**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**May 9th, 2022**

Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 07:01PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Troy Stewart, Diana Pethtel, John Swindler and Rita Robinett. Jacob. Butsch was not present with an excused absence. Fifteen visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Stewart moved to approve the April 11th, 2022 council minutes. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Swindler moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending April 30th, 2022. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea. (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review. Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc). Detailed expenses will be read at the next council meeting.

**Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering was not able to attend the council meeting. He plans to attend the next one.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Mark Elliot, Adam Wicker and George Mitterman for their help in treating the lakes.

**Mayor Updates:** The Hooked on Fishing program is planned to start in late summer/early fall of the year. The program is aiming to focus on school aged children with high school students being the counselors. The mayor wanted to encourage everyone to check out the Municipal Aggregate Power Program. Wayne Lakes residents are eligible to participate in the program. Energy Harbor is the provider for the village of Wayne Lakes. Residents are encouraged to check it out with the projected increase in energy costs. Residents will need their AES customer number to sign up if they choose to do so. A couple residents have expressed interest in the open council seat. The village will be doing a controlled burn at the beach to help clean up all the debris still left from the clean up. There is a dumpster over by the beach available for residents to place their yard waste into.

**Community Group Updates:**

**E-Bird:** As of April 30th, there had been 86 species of birds spotted in the village. Cindy noted there had been a higher number of new and unusual species of birds spotted this year compared to previous years. Cindy has compiled a list of species spotted year to date that will be posted within the village.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: The community building was rented April 30th and is scheduled to be rented every weekend from May 27th thru July 4th. This is the busiest time of the year for rentals.

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

**Special Projects:** The open house for the sewer project is slated to take place on May 17th from 10:00AM – 01:00PM, May 19th 04:00PM – 07:00PM, and May 21st 09:00AM – 12:00PM at the village office. No additional grant money has been secured for the sewer project at this time.

**Open Discussion:** A resident wanted to know if the minutes and finance reports from the council meetings were available to view. George stated they are on the village website but have not been updated recently. Council will work with George to get all the information on the village website for residents to view. A resident wanted to let council know an additional tree has washed into the cove at the his residence. A resident inquired about the 501(c)3 status of FoWL. Council will get with Adam Wicker and find out the 501(c) status of FoWL. Residents wanted to make council aware of a large pothole on Main Drive. Council wanted to reiterate to the village they are in touch with Shane at Darke County about repairing the pothole. The repair is dependent upon the weather and he is also looking at other areas of concern in the village about when and how to get them repaired as well. A resident wanted to make council aware of someone within the village harassing geese with a whip and laser pointers. This person hit the resident and spouse in the eyes with the laser while harassing the geese. This person was also spotted tossing a nest in the lake. Council wants to implore to residents to not do this. The egg addling will help control the geese and ruining the nests will make this process harder. A different resident was seen harassing geese with their dog. A resident wanted to express their concern about lights from a neighbor’s residence reflecting off the water and into their residence. Council wants to let all residents know there are no enforceable laws/ordinances regarding the lumens emitting from a light. A resident also believes they had items stolen out of their garage.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** Sales of fishing passes for 2022 have totaled $3236 YTD.

**Chippewa Lake:** No drawings were able to be found of the dam. Brumbaugh Construction said they will not attempt to make any repairs without drawings of the original dam. If the village is to do anything with the dam it will have to be replaced at this time since there are no drawings to use.

**Lawn Mower:** The village is now enrolled in the Ohio Buys Program that helps villages/municipalities to purchase equipment. This is at no cost to the village. The approximate cost of a new lawn mower is now estimated to be ~$7000.

**Poplar Lane:** Council will be getting a quote from Wagner Paving at the recommendation of Shane about paving Poplar Lane.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-05-09-01:** This ordiance sets the rules and regulations regarding the use of the beach. Stewart made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to adopt the ordiance. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Stewart made a motion to declare an emergency. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Ordinance 2022-03-14-01:** This was the third and final reading of the proposed zoning regulations for the village of Wayne Lakes. This is in the best interest of the village to provide for the orderly use of the land within the village. Swindler made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

John Swindler made a motion to approve the cost of filing the paperwork for the zoning ordiance. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. The approximate cost of this is $2200.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: Eight lakes have now been treated with one lake left. The beach will also be spot treated.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** No report given

**Tree Commission:** No update given

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: It was reported to Rita and Rita found a snapping turtle in the village that had had its feet removed.

**Social Media**: No report given

**Welcome Packets:** There are still packets available in the office if anyone should need one.

**Grants:** The village will be applying for grants through the Darke County Parks Department for things such as picnic tables and a signage to be able to display pertinent info.

Stewart moved to adjourn. Pethtel seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 08:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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