**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

 **1052 MAIN ST.**

**July 13th, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, and Rita Robinett. Council members absent: Joan Falknor. Seventeen visitors attended the meeting.

Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, the council meeting was livestreamed through a link in our villageofwaynelakes.com website.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the June 8, 2020 council minutes. Anderson seconded. Clark, Swindler, Stewart, Anderson and Robinett voted yea.

**Expenses:** Stewart moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of June 30, 2020 (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**:

Introduction of guest speaker Deputy Dan Stockslager from Darke County Sheriff’s Department.The deputy encourages residents to observe and report incidents, speeding issues, break in, etc. He emphasized the importance of not taking the law into an individual’s hands. The deputy also stated he would inquire about getting a speed trail for the village to let residents know how fast they are travelling within the village.

Appreciations were given to Rita and Steve Neff for taking care of trash cans around the lake. Thanks to FOWL members for the catfish tournament and a great event at Iroquois Lake.

Thanks to Rita for getting a security system for the village office.

**RITA:** 2019 Village Income Tax was July 15, 2020 due to Covid-19. Corrected phone number was sent out. News alert from COVID relief legislation. There is a pending lawsuit regarding employees working from home and the legality of a municipality to collect tax when an employee performs work outside the municipality limits. Updates to follow.

**Darke County Sheriff’s Report:** The invoice for the month of May was reviewed and discussed: One criminal damage; two citations written for suspicious subjects; and one citation for an ATV on the roadway.

**Covid-19**: The Acting Mayor stated the list of high risk counties in Ohio. Darke county is not on the list, to date there are 261 cases, 28 hospitalizations, 26 deaths, and 208 presumed recovered cases in Darke county. Importance of contact tracing.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.W.L:** George commented on the success of the catfish tournament, huge thank you to Troy Stewart. More notice next year to draw a bigger crowd, 53 spots were filled. Meetings will be the first Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Potential purchase of land, in discussion with realtors.

**E-Bird**: No update given.

**Village Updates:**

**Debris on roadways:** A resident voiced concerns about debris on the side of the road and this making it difficult to pass other cars, bikes, etc. The village is aware of the issue and looking into solutions to clear the debris from the side of the roadway.

**Community Building**: Stewart reported for Sherrie, since she could not be present. There was one rental in June, there are a few upcoming in July. September and October are very full. Monitoring the current situation due to Covid and maintaining half capacity.

**Zoning:**  No reports from Curtis Yount.

**Council Business:**

**DWA Recreation Grant:** 100% matching funds for playground equipment, first come first serve.

**Renewal of Roads/Bridges Tax Levy:** On the ballot for 2020, taken out in 2009, will be paid off in 2039. 0% interest loan, still need funds each year to make payments. Not a new levy or asking for additional funds, it’s a renewal for what was previously approved.

**Lake Tecumseh:** Quote coming for cleaning of the lake. Exploring options for most efficient way to clean lake.

**Drain Project:** The village is seeking a quote to clean the drains at Ess and Cucumber Lakes. A resident is doing currently but liability is becoming a concern if the resident’s cleaner breaks in the drain. Lakes Pontiac and Ottawa are also in discussion about having their drains cleaned.

**Community Building:** The village is seeking a quote to install a metal roof on the community building. The village got a quote of ~$35,000 a few years ago. The metal roof has a lifespan of ~50 years.

**Village Mowing:** The village is seeking an individual of would be willing to mow the grass within the village. The current mower would like to step away after this year.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-07-13-01 – ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED 2021 TAX BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DARKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DARKE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**– This would allow the 2021 tax budget for the village to submitted for approval to the Darke County auditor. Motion was made by Anderson to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Stewart to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Robinett to declare an emergency on resolution 2020-07-13-01. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea.

The village is seeking a quote to remove the rest of the tree at the Gorrell property. Part of the tree was removed years ago and the resident is wanting the village to remove the rest of the tree. Swindler made a motion to allow the mayor to seek a quote for the removal of the tree on the Gorrell property. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** The total sales for fishing passes are $13,759 as of the meeting. The 2021 budget meetings have begun. Residents can expect door hangers on their doors about locating the septic tank and electrical lines on their property. There will be an anonymous random income study conducted within the village. It is important residents fill this out accurately because doing so may make additional grant money available to the village.

**Lake Management**: Darren Anderson stated the importance of cleaning the drains on the lakes. Tree roots, muck, and other vegetation inhibits the drains from working efficiently. Anderson also stated they would like to identify the lay out of the drains in case major repairs are necessary. He also wanted residents to know there is an easement to allow access to the drains that are on private property.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Hi-Wind Road has been repaired. The village may be able to clean the debris with a hydrolic brush cutter or put the cleaning of debris in the contract along with the mowing of grass. Discussion was also had about the feasibility of hiring a maintenance employee for the village. Thanks was given to the residents who are being proactive and cleaning various debris on their own.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: There is no shooting of geese within the village. The goose population in the village is plentiful. There have been 13 nests identified within the village. ODNR has a program take geese away from the village but concern was expressed about the geese returning to where they were taken from. If you see a flag next to a nest, that nest has been identified and treated to ensure no eggs will hatch.

**Social Media**: Thanks to George Mitterman, who was at the meeting making online streaming possible through the village website using YouTube.

Swindler moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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