

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order on August 28, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luna, present; Ball, present; Walti, present; Hutson, present; Miller, present; Nickles, present. Vernon Fox was sworn in by the Mayor.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,559,669.62 in all funds. \$219,668.90 in the General Fund.

4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nickles to pay the bills presented.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

5. GUESTS:

Jennifer Sutherland attended the council meeting and would like to have another cancer research walk and she is requesting that the \$50 fee to rent the Gazebo at the park be waived.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Miller to waive the \$50 rental fee.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to support the Lions Club, if the Auglaize county recycling center, would allow the Lions Club to benefit from the Waynesfield Recycling Center.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

Samuel Luna also attended as a guest. He stated he would like to open up a dialogue for an amphitheater. He feels the Waynesfield community would benefit from the concerts it would bring. He also stated that we could look into the Nature Works Grant program to help fund the amphitheater.

Samuel Luna also brought up Octoberfest and the Village Jamboree. He would like to see them both come back to the Village yearly and believes the Village will benefit from togetherness at the festivities.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of each. Councilmember Nickles stated that a lot of work goes into these sorts of festivities and it could be difficult to bring them back to the Village.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Zoning – The Zoning Committee met on August 10, 2023 at 7 pm. Guests included Michael Spillis. The Committee discussed old business related to trailers, mobile home and manufactured homes. A section was added in the residential zoning related to mobile homes. For new business they discussed a variance dated August 10, 2023. Michael and Ashley Spillis whom reside on 303 S Earl Street requested to replace a trailer that was moved over a year ago. The request was denied.

The Solicitor stated that he looked over the Zoning packets that the committee put together and he noticed that some Ordinances did not match certain sections. Councilmember Nickles suspected so and will keep in contact with the Solicitor for correct information.

7. **POLICE REPORTS:** The Police Department received multiple complaints throughout July regarding a male subject on a 4-wheeler driving through town on North Westminster Street, Ohio Street and East Wapakoneta Street. There was a brief pursuit on July 28th that took place of East Wapakoneta St and the subject proceeded to flee into the Willow Branch Cemetery east of town and continued through multiple farm fields. Officer Humes was also working and he picked up a second pursuit and lost sight of it. After a brief investigation and assistance from the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office, the police department determined who was operating the 4-wheeler. Multiple charges on the latest incident are pending.

On August second Chief Motter responded to a fire on 310 East Wapakoneta Street in reference to a structure fire. Upon Chief Motter's arrival the east end of the house was fully evolved in flames and ultimately the house was a complete loss. The cause of the fire appears to be from a juvenile playing with a propane torch. Possible criminal charges are being considered.

Waynesfield Goshen begin the 2023-24 school year on Thursday, August 17th. On August 15th Chief Motter had the opportunity to teach the staff with regards to an active threat refresher training and some of the issues that are seen within the community that the staff needs to be aware of for the new school year. Chief Motter stated that there will be a full-scale training with staff members set for the Monday after Thanksgiving that the Sheriff's Office and he are partnering on.

The CDT will be meeting with State Representatives Susan Manchester later this week. More information will be reported at next months meeting.

Chief Motter stated he was part of the law enforcement and logistics planning committee for the upcoming eclipse on April 8, 2024. As of now there will a limited law enforcement on the east end of the county. It is expected that most concentrated areas be at the I-75 and US-33 interchange. Most of the law enforcement will be there. The expectation is that most places will have designated viewing locations. The biggest concern is people coming to sudden stops on the roadways and blocking traffic or created crashes. The committee will meet again next month to discuss dedicated emergency routes.

Chief Motter, with the help of Administrator Bender, Fiscal Officer Montgomery and Utility Clerk Korkec, put together a Welcome to Waynesfield packet for new residents to answer any questions they may have as a new resident. This would include utility bills, trash companies, internet etc. This would be available in the office, on the website and social media sites. Chief Motter wanted the council and Mayor to review the packet and make any changes they may feel necessary. Once approved, The Village would like to put this out to help new residents and present residents that didn't realize some of what the Village has to offer. Chief Motter stated that if the council did not feel like it was a good idea it could be scrapped. He just feels it is a good tool to assist the public with typical questions.

Councilmember Nickles pointed out a few concerns she feels should be corrected. Chief Motter will correct those concerns. The Council liked the packet and agrees with having it available.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Administrator Bender provided his report to council.

Electric: Administrator Bender asked for a 3rd reading on the Interconnection agreement. He stated that after consulting with the solicitor the agreement should stay the way it reads with no monetary amount per kWh added on. Instead, we will give kWh credit that expires at the end of the year. Administrator Bender stated that this can always be addressed in the future if need be.

Administrator Bender will be meeting with Versailles on moving transformers from their location to ours soon.

Administrator Bender stated that in the council packets there is an ordinance for damage to Village property and cost sheet. There have been 3 different instances, most have been by accident in the last 12 months. With the added traffic going through town it is best that the Village have something in an ordinance stating what the charges may be.

Water and Sewer: Administrator informed the council that annual lead and cooper samples have been taken. He stated that hydrant flushing will be completed once the water tower is back on line from maintenance. The over flow at the Lagoon lift station has been installed and the hand rail and steps will be installed once built.

West Wapak St.: Administrator Bender stated that the paving was completed. The final grading and seeding along with line painting are next to be completed.

The work on the water tower has been started. The inside of the tower should be completed close to the last week of August. Administrator Bender stated that there was ice damage, which is typical in elevated towers, to the hand rails and ladder inside the tower. The outside of the tower will start once the inside is finished. WG School decided they did not want to put a solar light on the tiger head as of now. The blow offs at fire hydrants have been working as expected.

Park: Administrator Bender stated that the slide has been fixed at the park. The house at the park has also been removed. Work to closing up the site will begin in the new future.

Wayne St. Power Outage: Administrator Bender discussed the issue with the resident on Wayne Street regarding preventative maintenance. The resident wants the Village to reimburse him for a computer program that he claims was ruined due to not being notified of the temporary power outage. Although unfortunate, the Village utility rules clearly states that we are not liable for these situations. Administrator Bender stated that moving forward our crew along with AMP will notify all residents if able when the power will be disconnected in a PM situation.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

a. Mayor's Court Report- \$837.00 was deposited into the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of July.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:** Nickles has a print out of the profit and loss that Fiscal Officer Montgomery completed. She wants the Finance Committee to be aware of the statement so when the yearly budget is finished and ready to be approved they will be aware. Fiscal Officer Montgomery informed the Council that there will be a finance meeting in September where this will be discussed.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to have the third 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.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

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11. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion made by Nickles seconded by Ball to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency to adopt Ordinance 23-8-1 an Ordinance for Compensation from Damage to Village property for the Village of Waynesfield Ohio, and to declare an emergency

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Walti, to pass ordinance 23-8-1, with the correction in section three to indicated rates in section A, an Ordinance for Compensation from Damage to Village property for the Village of Waynesfield Ohio

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

A motion made by Nickles seconded by Ball to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency to adopt Ordinance 23-8-1, an ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 22-11-1.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to pass Ordinance 23-8-2, an ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 22-11-1

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

A motion made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency to adopt Resolution 23-8-1, a Resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

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VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.

Councilmember Ball discussed making a float for the parade in September. She stated she feels it would be a good idea and council members are welcome to join.

12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

A motion to adjourn at 7:44 was made by Miller, seconded by Walti.

VOTE: Ball, yes; Walti, yes; Hutson, yes; Miller, yes; Fox, yes; Nickles, yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer

