**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**January 13, 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: Linda Clark (Council President), Darren Anderson, Joan Falknor, and John Swindler. Twenty Six (26) visitors were present including Rita & Stan Robinett; Dane Driver; Ellen Brown; Denise & Tom Wetzel; Troy Stewart; Rita Neff; George Mitterman; Cindy Ploch; Patsy Livingston; Dave Flatter; Becky Hatfield; Mrs. Fornshell; Jeff Schinke; Cindy Boomershine; Joyce Rowland; Doug Barger; John Wenger; Bob Hartwell; Gabe; Larry Holmes; and Brice Schmitmeyer with Access Engineering.

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

**Minutes:** Falknor moved to approve the December 9, 2019 amended council minutes. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler moved to approve the December 17, 2019 Special Community minutes. Falknor seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Falknor moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of December 31, 2019 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three (3) days in advance for their review.) Swindler 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 spoke of the most recent sewer project status and their efforts to obtain grants to help with the funding. (Sewer Committee meeting took place one hour before the council meeting.)

**Acting Mayor Updates**: Appreciations to all the volunteers and for their support was mentioned. The acting mayor updated the following:

1) Reminder was mentioned on RITA. Required filing for 2019 will be by April 15, 2020.

2) Additional hours by the Sheriff Patrol was warranted at the December meeting due to the vandalism/theft, which is still going on within the village. Also, illegal dumping still going on in the park.

3) Neave’s township gave notice after the last council meeting in December that the Township has voted not to contract with the village this year in reference to the Transfer Station and that they had no immediate plans to discontinue the Transfer Station.

4) Goose Nest Disruption was addressed, along with the geese population how it has increased greatly in 2019. Now that obtaining the permit has been approved, the acting mayor asked for everyone to be looking for volunteers to handle this disruption for 2020. Discussion followed as to the time of the year this should be done, which the month of March was mentioned.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.W.L:** Adam Wicker was not present. George Mitterman reported in his absence. There was no meeting in January, 2020. The meetings are to take place every first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 (which will be held at the village municipal building, since the clubhouse is closed for January and February.)

**E-Bird – Cindy Ploch**: Ploch reported for the year 2019. The village tied with Shawnee Prairie recognizing 114 birds from 38 different families. The numbers start all over as of January 1 with 29 different species reported to date. Ploch reported that the birds have all been categorized into thirty eight (38) different families:

Water species-19 reported; Warblers-16 reported; Woodpeckers-7 reported; New World Sparrows-8 reported; Snow Geese-24 (highest in Ohio reported in the fall).

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Troy Stewart reported on the Community Building: In 2019 the clubhouse was rented thirty (30) times and so far for 2020 he has eight (8) rentals scheduled. It was confirmed that the appropriations are in place for the “chinking” of the building to take place this spring. When questioned by Stewart, as far as a new roof this year, council is hoping with the repairs done in 2019 that it will hold on for another year or so. Stewart reported that with the passing of David Loxley (resident of Wayne Lakes), the family has requested in lieu of flowers for donations to go to the “Hooked on Fishing Program”.

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

**Open forum:**

**1) Larry Holmes** addressed council. Holmes (a Republican) is running for the Darke County Commissioner seat in the next election. Several questions were addressed and answered.

**2**) **John Wenger** addressed council, along with Bob Hartwell. Wenger had a stroke previously and his health is not what it used to be. Wenger has been the head of this program for twenty (20) years. The importance of this “Hooked on Fishing Program” was discussed and they are asking for volunteers and especially a volunteer to head up this program. They reported how beneficial this program is not only for the village but also for the youth and want to see it continue. They have been able to obtain grants to stock the lake every year. Wenger requested for the Village to include their need for volunteers in the Village newsletters.

**3) Doug Barger** addressed council in reference to a C.O.P. (Wayne Lakes Citizen’s on Patrol) program that he is currently working with the Darke County Sheriff’s Patrol. Two flyers were passed out to council. The summary of this program is to help stop crime in Wayne Lakes. The COP will be the eyes and ears helping the sheriff. They will not make contact, will observe, will record, will report, and will not carry a firearm. There will be no interaction with any other citizen. At least one (1) person in the patrol vehicle will be certified requiring four (4) hours of training. Barger encouraged the village council to use this group and what has been established as a starting point for its effort to establish a Community Crime Watch. Any face-to-face meetings involved with this group, Barger requested use of the municipal building. For now, Barger requested council to give him and this group a vote of “confidence and support”. The main purpose of this vote will help aid in completing the establishment of this group; help the sheriff’s decision to issue a liaison for them; and gather confidence from the citizens of this village. Eventually, he would ask council for a resolution, etc. This would be a legal matter to be addressed at a later date. Several questions were addressed. It was noted that the village currently has a 10:00 p.m. curfew for children age 14 and under. Falknor moved to give Doug Barger a vote of support for this Wayne Lakes Citizen’s on Patrol (C.O.P.) Program. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Barger requested for the village to include this information in the newsletter.

4) **Troy Stewart** requested for council to look into purchasing an ATM Machine for people to be able to obtain fishing passes 24-7. Discussion followed. Council and all present seemed to be in favor of the idea.

**Council Business:**

**Council Seats Available:** As of January 1, 2020 - Two council member seats are open. The acting mayor noted that anyone interested in a council seat are to contact her or other council members within the next few weeks. The open council seats will be addressed at the next council meeting on February 10, 2020.

**Increased Night Lights**: Dayton Power & Light was contacted in reference to adding night lights on the existing electrical poles in the village. Discussion followed with Council and the majority present indicating they were in favor of moving forward with obtaining the lights. Mapping is required, per the existing paperwork sent by DP&L. Once submitted council would have a better idea on the cost involved.

**Request for Council Approval:**

**Increased Sheriff Patrol:**  The acting mayor asked for a vote on whether we should continue the increased hours for the Sheriff Patrol. Swindler moved to continue the increased hours for the Darke County Sheriff Patrol until the next council meeting on February 10th. Seconded by Anderson. All present voted yea. Swindler stated he was going to contact them to ask for more details in reference to the summary they provide.

**Security System**: The acting mayor noted that the chairs everyone are sitting on in the community building have been paid for, along with the security system approved at the December meeting. The acting mayor requested approval from council for the installation. Falknor moved to approve the installation of the security system and security lights. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. George Mitterman was asked along with others to help with the installation of the security system and security lights. It was noted that Jim Anderson does not want any holes driven on the exterior of the building, which Mitterman feels will not be a problem.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**1st Reading of Resolution 2020-01-13-01 – A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES AUTHORITY TO SIGN CHECKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was read by the fiscal officer. Due to the acting mayor’s full time employment, she is unable to sign the checks (only in an emergency situation). Our solicitor, Paul Wagner, was contacted and he submitted this Resolution to be approved by Council. The fiscal officer feels this will be no problem upon council’s approval, as she will make sure all the necessary paperwork will be kept in order for council to review monthly (and for the auditors when audited.) Falknor moved to waive the three reading rule on Resolution No. 2020-1-13-01. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler moved to adopt Resolution 2020-1-13-01. Falknor seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler moved to declare an emergency on Resolution 2020-1-13-01. Falknor seconded. All present voted yea.

**2020 Organization: Council Committee’s:**

The acting mayor reported the following:

Finance Committee Chairman: John Swindler

Lakes & Management Committee Chairman: Darren Anderson

Newsletter/Press Releases: Acting Mayor & Karen Sink

Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, and buildings) - Chairman to be announced.

Welcome Packets/Wayne Lakes History Chairman: Joan Falknor

Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering Chairman: To be announced.

Social Media: Village Website: Mayor (George Mitterman); Village Facebook: Joan Falknor

Grants Research/Submissions Chairman: Joan Falknor and John Swindler

Falknor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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