**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

**1052 MAIN ST.**

**September 12th, 2022**

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

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

**Minutes:** Swindler moved to approve the August 18th, 2022 council minutes. Butsch seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:**  Robinett moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending August 31st, 2022. Saunders 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 and Access Engineering received and reviewed all the bids submitted for the sewer project. After review, it was Brice and the firm’s recommendation to go with the bid submitted by Degen Excavating Inc. They submitted the lowest and best bid for the project.

**Appreciations:** Thanks to Rita Neff and Jim Fritz for their continued efforts in cleaning up around the village and doing trimming where necessary. Thank you to Sherrie and Troy Stewart for their help in locating a deposit made for the community building from 2019.

**Mayor Updates:** Poplar Lane is slated to be paved in 2023 per Wagner Paving’s availability for the project. The program being put on by the Darke County Humane Society is going well. They have spayed/neutered a number of cats and released them back where they were located. Hooked on Fishing will take place on September 24th, 2022 from 10:00 – 12:00. A local food truck has expressed interest in wanting to set up at the beach on Thursday’s. There will be a measure of the November ballot for a renewal levy for the village. This is a renewal and not a new levy being voted on. The holding tank at the village office was pumped and the alarm replaced. There may be some additional repair required.

**Community Group Updates:**

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

**Village Updates:**

**Community Building**: The community building rentals remain strong but it is approaching the end of the busy season for rentals.

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

**Special Projects:** No update given.

**Open Discussion:** There will be a Halloween Party open to the community at the community building on October 30th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. There will be various concessions available. They will be from the leftover concessions from the beach. There was a consensus among council to donate the leftover concessions otherwise they would go to waste.

**Council Business:**

**Fishing Passes:** $14, 820 YTD for fishing passes.

**Beach Attendance:** $4899 YTD from the beach.

**Fiscal Officer Pay:** A motion was made by John Swindler to increase the fiscal officer’s pay to $14, 700. It was seconded by Saunders. Saunders, Robinett, Swindler, Butsch and Ewry voted yea. Stewart voted nay.

**Cell Phone for Fiscal Officer:** The fiscal officer requested a cell phone to be purchased for the use of conducting village business. The phone would be the village’s phone for use by the fiscal officer. Stewart made a motion to approve this purchase for approx. $400. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Frechs Cleaning:** Stewart made a motion to approve the approx. $300 cost of cleaning the holding tank at the village office. Saunders seconded. All present voted yea. The mayor will also be contacting Frechs to get a cost to clean the manhole cover at the storm drain on West Drive.

**West Drive Storm Drain:** The mayor received a quote from Remedy Plumbing to eel the storm drain on West Drive. The approx. cost of this project is $258.

**Snow Removal/Grounds Maintenance:** The village is looking to hire help for snow removal/ground maintenance. The mayor recommended hiring Nick Fellers and Tim Weidner to help with snow removal at a cost of $25/hr using the village truck. Weidner Construction will provide additional support if needed at a cost of $40/hr using Weidner Construction equipment. Rod McNutt will provide training at a cost of $22.50/hr. Stewart made a motion to approve the hires. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Logan Fellers would provide the grounds maintenance as directed by the village at a cost of $15/hr. Stewart made a motion to approve this hire. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

**Darke County Budget Commission:** This accepts the apportionment of the Local Government Fund to be allocated to the Village of Wayne Lakes from Darke County Budget Commission. Motion made by Swindler to accept it. Seconded by Stewart All present voted yea.

**Requests for Council Approval:**

**Resolution 2022-09-12-01:** A first 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.

**Resolution 2022-09-12-02:** This authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract for the new sanitary sewer system for the Village of Wayne Lakes provided all contingencies are met. It is contingent upon receiving all funding from all sources and all required documents are signed and executed. Motion made by Swindler to waive the three readings rule. Seconded by Saunders. All present voted yea. Motion made by Stewart to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Ewry. All present voted yea. Motion made by Swindler to declare an emergency. Seconded by Saunders. All present voted yea.

**Council Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** No report given

**Lake Management**: Iriquois will be stocked with fish at a date to be determined later. The lakes committee is also identifying boat ramps that need addressed and repaired.

**Village Maintenance (roads, trees, equipment, buildings):** Jacob is working with Shane at Darke County to identify the roads in the worst shape to make sure they get addressed first.

**Tree Commission:** Danny has worked with Rumpke and there have been 28 addresses identified that are a concern to Rumpke in regards to trees/limbs hitting their equipment. Danny is going to be working with these residents to try and get the limbs/trees in question trimmed.

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

**Social Media**: No report given.

**Grants:** Robert is going to meet with Access Engineering for some support in seeking additional grant opportunities for the village.

Motion made by Swindler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Stewart. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Joshua L. Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer