**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

 **1052 MAIN ST.**

**December 13th, 2021**

Acting 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: Linda Clark, Troy Stewart, Diana Pethtel, Rita Robinett and John Swindler. Darren Anderson was absent with an excused absence. Five visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Pethtel moved to approve the November 8th, 2021 council minutes. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Swindler moved to approve the finance reports as of November 30th, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detailed expenses, etc.)

**Acting Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering was present at the council meeting. The village has secured a $5.5 million grant and is applying for another $1 million grant. The village’s application for funds through HB164 was not accepted but Brice is optimistic there will be another cycle of funding available for the village to apply for. Brice reiterated everything remains on schedule for the project.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Jim Anderson for his help with coming up with the job description and duties for the new role the village is looking to fill.

**Mayor Updates:** As of December 12th, Wayne Hospital has cancelled elective surgeries. The Transfer Station is closed until January 8th, 2022. Residents should have received letters about a new energy supplier for the village. These letters are required to be sent out by law when a new energy supplier is coming into a village. Energy Harbor is the new supplier for the village. Residents are not required to stay in the aggregate with Energy Harbor.

**Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** No report given

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: The community building was rented more times in 2021 than it was in 2020. Reservations are off to a slow start for 2022 but that is normal for the community building.

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

**Special Projects:** Residents will soon be able to pay their sewer bill online. More information to come soon.

**Open Discussion:** A tree fell onto a property on Cross Drive. The village will be investigating the size of the tree and determining if it is something they village can handle or if they will need to hire it out. There will be no more chipping until the spring of 2022. There was also a tree that fell at the clubhouse. A resident was interested in cleaning it up and taking the wood if the village would be okay with that arrangement. More discussion on this will be had by council. A resident is interested in purchasing village owned property. The village would be required to post this property for sale and it would go to the highest bidder. The village cannot sell any property to specific individuals.

**Special Projects:** No report given.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** Sales of fishing passes for 2021 have totaled $16, 572 YTD. One fishing pass was sold online in November.

**Water Control:** The village will be placing an ad looking to hire a person to maintain, clean and control the water flow for the lakes within the village.

**Zoning Map:** Acting Mayor Clark would like to have a zoning map created for the village. Troy Stewart made a motion to for Access Engineering to draw the zoning map for the village. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Drain Project on East Drive and S Shawnee Drive:** The drain needs replaced over on East Drive and Shawnee Drive. Rita Robinett made a motion to seek quotes for repairs and clean up of the drain. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Lake Application:** Troy Stewart asked if one chemical application could be subcontracted out due to the amount of work and volunteers needed. It would be at a cost of approx. $1500. Stewart made a motion to subcontract out one chemical application. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Community Building Manager Compensation:** It was brought to council asking for the compensation of Sherrie Stewart to be increased from $50 per rental to $60 per rental for 2022. John Swindler made a motion to increase the compensation of Sherrie Stewart. Pethtel seconded. Pethtel, Robinett, Clark and Swindler voted yea. Stewart abstained.

**Beach 2022:** Acting Mayor Clark would like to open the beach for 2022, this would include any essential repairs needed. The funds for repairs would come from ARPA funds the village has received. Troy Stewart made a motion to open the beach for 2022. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-12-13-1: Approval of the Current Expenses and Expenditures for the Village of Wayne Lakes for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022–** This is confirming the expenses and expenditures for the village for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2022. Swindler made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Pethtel made a motion to adopt the resolution. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**1st Reading of Resolution 2022-12-13-01: Dates of the monthly council meetings for fiscal year 2022–** This is confirming the meeting dates for the monthly council meeting for 2022. Swindler made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Pethtel made a motion to adopt the resolution. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Robinett made a motion to declare an emergency. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**1st Reading of Resolution 2022-12-13-02: Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Execute a Renewal Agreement on Behalf of the Village and Hylant Group for Liability Insurance–** This is authorizing the acting mayor and fiscal officer to enter into an agreement with Hylant Group to provide liability insurance for the village. Robinett made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to adopt the resolution. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: No report given

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** No report given

**Tree Commission:** The commission is working on getting in contact with residents about looking at trees in question on properties.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: No report given

**Social Media**: No report given

**Welcome Packets:** There are copies of the welcome packets available in the village office. No village funds are being used for these packets. This is all being done by the Fort Jefferson United Methodist Church.

**Grants:** No report given.

Pethtel moved to adjourn. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 07:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer