

JUNE 2016 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING (Unofficial copy)

The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, June 27th, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Ewing, Hardin, Knox, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,562,344.78 in all funds and \$241,322.99 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Miller, to adopt Resolution 16-6-1 to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

GUESTS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Storm Sewers: Councilman Hardin incurred about a clogged storm sewer on the west side of town. The Village Administrator believes it is a culvert on private property. He will check it out to see if it belongs to the Village or if it is in fact on private property.

Park: Councilwoman Earl requests a sign be placed at the entrance of the park to help better identify the property. The Village Administrator asked the Park committee to come up with their vision for a sign along with the official name of the park, so he is able to start making arrangements for the sign.

Police Report:

(a). A pre-trial was held on June 21st, between the Village Solicitor and Mr. Duggins. Mr. Duggins was given an offer to avoid criminal prosecution. On June 23rd, our Solicitor sent a letter to Mr. Duggins' attorney stating the Village would drop all charges if the property was cleaned up and in compliance with the Village ordinances prior to the trial date which is scheduled for July 12, 2016. We will await response from Mr. Duggins and his attorney.

(b). Fundraising has begun for the K9 program. Several thousand dollars have been received. The goal is \$15,000.00. We will continue to explore different fundraising options.

Councilman Hardin explained that he was in favor of getting a new K9, but questioned why the Village could not sell equipment and use those proceeds to purchase a K9. The Mayor explained that most of the equipment is being used, cannot be sold, and the community and surrounding areas have expressed wanting the opportunity to donate towards a K9.

(c). Chief Motter participated in a county wide traffic enforcement detail as part of the Click-It-Or-Ticket & the Ohio State Highway Patrol. This was an effort to show

cooperation among agencies and encourage safe driving practices. The 28 hours the Chief worked will be reimbursed by federal grant monies.

(d). The Muchinnippi Garden Club received the first Good Neighbor Award for 2016. The club is made up of 19 members who have made a commitment to help beautify the community. They currently landscape the city building, park, library and Lion's Club.

(e). The Chief reported that the call volume is up once again now that we are in the summer months. The past month has been exceptionally busy and the Chief expects varied hours to help accommodate some the issues that are being reported.

(f). Lastly, the Chief reported that the Fire Chief wanted to extend a thank you for all of the help the Village provided with the barn fire last week.

Councilman Hardin reported that he was asked why the Village was supplying treated water to the fire department to put out the fire and if the fire department was told they couldn't use any more water. The Village Administrator explained that every municipality allows their fire departments to access the hydrants, which are fed with treated water. This recent fire consumed thousands of gallons of water. The Village monitored the water supply and relayed to the fire department that another source of water may need to be used. However, the Village was able to supply all of the water and there were no issues.

Village Administrator Report:

(a). Doug Rinehart contacted the Administrator to let him know that the North Town Storm Sewer Project has been approved by the County Commissioners. More updates will be available in August.

(b). The Village Administrator asked Council to consider purchasing a new excavator from Bobcat of Lima and allow a trade for the backhoe the Village currently owns. He explained what the excavator would be used for and the discussed price with Council.

A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Knox, to adopt Resolution 16-6-2, a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase of a New Excavator.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Miller, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

(a). A check for \$601.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of May.

(b). The Mayor updated Council on the quote received for Liability Insurance and explained the rise in prices.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

(a). A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Ordinance 16-6-1, an Ordinance to amend Appropriation Ordinance 16-1-1.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

(b). A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Earl, to adopt Resolution 16-6-3, a Resolution authorizing Darwin National Assurance Company as the Liability Insurance Provider for the Village of Waynesfield.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Earl, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

(c). Councilman Hardin questioned why the Solicitor's fees seemed to be going up every month. The Fiscal Officer explained that the Solicitor's office is used quite frequently and on numerous issues regarding the Village.

(d). Hardin also asked about mosquito fogging. He has an article from the newspaper stating the EPA will be providing grant money to help with fogging costs. The Village Administrator reported that typically the county will send him information, and he has not received any information to date. Councilman Hardin will share the article with the Village Administrator who will also check further into fogging costs, procedures, etc.

(e). Lois Souder commended the Village Administrator and employees for all of their help with tearing down the old house they acquired.

(f). Councilwoman Knox asked about the status of the street lights on North Westminster Street. The Village Administrator reported that he was told the lights are in but the contractor is currently waiting on wire. He reminded Council this is ODOT's portion of the project. He was able to speak with ODOT and express his concerns regarding all the delays. July 11th is when he was told the lights would start going up. ODOT assured the Administrator that all of the Village's expectations would be met.

(e). The Mayor informed Council if anyone would like to see the progress of the lagoon project to get in touch with either the Village Administrator or himself to schedule a time.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

(a). The Solicitor also updated Council on the property and owner of 318 E. Wapakoneta Street.

A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Earl, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Miller, yes.