**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**September 14th, 2020**

Acting Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Joan Falknor was not present. Five visitors attended the meeting.

Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, the council meeting was livestreamed through a link in our villageofwaynelakes.com website.

**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 August 10, 2020 council minutes. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Expenses:** Robinett moved to approve the expenses and finance reports as of August 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**:

**Joan Faulkner:** The mayor received Joan Faulkner’s resignation from the council. Joan stated she has a lot going in her life right now and feels it is best to step away from the council. The mayor expressed her gratitude for all Joan has done and will continue to do for the village. The council has up to 30 days to find a replacement for her for the remainder of her term. If no one is found within 30 days, it would be up to the mayor to find her replacement.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Rita Robinett for her work in the village office. Thank you to Rita for helping with trash clean up and tidying up different things around the village. Thanks to Tommy Thompson for all his work on the lakes in the village.

**Darke County Sheriff’s Report:** The Darke County Sheriff’s office will no longer be performing patrols per the contract with the village. The Sheriff’s office stated in a letter that they no longer have the man power to honor their contract. The village will make a call to the Sheriff’s department to set up a meeting to find out more details. The Sheriff’s department will still respond to all calls.

**Covid-19**: There were 736 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 36 total deaths and of the 36, 32 confirmed and 4 probable. There have been 72 hospitalizations.

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

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

**Community Building Roof:** The mayor received a quote to replace the roof on the community building. The quote came back at $22,000. That includes a complete removal of the old roof and installation of lifetime shingles.

**Drain Project:** The quote came back for the Mohawk, Cucumber and Ess Lake drain quote. The quote was $38,000 for the whole project. Since the quote is over $25,000, council needs to seek two more quotes before proceeding forward.

**Community Group Updates:**

**F.o.W.L:** George Mitterman reported the lake study had been paid back. The study cost approximately $6400. No other information to report. Council will see what other villages are doing for trick-or-treat before making a decision on trick-or-treat for the village.

**E-Bird:** At the end of August, Cindy reported seeing 113 different species of birds in the village year to date. There were 114 notated in all of 2019. Cindy also reported seeing 20 species in the village for the first time this year. 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 for September, four for October and three or four for November and four for December. The church held a service open to the village residents. They are not charged a rental fee as long as they clean up after they are finished.

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

**Open Discussion:** Troy was approached by two residents asking about the status of reopening the beach within the village and potentially purchasing the dock. He was also approached by a different individual inquiring about the kitchen equipment at the beach. The septic system needs repaired as well. Discussion will be had by council at a later date to determine how to handle it moving forward.

A resident made mention of trash being dumped by a tree on Ess Lake. It appears to be the same individual suspected of doing it previously. There was discussion of putting up trail cams to try and identify the individual who continues to do this.

John Swindler noticed there were no green 911 numbers on a few residences mail boxes within the village. This makes it difficult for first responders to identify a residence in case of an emergency.

Carolyn Robinson brought to attention the possibility of paying off the loan the village currently has with Second National (Park) Bank. The loan has an interest rate of 6%. The payoff amount for the loan is approximately $30,000. The loan payoff will be discussed at the budget meeting to be held at a future date.

Carolyn also stated she has the fishing passes reconciled through the month of August (using the Gatehouse logs submitted by Shane Reed.) The last deposit from the Gatehouse was on August 20th, which included part of June and July receipts for fishing passes. The village Reconciliation Notebook was given to Council after the meeting.

Carolyn submitted her resignation to be effective 09/30/2020. She expressed her gratitude to the village and for the lifelong friends she will never forget. Several Council members expressed their gratitude to Carolyn for bringing the village through tough financial times.

**Council Business:**

**Sewer Meeting:** There was no sewer meeting for the month. Nothing new to report.

**Part-Time Fiscal Officer:** The mayor expressed her belief that a part-time fiscal officer position needs to be filled moving forward for the village. The mayor also expressed her concern that she did not feel one person could adequately fulfill this position as a part-time position.

**Easements:** It was brought to the council’s attention they may need to move the location of the drain for the drain project to stay within the easement the village has access to.

**Signs:** It was brought to council’s attention that there were tent campers on Winnebago Lake and also someone dumping bricks/blocks into the lakes. It was advised by the sheriff’s department that signage needs to be placed for all to see in order for these rules to be enforced by the department.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Harvestland Propane Contract:** The village received a contract from Harvestland Propane to supply the propane for the village for the year. Stewart made a motion to accept the contract submitted by Harvestland Propane. Clark seconded. All present voted yea.

**Garber Electric:** The village received a contract from Garber Electric to provide maintenance and service for the generator in the village. Annual cost is set at $289. Stewart made a motion to accept the contract as submitted by Garber Electric. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**1ST Reading of Resolution No. 2020-09-14-01 – ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**– This resolution will accept the amounts as submitted to the county auditor and determined by the County Budget Commission for year 2021. Motion was made by Anderson to waive the three readings rule of the resolution. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Motion was made by Clark to adopt the resolution. Robinett seconded. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** John Swindler had nothing to report.

**Lake Management**: Troy Stewart stated they will have more treatments possible for the lakes in the fall and early spring in 2021.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Village dump truck needs serviced. Darren Anderson is working on a plan to get this set up to be completed.

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

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

**Grants:** A potential grant has become available. More information to follow.

**Social Media**: Thanks to George Mitterman, who was at the meeting making online streaming possible through the village website using YouTube. It was discussed starting a new Facebook page for the village.

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

Respectfully submitted by

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