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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, 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 \$1,691,768.66 in all funds and \$218,801.80 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 21-5-1 to pay the bills presented.

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

GUESTS: The American Legion Woman's Auxiliary came to see when the Veterans Banners were going to be hung and offered help if the village needed it due to staffing issues. The Village Administrator stated the village would rent a man lift to get the banners up. He also stated that the village does not have permission to put banners on cable/ phone company telephone poles. In order to do so the village would need written permission from the companies. With that being said, the administrator stated the village could only put banners on village-owned poles which meant some of the recommended locations of certain banners may not be fulfilled. The American Legion Woman's Auxiliary agreed and understood that the banners may not be able to be put in the recommended location, and the discussion was ultimately up to the village as to where the banners get hung. The Village Administrator stated the maintenance department is going to start hanging brackets on village-owned poles one block away from the square south, east and west. He stated if the American Legion wanted to help with the placement of the banners, members could sort through, and select the banners to be hung in specific locations. They could then hand them to the maintenance department as the brackets go up. The Village Administrator stated the only other concern he had was how high the banners need to be. The Legion agreed that putting the banners 12' high like the current banners in the village would be fine. The American Legion Auxiliary also stated they would be willing to help research information for the KIA banners and contact family members. The Veterans Committee agreed to pay for half of the price for the KIA banners. Councilwoman Zimmerman asked if the banners would only be up a year. The American Legion Auxiliary stated they would be up a minimum of one year but they could stay up for 3-5 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Finance:**

- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency to amend appropriations.
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 21-5-(1), an Ordinance amending Appropriation Ordinance 21-1-1.
Amending the village's certificate of resources by + \$655.00 (Cares Act) for 2151-730-420.
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- b. The fiscal officer also stated that Perry and Associate's contacted her regarding the village's audit that took place in June of 2020. Perry and Associate's stated it had been sent over to the review team to be reviewed. She is hoping to have the audit by the next meeting.

Property Maintenance:

- a. Councilman Neeley stated he would like to see something done to some with the vacant properties in town. He asked the solicitor if the village could send a letter to the property owners asking them to do work to the properties. The solicitor stated he did not think there was anything the village could do because the issues are not addressed in the current zoning, and suggested adding a section to the new proposed zoning for properties of disrepair, etc.

POLICE REPORT:

- a. Police Chief Motter addressed all of the property issues previously mentioned under the property maintenance report. He stated he would meet with the health department and try to resolve some of the issues.
- b. Police Chief Motter stated Waynesfield-Goshen School's prom and graduation went well with no issues. He also congratulated the graduating class of 2021.
- c. Police Chief Motter stated the police department was certified with the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board as being compliant.
- d. Police Chief Motter stated all the members of Waynesfield Police Department recently recertified with their firearms. He was happy to report the department's proficiency greatly exceeded the minimum standard.
- e. Police Chief Motter stated that Officer Hefner has been placed on restricted duty until further notice due to her pregnancy. He stated this would be a great time for her to learn office policies and procedures and complete some training.
- f. Waynesfield Police Department was also awarded the Ohio Attorney General's Office Body Armor Grant for Officer Hefner. The grant was in the amount of about \$625.00, which is 75% of the cost of the body armor.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- a. The Administrator stated that the application for the Nature Work Grant was submitted for the West Wapakoneta Street Project.
- b. The Administrator mention that the Waynesfield Lions Club had asked if the village would be willing to donate free electric for the outside vendors at their festival that will be taking place in the fall of 2021. Councilman Knox asked if the village knew how much electric was consumed at the event in past years. The Administrator stated that the meter was not read before the event, and the village only knows the final read of the meter. The village solicitor stated that he doesn't think council should donate items

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- c. with tax payers' dollars. Council decided they would not be donating the electric to the Lions Club for the event.
Council President Miller asked Police Chief Motter if the police department was asked to monitor the event. Police Chief Motter stated his department had not been asked.
- d. The Administrator stated he was working to get time set up with Circuit Rider to Upgrade the 3 Phase power at 510 N. Westminster Street, and get the proper information for the Turners regarding their metering system.
- e. The Administrator stated he would like council to look at Perry Street and the village-owned property that extends across Perry Street. He would like to see council separate off the portion of the property that runs across Perry Street and dedicate it to Perry Street. Council is in favor of making these changes. The solicitor stated a new legal description would need to be done.
- f. The administrator stated he would like to discuss some personnel matters. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with Council, Solicitor, Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer.
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
In: 8:13 p.m.
Out: 8:51 p.m.
- f. Councilwoman Knox asked what the village's current water situation was like. The Administrator stated that Well #3 has been redone, National Water has cleaned and cameraed Well #2 and all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the EPA. The EPA paperwork is to obtain a permit to complete the work on both wells #1 and #2. We have 5 years to complete the work.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. A check for \$617.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of April 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The village solicitor suggested tabling the deed as the village is still waiting on the new legal description.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Councilman Neeley stated he would like to see the unimproved alley located between Maple Street and Wayne Street graded down maybe 6-8 inches and filled with stone to help run water to the storm drain.
- b. The Fiscal Officer mentioned she would like to see the village start sending the delinquent Municipal Taxes to the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be collected but would like to do some more research after speaking with the solicitor.
- c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 21-5-(2), a resolution to change Ryan Farley from Part-Time General Maintenance to Full-Time Class B Maintenance.
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

- a. The solicitor stated he was looking into the Kilowatt hour tax being accessed to the end user.
- b. The solicitor stated that council needed to let him know what regulations they wanted included in the new proposed zoning in regards to solar and wind power.

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

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



Robby Miller
Mayor



Alline Spidner
Fiscal Officer