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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, Earl, Knox (absent), 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 \$1,578,091.89 in all funds and \$202,828.88 in the General Fund for the month of February; Fiscal Officer reported \$1,614,983.86 in all funds and \$217,721.25 in the General Fund for the month of March.

A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Resolution 20-4-1 to pay the bills presented. VOTE: Knox, absent; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

GUESTS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilwoman Zimmerman brought to the attention of the Safety Committee a couple on street parking issue she has noticed that are obstructing views and have become safety hazards. The Safety Committee members stated that they would work on getting together in the near future to address the issue.

POLICE REPORT:

- a. Police Chief Motter gave Council a resolution that was mentioned at February's meeting regarding part-time hours for the police department. The resolution is in direct response to council members and mayor asking about adding additional police coverage within the Village. Police Chief Motter explained that approving forty hours is not for just one police officer. An individual officer will not be permitted to work more than 29.5 hours in a work week. Approving the forty hours would allow the police department to eventually hire multiple officers. Police Chief Motter stated his goal is to hire one part-time officer in 2020 and appropriating to hire another part-time officer in 2021.
- b. Chief Motter stated with the COVID-19 pandemic it has impacted how everything has operated for the last month including the operations of the police department. Chief Motter stated that his call volume has increased in the last month with most calls being related to COVID-19. Police Chief Motter also stated that the village has started the application process to apply for FEMA funding.
- C. Chief Motter stated that in a previous weeks chief meeting the officers talked about the reopening of offices. For the village that would include the police department and the main lobby as well. The tentative date that is being look at will be June 1, 2020.
- D. Chief Motter also stated that Waynesfield Goshen Schools contacted the Village about partnering with them and hang banners on the light poles on North Westminster Street for the seniors. Chief Motter said the response to the banners was outstanding.
- e. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 20-4-2 approving part-time hours for village police department.

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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- a. The Administrator stated since the COVID-19 pandemic that all village staff is still working. He also stated that since the village office has been closed to the public, it has been cleaned, painted, and disinfected to help us prepare for when we reopen.
- b. The Administrator also reported that there were about four village residents with outstanding utility bills and utilities should have been shut off in April but they were not.
- c. The Administrator also stated that the maintenance crew have been working a lot on storm sewers, water lines and fire hydrants. The Administrator also mention that mowing season has officially started. He stated that they added catch basins on the west end of the village and also jetted out storm lines to try and help some of the flooding issues that have faced on the west side of town. The Administrator stated that they are currently working on a project on Main Street and Earl Street putting in water taps for residents.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. No Check was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of February 2020; A check for \$308.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of March 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Proposed Zoning Ordinance- The Administrator said the police chief and himself have stalled on this with all the COVID-19 issues going on and they would try to work on it in the future.
- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to do the 3rd reading on Ordinance 20-1-(3), an Ordinance regulating junk and abandoned motor vehicles.
- VOTE: Miller, no; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, absent; Neeley, no; Zimmerman, yes.
- c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to enter into executive session to discuss litigation with council and the solicitor.

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

Time in: 7:57 p.m.

Time out: 8:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Councilman Neeley mentioned the sheriff's office letting low risk inmates do work programs. He stated that the village should look into this to help out the maintenance crew during this busy time of year with mowing, painting, etc. Police Chief Motter stated that the only concern with doing something like this is that you have to have someone supervising the inmates at all times.

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- b. Councilman Neeley also mentioned getting four phone calls from residents using the walking path about a property on Wayne Street and why the village is allowing the property to look such a way. With the property in question belonging to the mayor, Mayor Luma stated that he is cutting up the wood for a family member. In the next two months Mayor Luma plans to have the property cleaned up.
 - c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland suspend the rules of three reading and to declare and emergency approving the sale of 302 E Wapakoneta street by sealed bid.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, absent; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
 - d. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to adopt Ordinance 20-4-(1), an Ordinance approving the sale of 302 E. Wapakoneta Street by sealed bid.
VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, absent; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
 - e. The fiscal officer brought to council's attention the Regular Scheduled Council meeting for the month of May falls on Memorial Day. Council decided to move May's Council Meeting to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020.
 - f. The fiscal officer also brought up garage sales and community clean-up days for the upcoming summer. Due to COVID-19 council decided to cancel the annual village garage sales for 2020. Council decided they still wanted to try and do community clean-up days but maybe later in the year. No future date was decided on.
SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE
- A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Neeley, to adjourn the meeting.
VOTE: Knox, absent; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer