from Custom Exteriors of Southwest Ohio LLC:** The quote for gutters on the community building came back at $1710 from Custom Exteriors of Southwest Ohio LLC. This includes the installation of the gutter guard for leaves/pine needles. Troy Stewart made a motion to accept the quote as submitted. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-11-9-01 – Resolution establishing the monthly dates of council meetings for the village of waynes lakes for 2021**– This establishes the dates of the monthly village council meetings for the second Monday of each month. Motion was made by Darren Anderson to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Robinett to adopt the resolution. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Motion made by John Swindler to declare an emergency. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-11-9-02 – resolution authorizing the mayor and fiscal official to enter into an agreement on behalf of the village of wayne lakes with hylant group for liability insurance through ohio risk Managment**– This resolution will authorize the mayor and fiscal officer to enter into a renewal agreement with Hylant Group to provide the liability insurance for the village thorough Ohio Risk Management. Motion was made by Linda Clark to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Troy Stewart to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion made by Linda Clark to declare an emergency. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** John Swindler stated they were waiting on the budget from Lakes Management regarding the budget for chemicals for the lakes.

**Lake Management**: The committee will be meeting to discuss the budget needed for chemicals for lakes for 2021. They are also in the process of getting a permit for goose addling for 2021. Next meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2021. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with the lakes.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** The trash cans located around the village are going to be cleaned and emptied and brought in for the winter. A notice will be included in the newsletter regarding interest in joining/forming a tree committee.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: Darren Anderson reported a cat had been dumped at this property. Rita Robinett suggested seeing if the Richland Help Shelter would take it in.

**Social Media**: Thanks to George Mitterman, who was at the meeting making online streaming possible through the village website using YouTube. The village is discussing how to incorporate Zoom into the council meetings given the nature of the situation with Covid-19.

John Swindler moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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