**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**March 09, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The prayer (John McRoberts), pledge to the flag, and roll call followed. Council members present: Rita Robinett, Joan Falknor, Linda Clark, John Swindler, and Troy Stewart. Darren Anderson had an excused absence. Eighteen (18) visitors were present including Denise & Tom Wetzel; Rita Neff; Sherrie Stewart; Cindy Ploch; John McRoberts; Patsy Livingston; Ronnie & Martha North; Eileen Eckstein; Dave Flatter; Andrew Funk; Gina Harmon; John Wenger; Bob Martindale; Scoob Cook, and Randy Mikesell.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the February 10, 2020 council minutes. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Swindler moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of February 29, 2020 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three (3) days in advance for their review.) Falknor seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.) Month end reports are always available for anyone interested to review.

**Guest Speakers**:

**The New Madison Fire Chief, Scoob Cook (with Randy Mikesell**) addressed council in reference to their Open House, which will be on April 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The Village had nineteen (19) calls during 2019.Most of them were calls on possible illegal fires. Confirmation by the fiscal officer was given in reference to having Federal Field Services perform their annual maintenance inspection on the tornado siren. Brief discussion followed as to areas in the village where the siren cannot be heard.

**John Wenger and Bob Martindale** addressed council in reference to the Hooked on Fishing Program. Wenger announced for sure this would be his last year for him to run this program. Wenger is hoping someone will step up this year under their supervision to continue to run this program in the forthcoming years. His telephone is 937-678-7864. Further discussion took place as to the importance this program is for the youth and he also explained what all they teach the youth and the gifts given to each youth attending (every Wednesday in June and July). Volunteers are always needed during this program also. Wenger & Martindale will be having a stand at the Home & Sport Show, April 4th thru the 6th at the fairgrounds, NE side of the cattle barn building. They will be raffling off tickets for fishing poles.

**Tony Ayette & Dave Brewer** from Palestine addressed council in reference to our village sewer project. Acting mayor stated she received their previous phone call and they will be hearing back from her.

**Acting Mayor Updates**: Appreciations were given to the following: 1) Joan Falknor for selling fishing passes this past Sunday. 2) Rita Robinett for helping her with the capacity orders that were needed to obtain the number for both the community building and village office building. Also, for helping her to work on Saturdays when she has to go to work. 3) Troy Stewart in quickly organizing a group of volunteers to help out on the geese nests disruption program and for obtaining signatures of the residents as needed. 4) John Swindler for researching addresses that came back when the mailers were sent out for the sewer mailing list. 5) Tom & Denise Wetzel for assisting them in the correct ordering of the chemicals for the lakes.

The acting mayor updated the following:

1) **Fishing Passes.** The acting mayor reported she ordered the fishing passes and just got them in before the weather turned warmer and the people started knocking at the door. The acting mayor stated there will be a group volunteering to attend the Home and Sports show on the weekend of April 4th thru April 6th to sell fishing passes (and to assist with the Hooked on Fishing volunteers.) Discussion took place on the importance in having someone selling the fishing passes until the Gate House opens (scheduled April 1st). The new owners are interested in selling the passes for the village and were scheduled to attend the meeting with their proposal but due to illness they could not attend. The new owners plan to be open six (6) days a week and closed on Sundays. For now, she is counting on volunteers to work in the village office to sell passes on weekends until April 1st. The acting mayor, when questioned, stated she has not had any luck on finding an ATM machine to use for selling passes.

2) Reminder was mentioned on RITA. Required filing for 2019 will be by April 15, 2020. The acting mayor pointed out that RITA sent packets, which are available for anyone needing to file (other than online.)

3) Training: The acting mayor has registered for the Local Government Conference starting on Tuesday, April 7 thru the 9th in Columbus, Ohio. The cost will be $300 plus mileage. There will be no lodging expense since she plans to stay with her daughter. This training will also include the Certified Public Records Training that is mandatory for all officers and council members to have once during their term of office. Since the acting mayor will be attending, she will also serve as the designated person in this training for council members Darren Anderson, Rita Robinett, and Troy Stewart.

4) No one was aware of any additional vandalism reported in the Village. Council decided to table increasing additional hours for the sheriff patrol until next month. The current invoice from the Sheriff’s Patrol was reviewed and discussed. The acting mayor noted that the upcoming council meeting was not posted on the large bulletin board this month (because the last previous two months all the letters were stolen off the sign.)

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.w.L:** Adam Wicker was not present. Sherrie Stewart reported that during the last meeting they went over some of the funding events they are planning for the year. The meetings are to take place every first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

**E-Bird – Cindy Ploch**: Ploch reported for the month of February. As of 2/29/2020 there have been forty three (43) species reported. Cindy, stated as a reminder for those who have seen birds (and for those that you hear), to write down on a card to give her the information needed for her to report (such as type of species, how many, date and time where you have seen or heard.) The acting mayor reported on owls behind her house. Falknor reported on two black ducks with white beaks she seen yesterday afternoon about 3:30 (March 8th). Stewart reported on two species seen yesterday also.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Sherrie Stewart is now the new rental agent (approved by the solicitor with some restrictions for council member Troy Stewart). The acting mayor reported as soon as we get the capacity allowed in the Community Building, plans are for new black chairs to be ordered.

Gina Harmon and her daughter Hillary were present and addressed council on their idea of possibly having a fund raiser around the July timeframe. Spoke of having “A Christmas in July” event. People to bring their animals to have pictures taken with Santa, etc. Harmon will need volunteers and she spoke of the Darke County Wellness as one of the supporters. The desire is to raise money to help with improvements on the Community Building (perhaps updating the restrooms.)

**Zoning:** Curtis Yount was not present.

**Open forum:**  Tom Wetzel reported on the pop machine revenue. As of March 9th, revenue collected from the pop machine is $305. Wetzel mentioned once the Gatehouse opens, he would like to see the Gatehouse to take over the machines. Council agreed.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**1st Reading of Resolution No. 2020-03-09-01 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 2019-06-10-01 CONFIRMING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AMENDING THE RENTAL RATES OF THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY BUILDING, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO LOCATED AT 100 COMMUNITY DRIVE, WAYNE LAKES (GREENVILLE) OHIO 45331 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was read by title only by the fiscal officer. This resolution confirms council’s vote February 10, 2020 to increase the deposit for non-residents to $100 instead of the $50 previously required. Deposits for residents will remain at $50. Falknor moved to waive the three reading rule on Resolution No. 2020-03-09-01. Swindler seconded. Robinett, Falknor, Clark, Swindler voted yea. Stewart abstained. Falknor moved to adopt Resolution 2020-03-09-01. Swindler seconded. Robinett, Falknor, Clark, Swindler voted yea. Stewart abstained. Falknor moved to declare an emergency on Resolution No. 2020-03-09-01. Seconded by Swindler. Robinett, Falknor, Clark, Swindler voted yea. Stewart abstained.

**1st Reading of Resolution No. 2020-03-09-02 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME FISCAL OFFICER’S ASSISTANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was read in detail by the acting mayor. Council felt it was in the best interest of the village to hire a part-time assistant to be under the supervision of the current fiscal officer. Council agreed to publish an advertisement for two weeks for this position. It will involve around 7 to 10 hours a week at $300 a month. The current fiscal officer has volunteered to reduce her current wages by $200 a month and will train this assistant in her duties if necessary. Robinett moved to waive the three reading rule on Resolution No. 2020-03-09-02. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Robinett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03-09-02. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Robinett moved to declare an emergency on Resolution No. 2020-03-09-02. All present voted yea.

**1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-3-9-**1 – **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was read in detail by the acting mayor. This ordinance was written by our solicitor, Paul Wagner, in response received from Chief Whittaker. Without a curfew ordinance coinciding with all villages in the county, the Darke County Sheriff’s Patrol cannot officially charge an unruly child and taken before the juvenile court as provided in Chapter 2151 of the Ohio Revised Code. Curfew will be for any juvenile under the age of seventeen (17) between the hours of 12:01 o’clock am. And 6:00 o’clock a.m. Denise Wetzel pointed out the Ordinance should reference to the previous curfew ordinance. Council agree to amend the ordinance to state “This Ordinance supersedes any previous Village of Wayne Lakes Curfew legislation.” Falknor moved to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 2020-3-9-1 as amended. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Falknor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-3-9-1 as amended. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Falknor moved to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 2020-3-9-1 as amended Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committees**:

**Finance/Sewer:** Copies of the Simplified financial reports (as of 02/29/2020) were available for all members and visitors. In reference to the sewer project, Swindler noted that there is another meeting on March 25th with the Darke County Commissioner’s. Still working on establishing the addresses so monthly billings can start (by the Darke County Auditor’s office). Surveyors should be starting soon in the village (per discussion during the Feb. 10th meeting).

**Lake Management**: Anderson was not present. Stewart confirmed a plan is in place for treatment of the lakes to begin soon. The boat motor needs to be addressed and some misc. items (such as a battery, etc.) needs to be purchased. Plans are to start marking the nests to begin the addling yet this week.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Stewart reported on necessary maintenance on the garage. Some road patching needs to be done. The big generator needs to be serviced (needs to find the key.)

**Welcome Packets – Wayne Lakes History:** Falknor referred to the Wayne Lakes Pioneer Book that was published in 1977. With help of the village residents, it is Falknor’s goal to try to bring the history up-to-date (from 1977 to present).

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: Robinett reported on paperwork she will have for council to approve that will require Pit-bull owners in the village to fill out to have on file, if needed.

**Social Media:** George Mitterman was not present. As discussed at the February 10th meeting…info on the possibility of having a 4th of July Fireworks event will be forth coming.

**Grants Research/Submission:** Falknor and Swindler received info on the Darke County Park Grant and plan to attend the meeting on March 11th.

Falknor moved to adjourn. Seconded by Clark. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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