

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
July 12th, 2021

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Linda Clark, Troy Stewart, Darren Anderson, Diana Pethtel and John Swindler. Rita Robinett was absent with an excused absence. Nine visitors attended the meeting.

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

Minutes: Pethtel moved to approve the June 14th, 2021 council minutes. Anderson seconded. Stewart, Anderson, Clark and Pethtel voted yea. Swindler abstained.

Financial Report: Stewart moved to approve the finance reports as of June 30th, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc

Acting Mayor Updates:

Guest Speaker: Brice Schmitmeyer provided details on the potential OPWC funding. The village would be submitting the application only. It would not commit the village to anything at this point. This application goes to the county first and then on to the state. Brice stated it would be closer to the end of the year before an answer would be reached on the application of the village. If the EPA funding is not approved, the village would withdraw the application for the OPWC funding. Brice also stated funding is in flux in a good manner. It appears more grant money may be coming available. Brice stated there are more details to come on funding. Construction is still on schedule to be started in 2023.

Appreciations: Thanks to the residents who are helping keep the parks clean. Thanks to Zach for his efforts in maintain the village and tending to special requests. Thanks to the Fort Jefferson Youth Group for maintaining the recycling bin in the village.

Mayor Updates: The village has purchased a chainsaw to help assist with using the chipper when in use. The village has also received quotes on the accessories for the pole saw to help make its use easier. The village received a second decline letter from the Darke County Parks department for funding for the purchase of the land for Hooked on Fishing, There is no public camping allowed on village property.

Community Group Updates:

E-Bird: Cindy started tracking the number of species of birds spotted in Wayne Lakes back in 2019 when Wayne Lakes became a hot spot for bird activity. In 2019 114 different species of birds were spotted, 2020 was 124 and 2021 is at 83 YTD. If you spot a species please call Cindy and let her know what species it was, how many there were and approximately what date and time you saw/heard it.

Village Updates:

Community Building: The community building is still seeing strong rental demand. July 10th is the first weekend that the community building is not scheduled to be rented since May, as of this meeting.

Zoning: No report given by Curtis Yount

Open Discussion: A resident voiced concern over a neighbor's lights reflecting off of the lake and into their home. Council brought up the possibility of the resident putting shields over the lights to deflect some of the light down and not out over the water. The acting mayor will discuss with the village solicitor to see what responsibility/actions the village has/can do. A citizen wrote down a list of the trees that present a level of concern within the village. He spotted 13 trees that they deemed needed addressed immediately. The citizen will provide their list to the council. The citizen with the dog that has been out in the village is installing a fence. They said it will be approximately six weeks from the meeting date for the fence to be installed. A citizen raised concern about cars excessively speeding on North Drive. Council is going to inquire with the Darke County Sheriff's Department about getting the speed trail set up again in the village. Council is discussing other ideas to help curtail the excessive speeding.

Special Projects: The fact sheet for the sewer project is going out with the next bills.

Council Business:

Community Garage Sale: Council discussed whether or not to allow a community garage sale for 2021. After discussion, Rita Robinett made a motion to allow for a community garage sale for 2021. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. No date has been decided upon. More discussion is to be had on this subject and information is being gathered on when other communities are holding their community sales and other events going on this summer.

Fishing Passes: Sales of fishing passes for 2021 have totaled \$12,981 YTD with 47 of those sales coming online.

Drain Project: The drain project is tentatively slated to begin in October 2021.

Iriquois Property: It has been recommended the village have the property surveyed to establish exactly how much property the village would purchasing since there are no clear markers of where the property ends.

Algonquin Property: The village is open to selling this empty lot that is across from the beach. The village has to advertise this sale and the sale of the property goes to the highest bidder. The village has no say in who this property is sold to.

Shawnee Property: A property was purchased that has a working shared driveway although the drive is on the property of only property owner. The road was at one time vacated but it was recommended to try and find documentation of this so there is clarity when the house is sold. It was also recommended to have the property surveyed to locate the pins and provide clarity of property lines so the village can then provide some clarity.

Village Garage Sales: The community garage sales for Wayne Lakes is set for the last weekend of July 2021.

Requests for Council Approval:

1st READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-12-01 – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2022 TAX BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DARKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DARKE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION–

This resolution accepts the 2022 tax budget as submitted by the fiscal officer to the Darke County auditor. Linda Clark made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Diana Pethtel made a motion to adopt this resolution. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 07-12-02 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WAYNE LAKES TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPWC STATE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT AND OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED–

This authorizes the mayor to apply for funding for the sewer project in the form of a grant for up to \$500K and a 0% loan for 30 years for up to \$500K. This is the application only. Troy Stewart made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Diana Pethtel made a motion to adopt this resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Clark made a motion to declare an emergency. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE 05-10-02 ORDINANCE RESTRICTING UNLICENSED AND JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PERMISSION OF OWNER; NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDING IN THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES –

This was the third reading of the proposed ordinance regarding unlicensed and junked motor vehicles in the village of Wayne Lakes. Linda Clark made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Troy Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance: John Swindler reported the 2022 budget has been finalized.

Lake Management: There was no meeting for the month of July. Troy reported he noticed some film accruing on the lakes again. Troy stated he needed to purchase more blue dye and sonar to continue treating the lakes. Troy did state stocking the lakes is a possibility depending on the remaining budget at the end of the year.

Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings): Darren is going to get with Darke County about the potholes in the village. It was discussed using gravel as a temporary fix until something more permanent can be done.

Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering: No report given.

Social Media: No report given.

Grants: No report given.

Swindler moved to adjourn. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 08:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer