**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**December 12th, 2022**

Mayor Linda Clark called the meeting to order at 07:01PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: John Swindler, Jacob Butsch, Rita Robinett, Troy Stewart and Robert Ewry. Six visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the November 14th, 2022 council minutes. Butsch seconded. Swindler, Butsch and Ewrt voted yea. Stewart and Robinett abstained.

**Financial Report:**  Stewart moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending November 30th, 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 the guest speaker. Brice stated the funding for the sewer project is finalized and in place. There are only 55 agreements left to be signed out of 336. Brice wanted to reiterate there will be no additional expense to the homeowner if the agreement is signed. Construction is still slated to begin late the first quarter of 2023. Hans is still available to get the agreements notarized for any residents who still need or want them completed.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to George, Jacob and Logan for putting up the Christmas decorations at the beach and the garage. Thanks to Nick for his work on the village truck. Thanks to Mike for making repairs at the community building.

**Mayor Updates:** The levy renewal on the November ballot passed by a vote of 166 For and 128 Against. The village is now signed up and a part of the Electrical Aggregate. It is open to anyone in the village to participate in but is not a requirement. The provider for the village is Energy Harbor. The village is moving forward sending letters and following the process for the junk in the yard at the Hornbacker property.

**Open Forum:** There have been requests from residents for more and improved lighting throughout the village. Logan will look at options to place lighting on existing poles in the village and get a quote from AES on the cost of additional lighting. There is an open council seat for any interested parties. There will be an executive session for council members only to review personnel matters for the village for 2023. The drain at Shawnee and Kickapoo lakes was reported as being clogged.

**Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** No update given.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Troy Stewart will provide a year end update for the community building at the next council meeting.

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

**Special Projects:** No update given.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** Council will review the pricing of the fishing passes for 2023.

**Liquor License:** The village received a request from the Ohio Department of Commerce for a liquor license for Bullfrogs Lounge LLC. This is to be located at the old Gatehouse building. Bullfrogs Lounge will be located in the basement and Events to Remember will be on the main floor. There will be food served and the business still needs to be obtained. They inquired about the DORA program and the council will look into it. Stewart made a motion to approve the liquor license request for Bullfrogs Lounge. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Grounds Maintenance:** Nick asked Mayor Clark if Cody Ritter could be hired on by the village to help him with grounds maintenance in the village. Cody would be hired on at a rate of $15/hr on an as needed basis. Swindler made a motion to approve this request. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-12-12-001:** This resolution accepts an increase to the Other Capital Projects Revenue fund and the Planning Consultants account of the General Fund. The village received an additional $40, 321.81 from the US Army Corps of Engineers that was not anticipated. These additional funds will be used to pay the final Access Engineering invoice for 2022. Robinett made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to adopt the resolution. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to declare an emergency. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Ordinance 2022-12-12-001:** This is the first reading of the ordinance to vacate a portion of Grace Drive within the Village of Wayne Lakes. The portion to be vacated is located between East Drive and Mumma Drive and borders lots 11, 13, 10 and 1 within the village and described in the Plat recorded at the Darke County Recorder’s Office.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: There were a total of four lakes stocked back in October. There is a tentative plan in place to stock the lakes again in the spring of 2023. Stewart made a request to order an additional 8 gallons of sonar to treat the lakes if there was enough money left in the budget. Diana Pethtel confirmed there was enough money left in the lakes budget to order the sonar.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Jacob noticed there are additional potholes popping up in the village over the course of the winter. The village is also looking into updating the salt spreader to something that provide better salt dispersion in the village given the hilly terrain.

**Tree Commission:** Mayor Clark will verify three trees have been cut down that were on the list.

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

**Social Media**: Sewer bills are now available to paid online.

**Grants:** No report given.

Motion made by Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:02PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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