

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 26, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order on August 26, 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.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting and special meeting minutes were read and approved.
3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,538,639.63 in all funds. \$358,540.81 in the General Fund.
4. The Bills were read. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Fox, to pay the bills presented.

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

5. GUESTS: NONE

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utilities:

The meeting consisted of updates from Administrator Bender on the possibilities and costs for further education for electrical, wastewater, water and pesticide/herbicide application certification for full time employees.

Also discussed was the updating of employee handbook to include pay scales and advancements.

Electric substation and county radio tower discussed.

Sewer rates discussed with reference to residential and commercial.

Electrical rate survey discussed.

All of the above to be further mentioned and expounded on in Administrator Bender's report.

Records

Councilmember Nickles stated that they did not have a meeting however Fiscal Officer Montgomery received a notification that the Records Retention policy is approved by the Ohio History Connection and State and Local Government Records. The Village of Waynesfield is now in compliance with that.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

Chief Motter's Police report was provided to Council.

ECLIPSE Reimbursement

Chief Motter stated that we got our reimbursement from the state for the Eclipse.

SCHOOL RESUMES

Chief Motter reported that the 2024-25 school year at Waynesfield-Goshen Schools started on Tuesday, August 20th. Most of the kids and staff seemed excited to return. On Thursday, August 15, he presented the staff with their annual safety refresher/update training. Later in the evening, the school had an open house which appeared to be very well attended.

K9 HUNTER

Chief Motter requested council consider passing an emergency resolution to retire Waynesfield Police Department K9 Hunter. During a recent routine veterinary checkup, it was determined that K9 Hunter has developed cataracts and beginning stages of hip dysplasia. K9 Hunter will be 11 years old in January. Chief Motter requested K9 Hunter's retirement date be set for September 1, 2024, to allow the public to have access to him before his career ends.

CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDING AND PARKS UPDATE

Fiscal Officer Sarah Montgomery submitted the paperwork to the Office of Budget Management in order to receive the funding from the State of Ohio for the park projects. We are now just waiting for the funding to come in so the projects can begin. The funding must be spent by October 2026, so that does give us some time to get quotes, meet with the park committee, and iron out the logistics. It does appear the funding must be used for the projects that we requested.

On a positive note, in speaking with Waynesfield-Goshen Youth Sports Association (WGYSA) President Brian Shaw, he met with members of the WGYSA and there was very good feedback on the park enhancements and ideas of how they can help with some of the projects were positive and encouraging.

HONDURAS TRIP

Chief Motter provided council with information he learned during a recent trip to Honduras, Central America. Some of the information included was how he desires to work towards enhancing relationships within the community and not just seeing the community come together whenever there is a tragedy. Chief Motter said he would share more with council once he works out some of the logistics.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Electric

Administrator Bender stated that the power pole was hit and broke on August 17th. AMP will be in to replace the pole on August 29th. All Tree Care will be trimming trees and under growth on a section of power lines that will be getting updates to it in September. Administrator Bender spoke with AMP in regards to AES upgrades, AMP will be asking for updates and get back to him. Courtney and Associates are currently working on the Electric Rate Study. Once it is completed, the finding will be presented to Council.

Water and Sewer

Administrator Bender will go over the new Sewer Ordinance. He will also be setting a date for fire hydrant flushing in the near future.

Park

Administrator Bender stated that the park committee with need to set a meeting to go over the plans for the Grant money and what project they would like to complete yet this year.

General

Administrator Bender stated that he and Fiscal Officer Montgomery met with Clemans-Nelson to start the process of updating the Village handbook. He hopes to have a draft soon.

Councilmember Ball thanked Administrator Bender for putting the light back on the water tower. She commented on how nice it looks.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. Mayor's Court Report- \$1,257.00 was deposited into the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of July.

10. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor stated that Trick or Treat October 31st from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Resolution 24-8-1

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Hutson to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 24-8-1, A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor 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 Fox, to pass Resolution 24-8-1, A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor

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

Resolution 24-8-2

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Fox, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt resolution 24-8-2, a resolution accepting and adopting the 2025 alternate plan of distribution of local Government Funds and Local Government Revenue assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio, as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Hutson, seconded by Fox, to pass a resolution accepting and adopting the 2025 alternate plan of distribution of local Government Funds and Local Government Revenue assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio, as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission

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

Resolution 24-8-3

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Fox to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 24-8-3, a Resolution authorizing the retirement of Police Canine Hunter effective September 1, 2024, and awarding Police Canine Hunter to Chief Nathan Motter for the sum of \$1.00 and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Walti, to adopt Resolution 24-8-3, a Resolution authorizing the retirement of Police Canine Hunter effective September 1, 2024, and awarding Police Canine Hunter to Chief Nathan Motter for the sum of \$1.00.

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

Resolution 24-8-4

Motion made by Ball, seconded by Miller, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Resolution 24-8-4, a resolution amending charges and rents for the use of the municipality owned system of sewerage of the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Walti, a Resolution amending charges and rents for the use of the municipality owned system of sewerage of the Village of Waynesfield, Auglaize County

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

Ordinance 24-8-1

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hutson, to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 24-8-1, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 23-10-6 to Amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Fox, Yes; Ball, No; Hutson, Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller, Yes; Walti, Yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Fox, to pass Ordinance 24-8-1, 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.

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Ball, to accept the TAP agreement. To appoint Sarah Montgomery and Bina Korkate as authorized users.

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

Ordinance 24-8-2

Motion made by Ball seconded by Walti to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 24-8-2, An Ordinance for the Village of Waynesfield Income Tax and to declare an emergency.

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

A motion was made by Ball, seconded by Hutson, to pass Ordinance 24-8-2, An Ordinance for the Village of Waynesfield Income Tax

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

Resolution 24-8-5

Motion made by Nickles seconded by Walti to suspend the rules of three readings and to adopt Ordinance 24-8-5, An Ordinance for the Village of Waynesfield Income Tax 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 Hutson, to pass Ordinance 24-8-5, An Ordinance for the Village of Waynesfield Income Tax

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

12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE

Motion to adjourn at was made by Fox, seconded by Hutson at 7:15 pm.

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



Fiscal Officer



Mayor