

**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Village Office Building**  
1052 MAIN ST.  
**May 10th, 2021**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 06:59 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, Diana Pethtel and Rita Robinett. Eight visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council minutes. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Swindler moved to approve the finance reports as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.)

**Acting Mayor Updates:**

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering was present as the guest speaker. Brice brought fact sheets for the sewer project and distributed them to council. There are sheets available for anyone interested at the village office. Brice said he is hopeful the EPA funding can be secured in the fall of 2021 and start bidding out the project in late 2022 with construction to begin in 2023. The sewer is projected to be operational in 2024. There are three properties adjacent to the village that will be offered the sewer services if they wish to tie in. There is NO income/property tax money to be used for this project. There are plans in place to collect any unpaid portions of the quarterly billing. There is ongoing discussion about how to handle undeveloped lots should they be developed in the future. Please see the fact sheets available to the public for any additional questions and please ask a member of council if there are any questions the fact sheet does not answer.

**Appreciations:** Appreciations to Mike George and Tim Widener for tackling the land mass that could've allowed the lake to connect to the stream.

**Mayor Updates:** As of May 9<sup>th</sup> there had only been one new case in Darke County since the beginning of the month and the 7 day average for new cases was four. The village has sold 30 fishing passes online YTD and has collected \$8037 from the sale of fishing passes YTD. The village will be contacting the state senator for the area regarding additional funds for infrastructure projects. The governor's budget has allocated additional funds for infrastructure projects and it has been encouraged for all villages/municipalities to inquire about the additional funding available. Rod McNutt and Mike Bach will be operating and maintaining the village chipper. Residents should no longer use the area around Chippewa Lake to dispose of limbs/branches. Council is discussing setting specific dates for the chipper to be available. More information to follow.

## **Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** No report given

## **Village Updates:**

**Community Building:** The community building is scheduled to be rented every weekend thru July.

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

**Open Discussion:** On North and Evergreen Drive sewage has seeped onto the road and near the lake. The county health department has been contacted and there will be additional follow up needed.

American Tower has stated they will look into the cell phone service within the village and if there are any additional towers around the village that could be used to boost the signal. Diana Pethtel stated she has worked with them in the past and they can be notoriously slow to report back.

A resident asked if there could be some sort of covering put on the bin that holds the aluminum cans. The last wind storm blew the cans everywhere and made a large mess to clean up. The Fort Jefferson youth group has expressed interest in taking up this project but no formal agreement with them is in place.

A resident inquired about purchasing some land from the village. The village is able to sell this land but it would need to be done via public auction. The village cannot sell land directly to any private individual.

**Special Projects:** Billing for the sewer system has started. It is \$15/month totaling \$45/quarter. Sewer fact sheets are now available.

## **Council Business:**

**Beach:** The beach will be closed again for 2021 due to Covid-19 and the ongoing sewage situation. Council is open to suggestions for use of the beach area in the future.

## **Requests for Council Approval:**

Troy Stewart made a motion to extend the offer to the three properties adjacent to village for hook up to the village sewer system. This is merely an offer and the property owners are not required to accept the offer from the village. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

Linda Clark made a motion to release the fact sheet provided by Brice Schmitmeyer to the public. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea.

Linda Clark made a motion to apply for the Community Development Block Grant and if the villages application is approved to use those funds for the sewer project. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

The village has received the three necessary quotes for the drain project. Darren Anderson made a motion to accept the quote from Brumbaugh Construction. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

John Swindler made a motion to change the billing at the Roth property to one bill. It had been two bills because it was a duplex but the county auditor came out and verified it is now a single family residence. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

Darren Anderson made a motion to inquire with Darke County about the costs to remove the debris back at Chippewa Lake. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

Troy Stewart made a motion to apply for a grant through the Darke County Parks Department. The money would be used to purchase the land at Main Drive for the purpose of Hooked on Fishing. The grant would provide 50% matching funding for the purchase of the land. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05-10-02 – ORDINANCE RESTRICTING UNLICENSED AND JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PERMISSION OF OWNER; NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDING IN THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES** – This was the first reading of the proposed ordinance regarding unlicensed and junked motor vehicles in the village of Wayne Lakes. There is more discussion to be had by council regarding the five day allowance for the first offense. A longer allowance is being considered for the first offense and a shorter allowance for each additional offense until the vehicle would be removed by the village.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** The Darke County Health Department has funding available to pay for three of the treatments done by Bug-A-Boo pest control.

**Lake Management:** The surface algae on the lakes is starting to bloom again and is being monitored. Stewart has requested the purchase of two more gallons of sonar and blue dye for treatment in the lakes. Stocking the lakes has been brought up and is a possibility in the future.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** There are potholes in the village that need to be fixed. Checking with Darke County Highway Department to fix those. There are still some street signs left over after the county installed the ones requested by the village. There is no new additional information at this time about the potential spring clean up in the village. Anderson also stated the bridge on Hickory Lane may need some attention in the near future.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering:** If there are any residents in the village who have children with special needs, please contact Rita. She will be able to assist in getting signage put up should a resident want signage by their property.

**Social Media:** No report given

**Grants:** No report given.

Stewart moved to adjourn. Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer