**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**July 11th, 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, John Swindler, Jacob Butsch, Danny Saunders and Robert Ewry. Ten visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Stewart moved to approve the June 13th, 2022 council minutes and the special council meeting on June 21st, 2022. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:**  Stewart moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending June 30th, 2022. Saunders seconded. All present voted yea. (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review. Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc). Detailed expenses will be read at the next council meeting.

**Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering was our guest speaker. Advertising will begin for the bid on August 3rd and September 1st is the projected date for the village to begin receiving bids on the project. Brice recommends the village advertise on August 4th and August 11th in the local/regional papers to ensure all interested parties are aware of the village project. John Swindler made a motion to approve the advertising of the project in the local papers and to approve the receiving of bids of September 1st. Seconded by Troy Stewart. Access Engineering has visited approx. 60% of the houses in the village. The EPA permit has been received. Brice is working with the sewer group to make sure the sewer installation would not undo any repair work done to Poplar Lane.

**Appreciations:** Sandy Biery and Rita Neff and Mike Fecker for trimming and clean up in the village.

**Mayor Updates:** The village is still looking in the outdoor lighting resolution brought forth by Dianna. Please see the message boards for update information pertaining to the village. The village spend ~$3000 to clean up and prep the beach to be opened for the summer. The village also purchased a slide for the beach for ~$1500.

**Community Group Updates:**

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

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: The community building rentals are still strong. Village is still looking into air conditioning for the community building and Wi-fi is hopefully to be installed the week of July 11th. The village is also exploring putting security cameras in the community building.

**Zoning:**  No report given by Curtis Yount

**Special Projects:** No update given.

**Open Discussion:** The Darke County Humane Society is sponsoring a program being put on by the Bruns Animal Clinic to help spay or neuter wild cats. The village would be responsible for the 50% of the cost of the procedure. The clinic would treat the animal and then it would be released back into the village. A donation was made by the Darke County Humane Society to start the program and the village is considering making a donation to the Humane Society in return. A resident proposed a package deal to help generate extra money to help stock the lakes. The package, for residents only, would be a yearly fishing pass, access to the beach, and a rental at the community building. This is a proposal only and nothing official has been decided including the cost of the package.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** YTD sales are $9767

**Beach Attendance:** $1100 in admission YTD

**Community Building Clean Up:** Troy Stewart made a motion to approve the clean up of the community building, trim work and spraying of weeds, at a cost of $520. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea.

**Maintenance Position:** Linda interviewed a candidate who is interested in trimming all the community buildings and fishing spots and will be doing the chipping for the year along with an assistant for the chipping. He is to be hired at the cost of $16/hour for approx. 10 – 15 hours a week upon the completion of a background check and reference check. All hours worked will be logged and submitted to the fiscal officer for review. John Swindler made a motion to accept the applicant. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-07-11-01:** Accepting and submitting the 2023 tax budget to Darke County Auditor. Motion made by Saunders to waive the three readings rule. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Motion made by Butsch to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea. Motion made by Stewart to declare an emergency. Seconded by Stewart all present voted yea.

**Resolution 2022-07-11-02:** Payment of council members for attending council meetings, volunteer work performed and heading of village groups. Payments are set to be $70 per meeting attended. Excused absences must be approved by the mayor to receive payment for that month. For any village groups, the minutes of the meeting must be kept and submitted to the fiscal officer for review for approval of payment. This would not go into effect until the next election cycle. Motion made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule. Seconded by Saunders. All present voted yea. Motion made by Butsch to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea. Motion made by Swindler to declare an emergency. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea.

**Ordinance 2022-07-11-01:** Noxious weeds, defined as growth that reaches nine inches or taller, and overgrowth on residents property. At the request of the village solicitor, it updates the ordinance to today’s language and allows the village to be able to be reimbursed for costs incurred in the clean up of the property. Council will serve written notice the proper party and the party has five days to respond to the notice. Motion made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Motion made by Saunders to adopt the ordiance. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea. Motion made by Swinder to declare an emergency. Seconded by Butsch. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: Please do not self treat the lakes. If the lakes management group does not know what is in the lakes they can inadvertently cause a bad reaction in the water.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Jacob is working off the list he has to get the potholes addressed in the village. The cost of the guardrail by Hickory is ~$800. Motion made by Swindler to approve the cost of the project. Seconded by Saunders. All present voted yea.

**Tree Commission:** Danny has been reaching out to local companies to gauge their interest in projects within the village. The village will list the interested companies in the monthly newsletter so residents are aware of who will work in the village. The village is working through the notated trouble tree list and giving them priority.

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

**Social Media**: No report given.

**Welcome Packets:** Cindy Hale and Peggy Kerr would like to put on a golf cart parade starting at 6PM of Labor Day starting at the Gatehouse.

**Grants:** If anyone sees a grant they think would be helpful for the village, please let Robert of John know so they can explore the viability of it.

Motion made by Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Swindler. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:06PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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