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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Ridenour, Earl, Knox, Neeley, Newland, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,532,441.74 in all funds and \$220,803.14 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-8-1 to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

GUESTS:

a. Danielle Ridenour – Mrs. Ridenour addressed Council regarding safety and privacy issues of the new walking path in the park. She presented Council with a few issues they have noticed around their home. Direct access to the walking path, privacy issues, trespassing issues, no lighting on the path at this point, possible dog/animal confrontations and the sexual predator contact, are the issues she presented. She asked Council to look into these issues and proposed the Village putting up an 8ft privacy fence to lessen these problems. She also requested that when Council reaches a decision, that some kind of notification be sent to her and possibly other residents on Wayne and West Wapakoneta Street(s).

b. Cliff Roberts – Mr. Roberts returned to go over the proposed Tree Lawn Ordinance that was discussed at the previous Council meeting. He stated that after speaking with Chief Motter, he agrees that those streets that have curbs, parking in the tree lawn should not be allowed. He proposed to Council that those areas with curbs on the streets should not be allowed to park in the tree lawn and those properties on streets with no sidewalks/curbs should be grandfathered in until those streets can be updated and then the ordinance would apply to those properties as well.

He also asked Council that when proposed Ordinances or Resolutions are being discussed that the Village make every effort to inform all of those that will be affected and asking if they have any issues or concerns before initiating any project. He believes this is not happening as he reported many of his neighbors were not aware of live trees being cut down to accommodate the walking path. Mr. Roberts also stated live trees were cut down and a dead tree in close proximity was left, causing a safety hazard. He went on to add that he believes the current alley issue (referring to the alley behind West Mulberry Street), could have been worked out and a compromise could have been made if everyone was open and honest. He asked for Council to just let the residents know if new condos or low income housing was going to be developed in the area behind the Dollar General. He also proposed running Copeland Street out further to the west to accommodate new housing structures.

He went on to thank all of those that mowed the Dollar General Property, but went on to say that he regrets to inform them that it will most likely need mowed again and wonders if this group will be mowing other areas that are in violation of the tall grass ordinance, as a neighborly gesture. He continued that we must all, “communicate, communicate, communicate.”

Councilman Miller responded to Mr. Roberts reminding him that there are posting spots around the Village where he can read what takes place during the Council meetings. Mr. Roberts explained that he works 12-13 hours a day and doesn't have time to stop and read. He did agree that it was one way to communicate. Mr. Roberts again brought up the dead tree that was left near the walking path. The Village Administrator explained that tree was on private property and was not the Village's tree. Mr. Roberts believes the Village should contact that property owner to notify them about the dead tree being close to the walking path and the safety issues that could arise. The Village Solicitor ended this discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**a. Finance** –

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

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 18-8-1, an Ordinance to amend Appropriation Ordinance 18-1-1.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

b. Property Maintenance:

Councilman Neeley complimented Mr. and Mrs. Walti for the tasks completed at 103 West Wapakoneta Street. Mrs. Walti explained those tasks were not completed to just please Council. Mr. Walti questioned why the Mayor did not report to Council when the house would be demolished. The Village Solicitor ended this discussion as well.

POLICE REPORT:

a. Chief Motter reported that July was a busy month for the department.

b. An arrest was made in the homicide case on Karen Street from July 2017. Hundreds of hours have already been spent on this case and more are expected in the near future.

c. Approximately 10-15 properties have been notified they were in violation of the junk vehicle ordinance. All but one property has come into compliance, at this time. That particular property owner has requested a hearing before the Property Maintenance Committee. No citations have been issued for junk vehicles at this point in the process. There are several properties in violation. Chief Motter explained he is trying to meet with about 1-2 property owners a week to explain what they would need to do in order to be in compliance.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT...cont'd

- d. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign is underway and runs through September 3. By participating in this campaign, the Waynesfield Police Department will be eligible for certain grant opportunities.
- e. Waynesfield-Goshen Schools are currently back in session. Chief Motter presented to the entire school staff an alternative school safety program. He shared his vision of on how to be proactive towards preventing school violent incidents.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- a. The Administrator announced the walking path project at the park is underway and running as presumed. He also reaffirmed that the dead tree Mr. Roberts mentioned earlier was in fact on private property, which is why it was not cut down.
- b. The curb painting process has come to a halt, as the employee that was hired returned back to school. The Village will be looking into hiring another part-time employee to finish the work.
- c. Mr. Rowe attended the Solar Panel Committee AMP meeting earlier in the month.
- d. Cliff Roberts asked the Administrator about lighting around the new walking path. Mr. Rowe explained there have always been plans to remove the lighting on South Westminster Street and use those lights for the walking path, while replacing street lights on South Westminster Street to match those on North Westminster Street. He explained the Village is looking into acquiring grants to complete that task.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. A check for \$3,622.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of July.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-8-2, a Resolution accepting and adopting the 2019 Alternate Plan of Distribution of Local Government Fund and Local Government Revenue Assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 18-8-3, a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- a. The Solicitor asked Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation issues regarding the Village's power supply company and West Mulberry Street alley. Mr. Searcy also explained that for the first issue, the Village's power supply company, the Mayor may be present and then should be dismissed before the second issue is discussed.
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation issues.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
Time out: 8:05 p.m.
Mayor back in at: 8:11 p.m.
Council back in session: 8:40 p.m.

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

VOTE: Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Miller, yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer