

Held March 27,

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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2017. 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 approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,525,820.02 in all funds and \$230,617.14 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Earl, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Resolution 17-3-1 to pay the bills presented. VOTE: Earl, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Ewing, yes; Hardin, yes; Knox, yes; Miller, yes.

GUESTS:**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Streets - Councilman Hardin inquired about raising the lines by the Recycle Center. The Village Administrator explained a rebuild is currently underway in that section of town. The Mayor explained the plan was to complete the rebuild and then eventually add street lights in that area.

Councilman Miller discussed the barricade issue that was brought up at last month's meeting. After his research, Mr. Miller believes there is no problem where the barricade is located. The street from that point on is an "undeveloped street". The question was brought up regarding future development on the land located behind Maple, Wayne and Tussing Street. The Village Administrator explained that the Village would be willing to work with a contractor if a proper design and plan were submitted.

POLICE REPORT:

(a). On April 29, 2015, the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board was established to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force Community-Police Relations. A 12 person panel was established to set standards including force, deadly force, employee recruitment, hiring, and many more topics that can guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. Waynesfield Police Department has met the standards and is in compliance with Ohio Collaborative. A press release should be issued at a later date.

(b). The Mayor spoke about the drug issues abroad and asked the Chief where he thought the Village rated in comparison. The Chief responded stating that, as a community, there is a problem. He commonly sees issues pertaining to prescription pills in this area. However, the Chief feels, compared to other areas around our community that the village fares better than most. Chief Motter explained that working with other agencies around the area is vital, as the drug problem is definitely a problem that is not going away.

Chief Motter also stated that if anyone has prescription medications that they would like to dispose of properly, they may drop them off at the Police Department and he will take them to the Sheriff's Office for proper disposal.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

(a). The Village Administrator announced that he is still exploring the option of natural gas for the Village. At this time, he has found a potential funding source with no assessments. A survey will be going out in this month's utility bill regarding natural gas.

Councilman Hardin explained that he was informed that the Village wanted to own the utility (natural gas) itself. Both the Mayor and the Village Administrator affirmed they would just like to see natural gas brought into the Village, whether the it was owned by the Village or not. The Administrator went on to explain he has spoken with several companies, investors, etc, and the process it would take to get natural gas in the Village.

(b). As discussed earlier, the electrical rebuild on Wayne Street is taking place.

(c). The Administrator announced that it would be a busy year for the Village as we are applying for almost \$2 million in grant money to fund projects such as park enhancements, blacktop repairs, and the Northtown Storm Sewer Project to list a few. He will keep Council posted on the process and awarding of the grants.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

(a). A check for \$1009.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of February.

**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 17-3-1, an Ordinance to amend Appropriation Ordinance 17-1-1.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

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

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



Mayor


Fiscal Officer