**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

 **1052 MAIN ST.**

**January 10th, 2022**

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: Troy Stewart, Diana Pethtel, Rita Robinett and John Swindler. Five visitors attended the meeting.

**Agenda**: Stewart moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Mayor. Pethtel seconded. Stewart, Robinett, and Pethtel voted yea.

**Minutes:** Robinett moved to approve the December 13th, 2021 council minutes. Stewart seconded. Stewart, Robinett and Pethtel voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Pethtel moved to approve the finance reports as of December 31st, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Robinett seconded. Stewart, Robinett and Pethtel voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detailed expenses, etc.)

**Mayor Updates**:

**Swearing in of New Council Members:** Diana Pethtel, Jacob Butsch, and John Swindler were sworn in as council members. The terms for these council members will be from 2022 – 2026.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Jim Anderson for his help with the interviews that took place for the lake maintenance position.

**Mayor Updates:** Village office hours will be changing. More information to come on the new office hours. Brice Schmitmeyer is planning to be at the February council meeting. The dam on North Drive needs repaired and council is discussing the best options to have this repaired.

**Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** Cindy reported the village had 114 bird species spotted in 2019, 121 in 2020, 120 in 2021 and 26 in 2022 YTD. The village had nine new species of birds spotted in 2021. The 120 species spotted in 2021 were the most in Darke County.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: This is the slow time for rentals for the community building. The 1st planned rental for 2022 is in March.

**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:** There were two instances of trees falling within the village. Thanks to Jim and Mike for cleaning one of the trees and thanks to the Kirk’s for cleaning up and hauling away the other one.

**Special Projects:** The next sewer project meeting is set for February.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** Sales of fishing passes for 2021 have totaled $16, 579 YTD.

**Iroquois Property:** The survey of the property on Iroquois Lake has been completed and the purchase of the property by the village is moving forward.

**Chippewa Lake:** The area behind Chippewa Lake has been cleaned up and debris hauled away. Council is discussing what steps to take to ensure the area will remain clean. More information to come.

**Pothole Repair:** Shane from Darke County quoted the cold patch repair for potholes on Hickory Drive and other areas in the village will cost <$300.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**President Pro Tempore:** Rita Robinett volunteered to be the President Pro Tempore for the village council. John Swindler made a motion to accept Rita Robinett as President Pro Tempore. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Tim Weidner:** Tim Weidner was offered the job of Lake Maintenance for the village for the 2022 year. He will be hired on at a salary of $8000/year. Troy Stewart made a motion to accept Tim Weidner as Lake Maintenance for the village. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Drain on East Drive and Shawnee Drive:** The village received the quote back to repair the drain on East Drive and Shawnee Drive. The quote for the repair came back at $650 and will be paid for by the owners of the property in question, Dale and Maria Wogoman. John Swindler made a motion to accept the submitted quote. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Training Tim Weidner:** Jim Anderson was asked by the council to train Tim Weidner. Jim Anderson accepted and asked to be compensated for his time at a cost of $500. Troy Stewart made a motion to approve the cost of Jim Anderson training Tim Weidner. Swinder seconded. All present voted yea.

**Village Message Boards:** The council would like to put new message boards up at Pontiac Lake, Chippewa Lake and the village office. The cost of the message boards will be less than $1300/board. Troy Stewart made a motion to approve the purchase of the message boards. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** The 2 loans the village have through Park National Bank have been paid off in full. The only remaining loan with Park National Bank is for the village office.

**Lake Management**: No report given

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

**Tree Commission:** No report given

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

**Social Media**: There is work being done to add a link to the village website to ease the process of paying the sewer bill online.

**Welcome Packets:** There are still packets available in the office if anyone should need one.

**Grants:** No report given.

Robinett moved to adjourn. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 07:46PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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