**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

 **1052 MAIN ST.**

**June 8, 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: Troy Stewart, Darren Anderson, Rita Robinett, Joan Falknor, Linda Clark, and John Swindler. We had two visitors, Josh Miller and Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering. Adam Wicker from F.o.w.L was present and George Mitterman was running the camera. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, the council meeting was livestreamed through a link in our villageofwaynelakes.com website. We have given instructions on signs within the village and in the newsletter that residents can call in or email questions or concerns for the council meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Falknor moved to approve the May 11, 2020 council minutes. Swindler seconded. Clark, Swindler, Stewart, Anderson and Robinett voted yea.

**Expenses:** Stewart moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of May 31, 2020 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

**Acting Mayor Updates**:

Appreciations were given to a local resident for manicuring the hill down to the park. Thanks to Shane Reed for donating truck and trailer to pick up table, chairs, and filing cabinets purchased at an auction and picked up at Carlisle school. Thanks to Rita and Steve Drew for emptying trash cans around the village lakes.

**RITA:** A reminder that the filing of the 2019 Village Income Tax has been extended to July 15, 2020 due to Covid-19.

**Darke County Sheriff’s Patrol:** The invoice for the month of May was reviewed and discussed: One speed warning; two citations written for suspicious subjects in the park; and one citation for domestic violence. One citation for vandalism in the village. Request made for more information.

**Covid-19**: The Acting Mayor stated the village is trying to maintain the guidelines of half capacity in community buildings and maintaining distancing in the meeting where necessary. Wearing masks is not mandatory but for those who want to or feel they need to are encouraged to do so. The hope is to open the meeting up to the public for the month of July. If there is a large group that wants to attend, meeting may be moved to the community building to ensure safety. Residents are to let council know interest in attending to assess location for next meeting.

**Wildlife Nuisance:** The large beaver causing the disturbance has passed away.

**Fishing Passes Sold**: It was reported that as of 05/31/2020 fishing passes sold by Reed’s Gatehouse has generated $9903.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.w.L:** Adam Wicker went with Shane Reed and Troy to pick up items. New backboards were purchased to replace the ones that were vandalized. A catfish tournament will be held July 11, 2020 at Iroquois Lake. It will be from 6PM - 11PM. F.o.w.L will supply the catfish for the tournament at a later date. Fishing pass requirement will be waived for participants in lieu of $20 tournament entry fee. Covid-19 measures will be in place for tournament to ensure compliance. Clean up days will be announced at a later date to help clean up Iroquois Lake. Two subjects were observed jumping the fence at the beach. No disturbances were noticed.

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

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Stewart reported for Sherrie, since she could not be present. She expressed her appreciation for the new tables and chairs. There was once cancellation due to Covid-19, one confirmed rental, and one pending rental as of the meeting. Tables and chairs are not to be moved from locations. No more than 10 people at a table and no more than 75 people in the building. New carbon monoxide detectors are now hung.

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

**Village Special Projects:**

**Village Sewer Project:** Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering provided an update on the Village Sewer Project. Brice stated preliminary engineering phase is wrapping up. It has been decided to work with the Village of New Madison. The village will go with a low pressure collection system in the village and the waste water will be pumped to New Madison’s waste water treatment facility. The village is approximately one year out from starting construction on the project. The design will cost $575,000. The total cost of the project is approximately $9,500,000. The village has obtained approximately $1,000,000 in grant money from the Army Corps of Engineers. 75% of the cost of the design can be paid using the grant money from the Army Corps of Engineers.

**Council Business:**

**Portable Restrooms:** Notification of loads of trash in the four village owned portable restrooms. The company in charge of the portable restrooms suggested increasing frequency of cleanings. $130 for each time the company comes out to clean all the portable restrooms. Council will wait 30 days for the next report to see if the problem persists. Potential new locations for portable restrooms discussed.

**Carolyn Robinson:** The fiscal officerhas surgery scheduled for July 16, 2020. Close communication with assistant fiscal officer, Josh Miller, will be imperative while she is out.

**Road Repair**: Hi-Wind Road is not a county road, it is a village road. Shane Coby made recommendations to fix the road. Darke County Highway will repair the road for $250 in labor and materials. The potholes will be repaired with a Durapatch machine and roll and compact the patch mixture with a vibratory roller. Motion was made by Falknor to approve the quote for the road repair as described by the Darke County Highway. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-06-08-01 – A RESOLUTION TO Proceed with submission of the question of levying a renewal levy TAX in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads, and bridges** – This would be a renewal of the levy currently in effect. The current levy carries a cost of approximately $.20 per $100 of property value. The bridges will be paid off in the year 2039. This will put the resolution on the ballot in November 2020. Motion was made by Robinett to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Anderson to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2020-06-08-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION AND RATIFYING PRIOR PARTICIPATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WAYNE LAKES SANITARY SEWEER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, IN EXECUTING, ACCEPTING OR OTHERWISE APPROVING ALL DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR OTHER NECESSARY PAPERS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO IMPLEMENT SAID PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT–** This resolution is entering into an agreement stating the village will be accepting the grant money from the Army Corps of Engineers. Motion was made by Swindler to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Falknor to adopt the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. **Exhibit A - Design Contract with Access Engineering**: A motion was made by Swindler to waive the three readings rule in regards to a contract with Access Engineering for the design of the Sewer Project. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. A motion was made by Clark to adopt this motion. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2020-06-08-03 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM SANITARY SEWER BILL FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES UPON ALL RESIDENTIAL LOTS WITH A DWELLING/STRUCTURE IN THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, OH –** This resolution states the village has the means to pay back the design cost loan if construction phase does not move forward. This will be done by implementing a $15/month bill. Any money that accumulates in this account can ONLY be used for the sewer project. This would not start billing until 2021. Motion was made by Swindler to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Clark to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST READING OF RESOLUTION 2020-06-08-04 – A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCING FROM THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR DESIGN COSTS ASSOCIATEDD WITH THE WAYNE LAKES SEWER PROJECT BY THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCCY–** This is to enter into an agreement to pay for the remaining 25% of the design costs. This loan would be rolled over into construction costs once construction on the project begins. Motion was made by Falknor to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Stewart to adopt the resolution. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Falknor to declare an emergency on Resolution No 2020-06-08-04. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance -** John Swindler mentioned the RITA money has started to flow in now. Appreciation was given to the gatehouse for helping to increase fishing pass sales.

**Lake Management**: Adam Wicker stated they retreated several of the lakes. Underwater results were extremely encouraging after the initial sonar application. A topical application has been used to curb the algae bloom. Another round of sonar will be used on the deeper lakes and any lakes dealing with additional algae bloom. More volunteers would be appreciated to help with the clean-up of debris. Enzymes have been deployed on some lakes to help with sludge build up. This will continue through October 2020. Equipment dredging was brought up to help with the depth of the lakes.

**Bow Fishing**: The use of bow fishing is prohibited by the village. A long term goal of creating a rotating stock of fish to remove from the lakes is in discussion.

**Frog Gigging:** Falknor mentioned she stopped someone from frog gigging. Frog gigging is prohibited by the village.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** A tree is hanging over the boat ramp on Shawnee Lake. Village is looking for someone locally that may have interest in removing overhanging tree. There was a pool of water in the Clubhouse that was noticed after the new chairs were cleaned. The source of the water could not be determined.

**Welcome Packets – Wayne Lakes History:** Falknor mentioned she met with two individuals in their 80’s to get their history Wayne Lakes.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: Robinett is going to be sending out complaint forms for unruly lawns and debris filling up individual’s lawns. Dumping in the lakes is strictly prohibited. Discussion was had about moving trash can located on the corner of North and Main Streets

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

**Grants Research/Submission:** Swindler reported there will be no grants from the Darke County Parks due to their levy not passing.

Swindler moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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