

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of

Meeting

DAVTONI LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 10148

Waynesfield Village Council Regular

Held

April 24

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2023

1. The meeting was called to order on April 24 2023, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luma Ball, present; Nickles, present; Miller, present; Motter, absent; Walti, present; Winegardner, present.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved .
3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,460,337.58 in all funds. \$194,016.19 in the General Fund.
The bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Walti to pay the bills presented.

NOTE: Ball, yes; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Motter, absent; Walti, yes; Winegardner, yes.

4. GUESTS: NONE

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance -- A copy of the meeting minutes was provided to the council. Administrator Bender and the committee discussed moving forward with putting in water meters and stated the village will receive \$25,000 for meters later this year and originally meters were budgeted for water. However, the Finance committee discussed using internal funds from the sewer and water to pay the remaining funds needed to put in the new water meters opposed to getting a loan which would charge interest. Administrator Bender stated that the sewer funds were healthy, and half could come from water and the other half from sewer. Councilmember Walti asked how we would set up the pay if this was followed through with. Administrator Bender stated we would pay it off throughout the year. Councilmember Nickles asked if we could just take the meters out of the water and sewer fund as discussed in the finance meeting. There was also a question as to what was funded out of the Enterprise fund and the Repair and Improvement fund. Councilmember Winegardner reiterated that per conversation from the finance meeting that not all of the meters would need paid upfront, but that they could be paid as the bills come in. That way, we would be able to pay them without the use of a loan. Councilmember Nickles requested a breakdown of the funds for her to inspect.

Utilities Councilmember Winegardner reported that the 69KV transformers were being gifted by the Village of Versailles and will be tested upon receipt to ensure they are still safe to put into service. Administrator Bender advised how much the Village of Waynesfield will save by receiving this gift. The committee also discussed the Moyer Road issues and not releasing the residents as village customers. Councilwoman Nickles is concerned that if we would allow the residents to discontinue services that we would lose the ability to grow the Village of Waynesfield to the East.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Winegardner, to deny the release of the Moyer Road customers from the Village of Waynesfield utilities.

NOTE: Ball, abstain; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Motter, absent; Walti, yes; Winegardner, yes.

Administrator Bender provided an update on the 69KV transformers being gifted to the Village by Versailles, anticipated to be officially approved by Versailles council. The transformers will be tested to ensure that they are still safe. Administrator Bender is looking into options for storage and also looking into options for transportation to the Village of Waynesfield. These transformers will allow for a looped system tying into Lima and Indian Lake, which should presumably reduce power outages in the Village. Councilwoman Nickles requested information on what this loop will entail, i.e., when power in the Village is lost, how it will be restored, who will be responsible for the switch, etc. Administrator Bender provided an update that new "high estimate cost" for future substation upgrade is now \$750K significantly lower due to obtaining 69KV transformers at no cost to Village.

Continued discussion regarding Moyer Road residents and discussed the brief power outage on Thursday, March 10th. The outage was caused by a resident trimming trees and a discussion was held of whether the resident should be billed for the damage.

Administrator Bender provided update on West Wapakoneta project.

The new format for utility bills was reviewed with suggested changes from the last council meeting. A discussion was held in developing an explanation of costs, to be mailed out to residents and to be available upon request at the municipal building. The council was pleased with the new format.

Councilmember Nickles questioned the shut off procedures regarding the audit. Administrator Bender explained the process if any changes need to be made.

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Administrator Bender inquired how the Village should address provision of water and sewer for possible new buildings in the Village. Residents are planning to build triplex units on Perry Street.

Records - None

Park - None

Streets and Storm Sewer - None

Zoning - None

Other - Brush pick-up will begin on the 2nd Monday of May (8th) 2023.

Councilmember Nickles inquired about Grass being blown on road. Chief Motter stated a letter is sent the first time to the residents and second it is a \$125 fine. An Ordinance was put into effect in 2019.

Councilmember Nickles also recommended a capital asset policy for the Village and would like an inventory of assets.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Motter reported the call volume in the village is increasing, which is typical for this time of year. Chief Motter gave an update on what the Community Development Team is doing. The W-G annual promenade was held on April 22 and there were no issues. Multiple complaints were made regarding vehicles on the walking path and Chief Motter said the department has been monitoring that issue. Chief Motter also mentioned there have been minimal complaints made in the West Wapakoneta Street construction zone. Chief Motter provided an update to the council on previous liquor permit violations at the Waynesfield Carry-Out and Fan's Pizza. Chief Motter also reported to the council that the Waynesfield Police Department received an award for excellence in law enforcement policy management.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Bender provided his report to the council.

Electric: Administrator Bender asked about doing a first reading with The Solar Ordinance which needs reviewed and passed along with the Interconnection agreement and Interconnection Application. Bender stated that we need to be protected and get this completed.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Winegardner, to have a first reading on Ordinance 23-4-1, an ordinance to allow the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County, Ohio, to adopt policies and procedures for the interconnection of distributed generation resources.

VOTI: Ball, yes; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Motter, absent; Walti, yes; Winegardner, yes.

Administrator Bender also state that Moyer Rd./Ball property was lasted tabled until AMMP could do trouble shooting. This has been completed and it has been determined that the issue is on the customer's side. New bills will be issued with an explanation of them.

Water and Sewer - Administrator Bender state he met with EJP and started the process of building the electric meters. This meeting included what the meters are capable of reading and how we would want them displayed. He also confirmed that the water meters are ordered. The village may only receive 50-100 units per shipment, but within a year all water meters will be received.

Administrator Bender spoke about the W. Wapak Street project. He stated that curbs were poured the week of April 17th, other than a couple spots that will be hand poured. Driveway approaches with start this week. All water lines have been installed and tested. Road reconstruction will be the next phase in the process.

Administrator Bender stated that the tile trench in the park has been leveled so the baseball season can begin. The stockpiles of dirt that were there will be used in the later part of the W. Wapak Street project.

Administrator Bender also mentioned updates. The house in the park is being worked on for removal, sealed bids for the farm ground were opened on Friday and the wishing box will be started with the help of the Waynesfield PFA. The village has started working on the process of hiring seasonal help as well.

Councilmember Nickles would like to know what funds the bid goes into for the farm land. She would like it to go towards the park.

Storm sewers and streets - None

Future - None

~~a. Minutes of Court Report - \$1313.00 was deposited into the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account Meeting~~
month of March

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10. OLD BUSINESS: None

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11. NEW BUSINESS: None

SOLICITOR REPORT:

The solicitor reported he has been going through the audit, and he stated that any employee being hired must be approved by the council. Councilmember Nickles had questions about the audit. She questioned an \$8,000 amount from the Mayor's Court fund into the General Fund. There were also questions regarding transferring monies from the Water Operating fund to the Water Enterprise fund. Fund transfers need to be done by a resolution. Anytime monies are being transferred, it must be done by resolution and approved by council. The committee discussed audit findings regarding acceptance of "non-cash payments".

A motion to adjourn was made by Miller, seconded by Ball at 8:20 pm.
VOTE: Ball, yes; Nickles, yes; Miller, yes; Motter, absent; Wali, yes; Winegardner, yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer