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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on November 22, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, Earl, Knox, Neeley, Newland (absent), Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,751,853.94 in all funds and \$204,845.03 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Knox, to adopt Resolution 21-11-(1) to pay the bills presented.

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

GUESTS: J. Chris Pfister and Leatrice Runkle

-J. Chris Pfister was presented with a proclamation from the Village of Waynesfield’s Mayor for his years of service as superintendent of Waynesfield-Goshen Schools. November 22, 2021 was proclaimed as “J. Chris Pfister Day”.

- Leatrice Runkle addressed council about her concerns from the October Regular Scheduled Council Meeting. The solicitor confirmed that the village utility bill is not a legal document. The Village Administrator stated Muni-Link was contacted regarding the service period and the service period does not mean the day the meter was read. Councilman Neeley stated the safety committee decided that a “Slow Children at Play” signs will not be put up in the alley by Leatrice Runkle’s home at this time. Leatrice also stated she doesn’t agree that the village should put restrictions on the number of cars each residence can park on public streets.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:**

a. The fiscal officer stated there is a need to move funds to finish out the current year. She also stated the appropriations for 2022 were completed and in council’s packet along with a resolution to paydown the Osgood Bank loan obtained for the Park Enhancement project.

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

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

c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Ordinance 21-11-(1), an Ordinance amending Appropriation Ordinance 21-1-1.

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

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

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

e. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Ordinance 21-11-2, the Permanent Appropriation Ordinance, and to declare an emergency.

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

f. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, Resolution 21-11-(2) allowing the fiscal officer to take unspent funds from Park Enhancement project and pay down the Osgood loan received for the project.

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

**POLICE REPORT:**

a. Police Chief Motter gave an update on property maintenance issues.

b. Police Chief Motter stated Trick or Treat went well with no issues. He also stated he made regular visits to the Waynesfield election poll location and there were no issues reported.

c. Police Chief Motter gave updates on the two part-time police officers. He stated Officer Humes has been released from field training to work on his own. Police Chief Motter hopes to have Officer Hefner on her own sometime in January or February. He stated both officers are working 1 or 2 days a week.

d. Police Chief Motter stated that the office was closed on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 for police department purposes. He stated Blackfin.TV was in the office to record the Brent Williams murder case.

e. Police Chief Motter informed council of the annual Holiday Lights Competition would begin on December 1, 2021, and go until December 25, 2021.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

a. The Administrator stated he is working with the fiscal officer to review pole billing for Spectrum. He stated the village is currently billing for 302 poles he feels the village currently has more poles and would also like council to look into increasing the pole rental amount.

b. The Administrator stated the village experienced a power outage on November 11, 2021. A tree limb fell on a primary line due to high winds. The Village of Lakeview was called for mutual aid.

c. The Administrator stated the maintenance crew has been working on potholes.

d. The Administrator stated the electric run from West Mulberry to Guthrie has been rebuilt.

e. The Administrator stated while the village hasn’t had a lineman, the cost paid out for mutual aid has been roughly \$13,000.00. He stated he is happy with this figure because paying a full-time lineman salary and benefits we would be paying out roughly \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 per year. The Administrator stated the village will continue to look for a lineman or train a current village employee to do lineman work.

f. The Administrator stated he’s waiting to hear back from AMP regarding the Turner solar project north of town.

g. The Administrator stated he’s waiting for information regarding the infrastructure bill that was recently passed. He’s hoping the money can be used to upgrade the village’s utility metering system.

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- h. The Administrator asked council to approve the change order and allow the fiscal officer to pay National Water Services for Well #2's upgrade. The village will be using the American Rescue funds to pay for this upgrade the additional funds will come from the Water R+1. The Administrator stated this same upgrade needs done to Well #1 the plan is to complete the upgrade next year and pay for the upgrade the same way. Councilwoman Earl asked when was the last time the wells had any major work done. The Administrator stated he thought it was in the early 2000's.
- i. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Resolution 21-11-(3) accept the change order and pay National Water Services invoice.
- j. VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- k. The administrator also wanted to notify council that in the village audit an auditor realized the village is not accessing the Kilowatt Hour tax to the end user. He stated the village is paying the Kilowatt tax but the cost isn't being transferred to the consumers. He stated he would like council to consider enacting this change starting in 2022.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- a. A check for \$181.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of October 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. A motion was made Neeley, seconded by Miller, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters with council and the solicitor.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
In: 8:13 p.m. Out: 8:46 p.m.

- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to do the second reading of Ordinance 21-10-(2) an ordinance amending an ordinance to address parades, public gatherings and special events.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

- c. Mayor Luma appointed Brian Hardin to the Zoning Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to adopt Resolution 21-11-4 a resolution to set a time frame to be put on the council agenda as a guest speaker.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

- a. The solicitor stated pursuant to the Ohio revised code section 709.04 The village cannot act on the Kathleen Spangler annexation until 60 after receipt from the county. He stated the recent acceptance resolution passed needs to be rescinded and done correctly.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to rescind Resolution 21-9-(2), a resolution accepting the annexation of .88 acres, more or less, into the Village of Waynesfield as petitioned by Kathleen Spangler as filed by Kurt A. Kaufman, Agent.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, absent; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

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

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer