

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
February 8th, 2021

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:59 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, Diana Pethtel. Seven visitors attended the meeting.

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

Minutes: Stewart moved to approve the January 11th, 2021 council minutes. Swindler seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Anderson, Robinett and Pethtel voted yea. Clark abstained.

Expenses: Anderson moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of January 29th, 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 detail expenses, etc.)

Acting Mayor Updates:

Guest Speaker: Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering provided an update on the sewer project. The village will be reapplying for the grant through the Ohio EPA. The application will be resubmitted in August 2021 and the results should come back in October – November 2021. Billing for the sewer is expected to begin starting in the second quarter of 2021 at \$45/quarter. The billing is being set up through Darke County. The plan is to bid the project out starting in 2022 and construction would begin in 2023. Brice also reported that enough income surveys were filled out and turned in and based on the results, the village qualified for additional funding for the sewer and potentially other projects within the village. Brice will return for the March meeting with a summary sheet with all the facts and figures of the project to date.

Appreciations: Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in various roles while Linda Clark was out. Thank you to all the residents who completed and returned the income surveys and to the volunteers who helped collect outstanding surveys.

Mayor Updates: Vaccines for Covid-19 are available for eligible Darke County residents. The village will be applying again for the goose egg addling permit to help with the geese population within the village. Three individuals have expressed interest in joining the tree commission to help monitor the trees within the village. There has been no decision made yet on whether the beach will be reopened for the 2021 season. There is a new ownership group interested in purchasing the Gatehouse.

Community Group Updates:

F.o.W.L: Adam Wicker reported the board members for F.o.W.L met and came to the decision to dissolve F.o.W.L as of March 2021. He stated a lack of volunteers led to this decision by the

board members. He wanted to thank everyone who volunteered and helped with the organization.

E-Bird: No report given

Village Updates:

Community Building: There was one February rental and has been a lot interest expressed in future rental dates. It is also being discussed to interested parties to submit their deposits within 30 days of the interested rental date. This is due to the uncertainty with Covid-19 and the amount of cancellations due to the restrictions put in place to maintain the guidelines set forth by the State.

Zoning: No report given by Curtis Yount.

Open Discussion: It was brought up at the sewer committee meeting the village needs to consider what procedures and protocols to have in place if someone outside the village limits wants to access the new sewer. A council member was asked about solicitation within the village. Council will look to see what is or is not in place and report back about the findings.

Special Projects: No report given due to Brice's update given at the meeting.

Council Business:

Fishing Passes 2021: Council is working to establish a new contract for the sale of the fishing passes for 2021. There were many issues with the process for 2020. Council will be working to establish a new process for the purchase of the passes to ensure simplicity and transparency. Adam Wicker wanted to emphasize the importance of the passes to the village and the extra money raised by the sale of these passes.

Chippewa Lake: The trimming of bushes and trees around Chippewa Lake is slated to take place to ensure access. Dumping is still occurring in the lake. Anyone with information about who may be doing this is encouraged to speak with a council member.

Sirens: Inspections of the sirens to ensure proper working order will be taking place.

Requests for Council Approval:

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2-08-01 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUG-A-BOO

PEST CONTROL TO PROVIDE FOGGING FOR 2021 - This would authorize Bug-a-Boo Pest Control to perform the fogging within designated areas of the village for the 2021 year. Motion was made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Anderson to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Stewart to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02-08-02 – RESOLUTION APPROVING JACOB BUTSCH TO MONITOR AND MANAGE THE LAKE LEVELS – This resolution authorizes Jacob Butsch to

monitor and manage the water levels for the lakes within the village. Motion was made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Swindler to adopt the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted

yea. Motion was made by Stewart to declare an emergency. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08-1 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021

APPROPRIATIONS– This ordinance will change the 2021 appropriations for the village budget concerning the sewer fund. Motion was made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule of the ordinance. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Swindler to adopt the ordinance. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Robinett to declare an emergency. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

1ST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02-08-03 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL

OFFICER TO SIGN CHECKS– This resolution grants the fiscal and assistant fiscal officer the ability to sign checks on behalf of the village. Motion was made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Swindler to adopt the resolution. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Clark to declare an emergency. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance: Budget meeting will be held in February. Swindler got the quote back for the installation of the approximately 90 new signs the village has. The cost for the installation is roughly \$5000.

Lake Management: Stewart is ordering more chemicals to treat the lakes. He also expressed a desire to purchase a new trolling motor. Clark asked for a quote and Stewart will report back with cost of a new motor. Treatment will begin in late March (weather permitting). Stewart will again be getting permission forms for any nests located on a resident's property.

Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings): Anderson has made requests to get the required second and third quotes needed for the drain project.

Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering: No report given.

Social Media: Thanks to George Mittermann, who was at the meeting making online streaming possible through the village website using YouTube. The village is hoping to broadcast the next meeting through Zoom on Facebook.

Stewart moved to adjourn. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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