**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**October 12th, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:56 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. Ten visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Clark moved to approve the September 14, 2020 council minutes. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Swindler moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of September 31, 2020 (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review.) Anderson seconded. All present voted yea. (Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

**Acting Mayor Updates**:

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Sandy Beery for cleaning Evergreen Drive of brush and debris. Thanks to John Swindler and Darren Anderson for hanging the new signage in the village. Thank you to John Swindler for the new desks in the village office. Thanks to Rita Drew for cleaning the village office. Thanks to Rita Robinett for assisting in helping collect more income surveys.

**Covid-19**: There were 922 total cumulative cases in Darke County as of the council meeting. 714 were confirmed and 22 were probable. There were 83 active cases as of the council meeting. There have been 90 hospitalizations.

**2021 Budget Forecast:** Meeting will be held in the October/November timeframe. To be voted on in December meeting.

**Beavers:** Corby Anderson caught the two beavers causing the damage to the trees on the lakes. They were two young beavers and had made a dam within the village.

**Renewal Levy:** Will be on the November ballot for the roads and bridges to be paid off in 2039.

**Interviews:** The village is conducting interviews for the Fiscal Officer position.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.W.L:** There will be no hayride or party for Halloween and no hog roast this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. There are no additional meetings planned for F.o.W.L. this year.

**E-Bird:** As of the meeting, Cindy reported seeing 116 different species of birds in the village year to date. There were 114 notated in all of 2019. Cindy has a plum colored golf cart with signage on it notating who she is and what she is doing to eliminate any confusion on what she is doing.

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: There were two rentals since the September Council Meeting. Chinking was started on the Community Building. October 24th is the next date of expressed interest for rental but nothing has been confirmed due to Covid-19.

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

**Open Discussion:** Shane Reed expressed concern about junk cars located within the village. He wanted to know what the process was or what the village could do to get them removed as they have been sitting for quite some time. A complaint letter will be sent out to the appropriate location.

Tom Wetzel expressed concern about the lack of a live feed for the council meetings since Covid-19 started. The council reassured Mr. Wetzel that the meetings were being recorded via YouTube and the ability of residents to call in with questions or concerns or send an e-mail to the council.

The mayor also wanted to inform the village there is a meeting set with the Darke County Sheriff’s Department for October 29th @ 7:00PM.

**Special Projects:** The village needs 93 more income surveys filled out to see if there are any more additional dollars available to help with the sewer project. The surveys are completely anonymous and contain no personal information about the individual filling it out. Brice Schmitmeyer has a meeting set with Darke County in October for the billing set up part of the project. Residents should be expecting door hangers on their doors. This is from Access Engineering to help them get information on where the current septic tank is and where the line will run once installed. The paperwork for all the loans is progressing forward.

**Council Business:**

**Open Council Seat:** There was no interest expressed by anyone in attendance at the meeting for the open council seat left by Joan Faulknor (resigned 09-14-2020).

**Bonding of Assistant Fiscal Officer:** The mayor expressed her belief that the part time fiscal officer needs to be bonded. Anderson made a motion to proceed forward with getting the assistant fiscal officer bonded. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Insurance Survey:** The village recently received the recommendations back from the insurance company about areas of improvement within the village. The village playground equipment needs updated or taken down. The backboards have already been repaired. They also recommended multi factor authentication for all account access on the Internet.

**Voting Location:** The voting location has been changed to Neave Township House for 2020. This is a change for 2020 only as of now.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Trick or Treat for the Village:** The village would like to set the hours for trick or treat for Sunday October 25th, 2020 from 2PM – 4PM following Covid-19 guidelines. Anderson made a motion to accept the conditions for trick or treat. Stewart seconded. All present voted yea.

**Leaf Dumpster:** The village would like to again use Fresh Aire Farms for disposal of the village leafs. They are scheduled to bring their dumpster for the residents to put leaves in again this year. The dumpster will be at the Beach site parking lot. NO branches, trash or bags permitted. Stewart made a motion to again use Fresh Aire Farms for the village disposal of leaves. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Corby Anderson Hunting Permit:** The village would like to allow Corby Anderson a hunting permit to hunt muskrat and beaver within the village for the season. Clark made a motion to allow Corby Anderson a hunting permit. Stewart seconded. Stewart, Clark, Anderson and Swindler voted yea. Robinett abstained.

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-10-12-01 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT REIER, OWNER OF AAR ROOFING COMPANY, TO REPLACE THE ROOF TO THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT 100 COMMUNITY DRIVE WAYNE LAKES, DARKE COUNTY OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**. This resolution will allow the village to enter into an agreement with Scott Reier to replace the roof of the community building as quoted for $22,000.00. Motion was made by Stewart to waive the three readings rule on Resolution 2020-10-12-01. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Anderson to adopt Resolution 2020-10-12-01. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Stewart to declare an emergency on Resolution 2020-10-12-01. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Swindler reported there will be a budget meeting in early November

**Lake Management**: Stewart reported there will be no more treatments this year. The last experiment enzyme treatment was completed and is improving the condition of the lake.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Anderson reported the residential type equipment is adding up. Discussion followed as to possibly asking F.o.L.W. to sponsor a garage sale some time in 2021. Rod McNutt is overseeing the maintenance and repairs on the large dump truck and other village equipment. Discussion followed as to asking the county about cleaning up the trees and brush in the village.

**Domestic Animal/Wildlife/Littering**: Rita has continued to attempt to contact the resident with the unregistered Pit Bull dog within the village.

**Tri Village Rescue Report:** Rita brought the Tri Village Rescue report for council and interested residents to review.

**History of Wayne Lakes:** Interviews are on hold due to CoVid-19 restrictions.

**Grants:** Swindler reported on a potential grant that has become available. More information to follow.

**Social Media**: Due to George Mitterman being on vacation, online streaming was not possible for tonight’s council meeting. Mitterman is making this online streaming of the meetings through the village website using YouTube at no additional cost to the village. Thanks also to Mitterman starting a new Facebook page for the village.

Swindler moved to adjourn. Clark seconded. All present voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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