**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**November 14th, 2022**

Mayor Linda Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: John Swindler, Jacob Butsch, Rita Robinett and Robert Ewry. Troy Stewart and Danny Saunders were absent with excused absences. Five visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the October 10th, 2022 council minutes. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:**  Robinett moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending October 31st, 2022. Swindler 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).

**Mayor Updates**:

**Guest Speaker:** Brice Schmitmeyer of Access Engineering was our guest speaker. Brice stated they have received 225 signed and returned agreements, this leaves approx. 100 left. There are meetings set up with the contractor to be held after the 1st of the year. Brice stated the updated cost of the project is set to be $12.6 million and the village has received $7 million in grant money so far.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to community members, church members and local businesses who volunteered their time and resources for the community Halloween event. It was a resounding success. Thanks to Whispering Christmas of Eaton, OH for donating Christmas decorations to the village.

**Mayor Updates:** Darke County Solid Waste Management is donating ten benches to the village. Mayor Clark wanted to let community members know to save their plastic lids because this is what Darke County Solid Waste Management is using to make the benches.

**Open Forum:** Patsy Livingston proposed the inaugural holiday decorating contest for the village. There will be ten designated areas for decorating and judging. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Decorating will start on December 1st and the judging will take place on December 17th and decorations must be taken down between January 1st – January 7th for any decorations placed on village property. There are decorations available at the village office for anyone who would like to use them. A resident heard loud explosions coming from a property located near the village early in the morning. Council members stated they heard them as well but since the property in question is not within the village limits there is nothing council is able to do.

**Community Group Updates:**

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

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: There is a leak in the men’s restroom that needs repaired.

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

**Special Projects:** No update given.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** YTD sales are $16, 289.

**Village Tractor:** The village tractor is in need of repair and maintenance. Mayor Clark received a quote on the cost of the repairs. The total cost of the work is $4600. Swindler made a motion to approve the cost of the repairs. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Tree Removal:** Mayor Clark received a quote from A1 Tree Removal for the cost to remove three trees from the village. The cost is $1400. Robinett made a motion to approve the cost of this project. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**New Madison Fire Department:** Mayor Clark advised the village had not made any donations of note to the New Madison Fire Department for 2022. They are responsible for taking care of the village when a fire happens. Swindler made a motion to donate $1000 to the New Madison Fire Department. Ewry seconded. Swindler, Butsch and Ewry voted yea. Robinett voted no.

**Processing Fee:** Rita Robinett made a motion to approve the $70 processing fee added to Ordinance 2022-07-11-01. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-09-12-01:** A third reading was had to establish an interim sanitary sewer bill.

The sanitary sewer bill applies to each and every owner of a lot with a dwelling/structure that

will be required to be serviced by the sanitary sewer. The interim sanitary sewer bill will be

made quarterly starting January 1st , 2023 at the amount of $135/quarter being $45/month. The funds from this bill will be placed in a separate fund to be used only for the development of a sanitary sewer for the village. Once construction is at 75% completion, the bill will be raised to cover all debt, treatment operations, maintenance, capital replacement, reserve account and any other costs associated with the project. Swindler made a motion to approve the resolution. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Resolution 2022-11-14-01:** Mayor Clark was informed the village was never renewed into the program allowing the village to be in the aggregate for the purchase of electricity. Mayor Clark stated the village needed only to submit the correct paperwork and the village would be back in the aggregate. Ewry made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to adopt the resolution. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea. Ewry made a motion to declare an emergency. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Resolution 2022-11-14-02:** Issuance of a bond, a Wastewater System Subordinated Revenue Bond, not to exceed $5,669,868.96 for funding the wastewater (sewer) system for a period of 42 years. Swindler made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea. Robinett made a motion to adopt the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Ordinance 2022-11-14-01:** This ordinance sets the allowable trees to be planted on village property and how close they can be planted to roadways/sidewalks. It also puts trees into three categories: small, medium and large. Ewry made a motion to waive the three readings rule. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Butsch made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler made a motion to declare an emergency. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** 2023 budget meeting will be held November 16th, 2022.

**Lake Management**: No report given

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** The village pick up truck is in need of repair.

**Tree Commission:** No report given

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: No report given

**Social Media**: No report given.

**Grants:** Robert passed out a sheet listing the agencies/programs available to help with heating or electrical bills.

Motion made by Ewry to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Butsch. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:08PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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