

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
March 8th, 2021

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:59 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, Rita Robinett, Diana Pethtel. Five visitors attended the meeting.

Agenda: Anderson moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Acting Mayor. Swindler seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Anderson, Robinett and Clark voted yea. Pethtel abstained.

Minutes: Stewart moved to approve the February 8th, 2021 council minutes. Robinett seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Anderson, Robinett and Clark voted yea. Pethtel abstained.

Expenses: Swindler moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of February 26th, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.)

Acting Mayor Updates:

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker

Appreciations: Thanks to Rita for emptying the trash cans around the village. Thanks to Troy Stewart for purchasing the new trolling motor for the village.

Mayor Updates: Darke County remains in the same status for Covid-19 according to the state of Ohio. The egg addling permit has been approved for the village. The village is looking for volunteers to help with the egg addling. Residents can visit the ODNR website for tips and resources on handling geese. The Gatehouse has new owners.

Community Group Updates:

E-Bird: No report given

Village Updates:

Community Building: The community building was rented the first and second Saturday of the month. It is currently booked for the months of May and June. Pricing to rent the community building will remain the same for 2021. Pricing may be revisited at a later date.

Zoning: No report given by Curtis Yount.

Open Discussion: Mike Mackenzie wanted to make the village aware of trees falling into the lakes. There are three residents that are interested in reforming the tree commission. More information to come on the tree commission. Once finalized, residents with concerns about trees within the village should contact the members of the tree commission with their concerns. A resident asked council about any ordinances or resolutions regarding political signs

for past elections. The Supreme Court made a ruling in 2015 that says a village/municipality cannot regulate the content of a sign but only the size and material of the sign. This ruling does not apply to HOA's. A resident voiced concern about a goat in a yard within the village. The village does not have an ordinance in place that prohibits such activity.

Special Projects: Billing for the sewer system starts in April 2021. It is \$15/month totaling \$45/quarter. There was some information published in local outlets that had bad/old information regarding the sewer project. This was brought to council's attention and council contacted the outlets and corrections were issued with the correct information.

Council Business:

Fishing Passes 2021: The Gatehouse will be selling daily non-resident and yearly non-resident passes. Residents interested in purchasing passes for themselves or for a guest must come to the village office to purchase passes. After contacting ODNR for information concerning selling daily fish passes online, the village is considering using a ticketing agent (EventBrite) to allow individuals to purchase daily passes online. EventBrite charges 2% of the ticket price plus an additional \$.79 per ticket sold (plus 2.5% payment processing fee). Swindler made a motion to keep the price of the daily fishing passes at \$7. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

Property on Main Drive: The village would like to purchase the property on Main Drive to be used for the Hooked on Fishing Program once it is able to resume. The price of the property to be purchased is \$8000. Stewart made a motion granting the mayor authorization to act on behalf of the village in negotiating and purchasing the property. Swindler seconded. Swindler, Stewart, Anderson, Robinett and Clark voted yea. Pethtel abstained. Council is still discussing this and no final decision has been made on whether to move forward with the purchase.

Signs: Swindler spoke with the county and the county offered to replace all the signs in the village for \$2500. These are the new signs the village received through the grant money from 2020. Pethtel made a motion to approve the county replacing the signs at the cost of \$2500. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

Drain Project: The village has made requests to area businesses for quotes on the drain project for Ess and Pontiac Lakes. The village still has only received one quote and is still looking for two more quotes to be able to continue forward with this project.

Requests for Council Approval:

1st READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03-08-01 – RESOLUTION ENTERING AN AGREEMENT

WITH KYLE AND LYSLE BREWER OF BREWER'S GATEHOUSE TO SELL FISHING PASSES FOR

2021- This would authorize Kyle and Lysle Brewer of Brewer's Gatehouse to sell non-resident daily and non-resident yearly passes for the village for the 2021 year. Motion was made by Swindler to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Stewart to adopt the resolution. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Anderson to declare an emergency. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Reports:

Finance: Budget meeting was held and no changes were deemed needed to be made.

Lake Management: Stewart is ready to start treating the lakes as soon as weather permits. He wanted to remind residents to please not disturb the nests. If a nest is disturbed the geese will move into a spot that is potentially harder to locate. If a resident spots a nest, please call the village office.

Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings): Anderson reported the potholes within the village are needing fixed. The tree trimming is still waiting to be completed by the county. A resident voiced concern about potential dumping continuing to happen in Chippewa Lake. If anyone has information on this please contact a council member.

Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering: A loose dog roaming the village has been returned to its owner. A remote control boat was spotted chasing geese on the ponds. This is strictly prohibited and if anyone sees it occurring, please contact the game warden.

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

Grants: Swindler is attending a meeting at Shawnee Prairie where there is some grant money available for local villages. There may be up to \$75,000 available for the villages in the area. Stewart moved to adjourn. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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