

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order on June 24, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call:
Mayor Luma, Present; Fox, Present; Ball, Present; Hutson, Present; Nickles, Present; Miller, Present; Walti, Present.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Ball to amend the council meeting agenda to move the proclamation from new business to the guest's section.

2. VOTE: Fox, Yes; Ball, Yes; Hutson, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller, Yes; Walti, Yes.
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting were read and approved.
4. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,552,469.24 in all funds. \$335,313.97 in the General Fund.
5. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Hutson to pay the bills presented.
VOTE: Fox, Yes; Ball, Yes; Hutson, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller, Yes; Walti, Yes.

6. GUESTS: Nelda Treglia, Peg Walti and Robert Howard were present to represent the Waynesfield American Legion Post #395 and Auxiliary to receive the proclamation presented by Mayor Luma.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Property Maintenance

Meeting called to Order by Committee Chair Deb Ball at: 5:45 pm

Committee member Nickles recommended a notation be made in the minutes explaining the early start of the meeting and the meeting would run past the posted start time of 6:00 PM. Any guest who arrived after the 6:00 PM start time would be permitted to address the committee at that time.

Minutes were approved from last meeting

Committee Member Nickles asked Administrator Bender about the tour. Administrator Bender stated he could do it during the day and the evening for those Council members that work. Committee Member Nickles said she thought it would be a good idea to bring a sign-up sheet to the next council meeting and have members sign up to see what works best for everyone.

Chief Motter discussed tall grass notices and submittals. These got the attention of a few residents and their grass was mowed. There is one property that does not have a resident present there anymore. Committee Member Nickles mentioned Chief Motter calling probate court to see who to contact regarding the property.

Chief Motter also discussed the Ohio Basic Code and our Zoning ordinance. A few things within them both conflict with each other and this needs to be addressed and corrected.

The Committee discussed options to enforce property maintenance. They feel it would be beneficial to look at next year appropriations and allocate a dollar amount to enforce property maintenance.

The Committee also recommended that the Village of Waynesfield send letter to property owners and provide them steps they can take to rectify the issues the property may have.

The next Buildings, Grounds, and Property Maintenance meeting will be on July 10th at 5 pm.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

RECENT BREAK IN UPDATE

As Chief Motter reported at last month's meeting, on May 7, the Wilcox Chiropractic building was broken into. The case is still an active investigation and the police department is still waiting on DNA and fingerprinting information to come back from the crime lab. Chief Motter is still working with the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and other law enforcement partners to attempt to bring these subjects to justice.

FIREARMS REQUALIFICATIONS

Officer Humes and Chief Motter recently completed the annual firearms requalification's. On May 23, they reported to Sabres Gun Club in Lima where they requalified on the department issued shotgun and handguns. Both were nearly flawless in requalifying, but the hope is that the police department never have to use our guns. Chief Motter said if firearms are ever needed, he's confident in their ability to react and stop a threat.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual Waynesfield American Legion Post #395 Memorial Day Parade was on Monday, May 27. The weather was cooperative and seemed to be well attended. Many thanks to Post #395 for their \$75 donation to the police department. For those that might not know, Post #395 and the Waynesfield Police Department has partnered for the last several years in raising the American flag at all home Waynesfield-Goshen High School football games.

MULTI-USE PATH QUESTION FROM LAST MEETING

During the May council meeting, there was an inquiry as to whether or not electric bicycles or motorized scooters were allowed on the walking path at the park. Included with the police report was a copy of the ordinance that council passed November 26, 2018. Under Section 2B (Purpose), there is a list of prohibitions on the multi-use path. An electric bicycle and a motor scooter are included as being prohibited on the path. A copy of the full ordinance is on the Village's Website (www.waynesfieldohio.com/government/ordinances/)

WAYNESFIELD PD RECEIVES AWARD

The Waynesfield Police Department has been awarded a plaque for excellence in law enforcement policy management. For the third year in a row, the department has been awarded the highest honor by Lexipol Connect as the police department has greatly exceeded all of Lexipol's minimum standards for consistent and effective policy dissemination, timely policy updates as laws change, and officer training. The police department works hard at staying at the forefront of keeping its policy current and training to know the policies and procedures.

The police department policy manual is updated every time there is a change in the law, best practices change, or the U.S. and/or Ohio Supreme Court make a ruling that affects the policies and procedures. Lexipol also issues daily tests on the policy so officers understand the policy and how to apply it. The police department received this award, in part, because they are 100% compliant in taking the tests and reviewing the policy manual.

GOLF CART INSPECTIONS

For the last several years, the police department has conducted golf cart inspections. Recently, they did an inspection and found something they had not ever encountered. The golf cart needing inspected was reported stolen about 4 years ago. A brief investigation found that the individual who wanted the cart inspected had not committed any crime. After speaking with a Captain at the Beach City (Ohio) Police Department, where the golf cart was originally stolen, an investigation is now underway with his department, the Allen County Sheriff's Office and the federal agency Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Law enforcement has a suspect(s) in this case and will hopefully bring this person(s) to justice.

The police department will continue to do under-speed vehicle inspections when requested, but throughout this incident a lesson was learned that golf carts are a very big commodity in the world of thieves.

Ordinance 18-9-1, an ordinance regarding multi-use paths, was referred to the Parks Committee to review for possible revisions.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Electric

ANP was in town to help replace more open wire and set new power pole. We have them scheduled for the rest of the year for at least 1-2 days per month. As we get the open wire removed, next we will be looking into power pole replacement.

Water and Sewer

All but about 10 water meters have been replaced. The remaining meters will need to be completed by a contractor. Billing for the sewer side will be started next billing cycle. We have talked with Muni link about the changes in billing and should be able to happen with little work. Administrator Bender thanked the employees for all their hard work getting the meters installed.

We have received parts for the lagoon and will be installing them in the next couple days. Once bad pump is pulled it will go to be checked out. Hopefully it is rebuildable.

Discussion was held on charging the same sewer rates as residential customers for all industrial and commercial water and sewer customers. Administrator Bender will meet with the solicitor and Utilities Committee regarding this.

Storm sewer and streets

All cross walks have been repainted. Next will be the yellow at fire hydrants. If time allows, we will be repainting the fire hydrants as well this year.

Lands and buildings

Would like to set the 24th of July up for any council members that want a tour of the Village's buildings. It can be during working hours and Administrator Bender can set a time up after hours to accommodate. Let me know at the meeting if you want a tour and a time.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$540.00 was deposited into the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of May.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Fox, to have the third reading and adopt Ordinance 24-4-2, an Ordinance Terminating the Contract with Miller Textile.

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

A motion was made by Nickles seconded by Hutson, to have the third reading and adopt Ordinance 24-4-3, an Ordinance adopting the Uniform and Clothing allowance.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Fox, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 24-6-2, A resolution Terminating the Agreement with Central Collection Agency and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Ball, to pass Resolution 24-6-2, A Resolution Terminating the Agreement with Central Collection Agency.

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

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 24-6-3, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 23-10-6 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Miller, to pass Ordinance 24-6-3, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 23-10-6 to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance

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

Proclamation; Moved to Guest by motion.

Councilmember Hutson asked about affixing a lighted American flag onto a telephone pole near the walking path and his residence. There were no issues with this.

Administrator Bender asked council about waiving the park rental fee for the Waynesfield Lion's Club to hold their annual fundraiser walk to raise money for childhood cancer, and to allow the Lion's Club to place a receptacle for aluminum cans at the recycling center to also go towards raising money for the same cause.

A motion was made by Nickles, seconded by Fox, to waive the park rental fee for the Waynesfield Lion's Club and to reserve the gazebo at the park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2024, for purposes of the Annual Childhood Cancer Walk.

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

Councilmember Nickles asked about removing old power poles that have nothing on them. Administrator Bender provided information on who to contact.

Chief Motter advised council that the work by the Community Development Team, Ohio State Representative Susan Manchester, and Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman appears to have paid off. Pending passage of the State Capital budget on June 26, 2024, the Village is set to receive \$700,950 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget for the Waynesfield Veteran's Park. This amount represents 89% of the total amount requested to cover 10 projects in the park. With local resources partnering with state resources, all 10 requested projects should be covered.

12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

A motion to adjourn was made by Ball, seconded by Fox at 7:33 pm.

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

Sarah Montgomery

Fiscal Officer


Mayor