**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

 **1052 MAIN ST.**

**May 11, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:06 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, and Joan Falknor. We have one visitor, Josh Miller. George Mitterman was running the camera. Due to the 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**: Falknor moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Acting Mayor. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the April 13, 2020 council minutes. Robinett seconded. Clark, Swindler, Stewart, Anderson and Robinett voted yea. Falknor abstained.

**Expenses:** Anderson moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of April 30, 2020 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

**Acting Mayor Updates**:

Appreciations were given to the F.o.w.L. group for a wonderful spring cleanup at the Community Building. Also, appreciation was given to a village resident, Michael McKinsey who stepped up to help volunteer in trash cleanup over in his area and paid to have a tree removed that had fallen up against one of our bridges.

**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 April was reviewed and discussed: Two speed warnings; two suspicious subjects in the park; and eight disorderly subjects at a social gathering. No one knew of any additional vandalism in the village. However, there was a restroom in Fort Jefferson that had been vandalized.

**Covid-19**: The Acting Mayor stated the village is trying to maintain the guidelines of no group gatherings 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. Retail stores are opening up tomorrow (May 12th) with limited capacity. Hair salons and outdoor dining is opening up this Friday, May 15th. Indoor dining will be opening up on May 21st with restricted guidelines.

**Hooked On Fishing Program:** Two volunteers have stepped up to work with John Winger to learn and to take over that program: Dwight Edwards and Sandra Stewart.

**Fishing Passes Sold**: It was reported that as of 04/30/2020 fishing passes sold by Reed’s Gatehouse has generated $8,114 (compared to last year at 4/30/2019 of $4,776.)

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.w.L:** No updates given. It was noted that the meeting for May was cancelled due to the Covid-19

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

**Hooked-On-Fishing:**  It was noted that due to Covid-19 with the “keeping distance requirements” and considering the program deals with children; John Winger felt they had no choice but to cancel the program for 2020.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: Stewart reported for Sherrie, since she could not be present. One or two tables need to be replaced along with all of the chairs previously discussed. At this time, it was felt best to hold off purchasing new chairs, etc. until we know the Village can operate at full capacity. Funds for the new roof was also discussed. The chinking of the building is still on hold (waiting on the contractor.) It was noted there are problems with the locks that still needs to be resolved. So far for May, there was one confirmed rental and one possible for the month. The question whether the Community Building should be rented out due to Covid-19 restrictions was discussed and tabled until council can do more checking with other companies that are doing rentals. For now, Sherrie should tell people asking to rent the building that she will have to get back with them. Stewart thanked the F.o.w.L. group for all the work they done for spring cleanup and especially to George Mitterman for the risk involved in cleaning out the gutters on the Community Building.

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

**Village Special Projects:**

**Village Sewer Project:** Swindler reported the Corps of Engineers have indicated that they are interested in the village for a possible grant in this project. Still waiting on a decision on the Village of Hollansburg if they want to be included in partnering with New Madison or not. The Darke County Commissioner’s plan to meet with them in an effort to get an answer.

**Council Business:**

**Dumpster:** The acting mayor checked with several residents in an effort to see if a special spring dumpster would be needed. Most residents were interested more in using the village chipper. Plans are to continue with the special dumpster for the “leaves only” in the fall, since it went so well last year.

**Flag:** Since the office building has a flag pole, discussion followed in obtaining a flag. Falknor volunteered to check with the Attorney General’s office In that she believed they use to have flags available for free.

**Darke County Park District Grant**: Swindler reported that he submitted an application for another aerator but told council not to get their hopes up for he heard they do not have a lot of money to spend.

**Fort Jefferson Township – Signs**: Swindler reported that he submitted a list of signs for the village, as requested by the township. This was due to receiving a grant for fifty signs and the village was asked what signs they would need. The village would have one year to get them installed.

**Requests for Council Approval**:

**Road Repair:** Stewart received a quote from David Hileman for asphalt patch work on the roads. The acting mayor read the quote in detail. The total for the work proposed is $6,995. The asphalt and gravel would be an extra cost and paid by the village. Motion was made by Stewart to approve this quote of $6,995 from David Hileman for road repair as described in his quote dated April 21, 2020. Falknor seconded. All present voted yea.Stewart stated that Hileman will be able to start this road work next week.

**Chipper for Residents**: Severalresidents have requested to use the village chipper. Discussion followed, it was noted that people using the chipper should be familiar with using the equipment and care of any maintenance involved. It was also noted the chipper would be used by residents by appointment only. A waiver was also mentioned. Motion was made by Falknor to allow the residents to use the village chipper by appointment only. Robinett seconded. All present voted year. Residents interested in using the chipper should call the office. Swindler mentioned that the road at 1220 Main Dr/Chippewa was in need of some gravel due to part of the area washing away.

**Bug-a-Boo – Mosquito Spraying*:*** Discussion as to when the spraying in the village for mosquitos should begin for this year. It was noted also that there was no grant awarded for 2020 (like last year). Motion was made by Anderson for the first treatment to begin during the last week of May. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. The fiscal officer to call and get a schedule from Bug-a-Boo.

**Beach:** Our insurance company stated that we should listen to resident requests this year about the use of the Beach for future needs. Previously, council spoke about possibly renting the property. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Anderson for the Beach to remain closed for 2020 with no swimming allowed. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. The acting mayor wanted to be clear to all that we are only closing the beach this year due to Covid 19 and the restrictions surrounding it, plus the timing of it with us having the ability to get the area prepped before the season started.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance -** John Swindler mentioned concern that the monthly income for the village from the state and county may be affected due to Covid-19. The fiscal officer reported that there was no motor license received from the state or county last month. However, the village received a refund of $365 to cover the payment previously paid for the 2020 premium.

**Lake Management**: Darren Anderson reported that the committee would like to experiment on one or two lakes by purchasing enough enzymes suggested to work on some of the bottom muck in the lakes. They would also like to plan on purchasing two more aerators for next year. Discussion followed as to possibly having a power pole installed. When questioned by Falknor, Anderson confirmed they were following the recommendations made by the lake study last year (of what we could afford.) If the enzyme’s show that it is working, they hope to put in place a five year plan for treatments next year.

**Metal Detectors**: Falknor mentioned that she has received questions whether metal detectors would be allowed (off shore and in the lakes by using magnets attached to a fishing pole). Discussion followed. Council decided to table this for another time by asking for those interested to talk to council.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Stewart reported on the roads earlier. A brief discussion took place in having a couple of dead trees removed.

**Lawns owned by residents:** Falknor mentioned that some lawns are not being mowed and starting to look bad. Discussion followed as to the procedure involved. Falknor spoke of flags alerting the owners on the properties needing mowed. This way, the neighbors will know that the village is aware of the problem. Falknor to bring a sample flag for council to view at the next meeting.

**Welcome Packets – Wayne Lakes History:** Falknor mentioned she needs help in getting the welcome packet designed in a brochure format.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: Robinett had nothing new to report.

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

**Grants Research/Submission:** Nothing new to report that has not been addressed earlier.

Falknor moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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