**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**February 10, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The prayer (Dane Driver), pledge to the flag, and roll call followed. Council members present: Darren Anderson, Joan Falknor, John Swindler, and Linda Clark (Council President). Sixteen (16) visitors were present including Adam Wicker; Rita & Stan Robinett; Dane Driver; Denise & Tom Wetzel; Troy Stewart; Rita Neff; George Mitterman; Cindy Ploch; Patsy Livingston; Ronnie & Martha North; Tina Richards; and Brice Schmitmeyer with Access Engineering.

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

**Minutes:** Falknor moved to approve the January 13, 2020 council minutes. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Swindler moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of January 31, 2019 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three (3) days in advance for their review.) Falknor seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.) Month end reports are always available for anyone interested to review.

**Guest Speaker**: Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering just left from a meeting with New Madison and decided to stop in to update the village council. The meeting with New Madison was positive in that they voted to seek pricing to determine the cost involved to have the village tie in to their sewer system. There is also talk about the possibility of taking on Hollansburg, Ohio waste also. Brice felt this would be a plus, as far as money savings involved. Brice spoke of a meeting to take place with the Darke County Commissioners this week. The surveyors will be starting next week in an effort to locate septic tanks within the village. A letter was sent out to the residents/owners to notify them of their presence. The surveyors will be recognizable with badges.

**Acting Mayor Updates**: Appreciation was expressed for the help received from F.o.w.L in cleaning up an area in the garage; and for her husband in helping her move some heavy equipment around in the municipal building, etc.

The acting mayor updated the following:

1) Reminder was mentioned on RITA. Required filing for 2019 will be by April 15, 2020. Further discussion took place as far as filing online. Swindler noted if one was filing online with RITA to make sure they put Wayne Lakes down as the address (not Greenville). One can also obtain forms needed online to print off and file via mail. The fiscal officer received approval to list her and the acting mayor as the village delegates to the Regional Income Tax Agency Regional Council of Governments (RCOG). The fiscal officer noted attendance has not been mandatory.

2) No one was aware of any additional vandalism reported in the Village. Falknor shared with those present the C.O.P. (Wayne Lakes Citizen’s on Patrol) program headed up by Doug Barger. This group is to work closely with the Darke County Sheriff. The Darke County Sheriff still needs to be called immediately by anyone who sees something going on within the village. For example: Illegal dumping is still going on in the park.

3) Goose Nest Disruption: Discussion took place about the nest disruption and various options one could do to disrupt the eggs. One would need permission from the residents to get access to the nests. Wicker suggested this information should be in the newsletter and those residents who would want the nests to be disrupted are to call and sign written permission for someone to access their property. The permit is in place and it was felt that time is of essence to prevent increasing the geese population as much as it did in 2019.

4) The acting mayor questioned the feasibility of opening the beach this year. Discussion followed noting that opening the beach last year was mostly handled by volunteers. F.o.w.L. has no intention of continuing with the concession stand again this year. Wicker reported that the only reason they came out in the black last year was due to the donations of support at the beginning of the season and having all volunteers. After surveying those utilizing the beach last year and discovering over 70% in attendance were not from the Village, Wicker stated that he felt it was unnecessary to burden our taxpayers with trying to open the beach. It was suggested perhaps to come up with a rental program for those interested in renting the beach (similar to renting out the clubhouse).

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.w.L:** Adam Wicker reported they recently turned in 875 pounds of aluminum cans. Not much going on this month, except for cleaning up efforts. F.o.w.L will be starting their membership drive for 2020 in March. The meetings are to take place every first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

**E-Bird – Cindy Ploch**: Ploch reported for the month of January. Thirty-Two (32) species reported, such as Fox Sparrows. So far in February, four (4) Royal Mockingbirds have been reported.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Troy Stewart reported on the Community Building: The building has been closed up for the months of January and February. So far he has two rental scheduled for March (not counting the Board of Election, which they will be using the building for the election.) Troy requested permission to purchase 200 black folding chairs. The acting mayor requested for him to wait until she can obtain updated capacity certificates for both the clubhouse and the municipal bldg.

**Zoning:** Curtis Yount was not present.

**Open forum:** Denise Wetzel spoke of the problem that is taking place at the North Creek stop sign area. Tina Richards also confirmed what Denise has reported. Although the school buses don’t seem to have a problem making the turn, most other drivers seem to be having problems making the turn, thus going onto their property, etc. It was suggested perhaps to have some type of flags in the area. Swindler stated that it sounds like perhaps we should be looking into widening the road in that area.

**Council Business:**

**Council Seats Available:** The acting mayor reported on the two vacant council seats since January 1, 2020. Two people have stepped up to be on council. The acting mayor requested council to approve of her appointments: Troy Stewart and Rita Robinett. Anderson moved to approve the appointment of Troy Stewart as a council member. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Falknor moved to approve the appointment of Rita Robinett as a council member. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. The term for both council members will expire 12/31/2023.

**Oath of Office:** Both Stewart and Robinett were sworn in by the acting mayor.

**Request for Council Approval:**

**Community Building:**  The acting mayor has requested for council to approve an amendment to the rental requirements for the clubhouse to increase the deposit amount for non-residents only from $50 to $100. Although deposit refunds have never been denied, it has been noted that a lot of required clean up afterwards has not been done. The thinking in increasing the deposit to $100 for non-resident would give the people more incentive to follow directions. It was noted that Troy will no longer be the rental agent since he is now on council. Anyone interested to be a rental agent for the Community Building are to contact the acting mayor, Linda Clark. As far as the residents, it was mentioned that they know where they live. Falknor moved to increase the rental deposits for the clubhouse for non-residents to $100. Anderson seconded. Anderson, Robinett, Falknor, Clark, Swindler voted yea. Stewart abstained.

**Increased Sheriff Patrol:** The acting mayor asked for a vote on whether we should continue the increased hours for the Sheriff Patrol. Council decided to wait until the April meeting to decide if further extra patrol hours will be needed.

**Village Bait Shop:** The acting mayor had spoken to Bob Weaver and he does not want to have the bait shop this year. Discussion followed. This could be a business opportunity for someone, if they were interested. All present were asked to get the word out, if anyone would be interested. No rental involved and all utilities are paid for by the village in exchange for selling the fishing passes.

**ATM for Fishing Passes**: The acting mayor had information on an ATM Machine that was found online. She has requested for more information. Several people expressed approval, if possible, to purchase this machine to sell fishing passes. It would be the answer to those wanting to purchase passes during off hours and weekends.

**Reconciliation of Fishing Passes Sold in 2019:** The fiscal officer reconciled her Excel sheets of recorded passes sold in 2019 with the unused passes turned in. The breakdown information was sent to the council members via email days earlier. The fiscal officer asked for council to approve the reconciliation as submitted. Falknor moved to approve the reconciliation. Seconded by Swindler. Stewart and Robinett abstained. Anderson, Falknor, Swindler, and Clark voted yea. Motion passed.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:** There were no legislations to be voted on.

**Council Committees**:

**Lake Management**: Anderson reported on the recent Lakes meeting. Several ideas were suggested. It was felt that $8,000 would be needed for lake management in 2020. The fiscal officer noted that one gallon of Sonar has been purchased. It was also noted that the boat motor used for the lake treatments needed repaired. Purchasing a certain kind of Carp to help manage the lakes was also discussed.

**Welcome Packets – Wayne Lakes History:** Falknor received approval to print off a one page “Welcome to Wayne Lakes” flyer instead of a brochure (holding off on the brochure until the sewer project is complete.) This will include info and history of the village, etc. George Mitterman requested a copy so he could include this on the village web site.

**Social Media:** George Mitterman is looking into the possibility of having a 4th of July Fireworks. Everyone including council was in favor of such of an event. It was suggested to possibly have this event at the Beach. Mitterman will check into what all is required. More info forthcoming.

**Grants Research/Submission:** Falknor and Swindler received info on the Darke County CBDG Grant and plan to attend the meeting. Falknor had several suggestions for this small grant program by the county (for example: Grant to help with management of the lakes or perhaps Grant to have more street lights added in the village.)

**Mosquito Spraying**: Robinett stated she received a phone call from the Health Department asking about the mosquito spraying again this year. Last year, the health department, granted a grant for six mosquito sprays in the village.

Falknor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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