

VILLAGE OF WAYNESFIELD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order on September 23, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering Roll Call: Mayor Luma; absent; Fox, Absent; Ball, Yes; Hutson; Yes; Nickles, Yes; Miller; Yes; Walti, Yes.

Mayor arrived at 6:40 pm.

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

3. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,917,786.17 in all funds. \$349,980.27 in the General Fund.

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

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

5. GUESTS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building and Property Maintenance:**

The committee discussed the properties at 206 and 206 1/2 Sugar St. Todd Nance, the owner, did not come to the meeting. The committee noticed that he has gotten rid of some pallets, moved things around and cut some grass. The committee agreed that there has been some progress. However, the house roof is still falling in and the roof is off the trailer.

Chief Motter gave an update on the Karen St. property. He stated that the mobile home has been removed and the grass in mowed. There will be no further inquiries.

Chief Motter also gave an update on 205 W. Mulberry St. The weeds have been mowed. And there is nothing to follow-up on at this time. Chief Motter will check and report back at the next meeting.

There has been no response from the owner at 200 N. Westminster St. The letter sent to the owner in July was sent back as undeliverable. The person who owns the property does not live at the address. The committee suggested that Chief Motter contact probate court to see if the property is in probate.

7. POLICE REPORTS:

**DRUG CASES INCREASE**

Chief Motter reported to council about a recent assist he gave to the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office. He also reported that the police department has several ongoing investigations and is working with the Auglaize-Mercer County Grand Lake Drug Task Force. There has been an increase in methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine use and sales within the village. The police department will continue to work to eradicate these drugs within the village.

Chief Motter also reported there have been an increase in juvenile issues with regards to marijuana use in school.

**PMC UPDATE**

Chief Motter reported the mobile home on Karen Street was demolished and removed from the property by September 3, 2024. Chief Motter has been in contact with the solicitor regarding other property maintenance issues that originated from the committee meeting. There is not another PMC meeting scheduled at this time.

A different address was located for the property owner at 200 North Westminster Street. A compliance letter was generated and sent to that property owner. The property is not currently in probate and it appears the property owner is still living.

The properties on Sugar Street are still not in compliance. The property owner was supposed to attend the most recent PMC meeting that was on Wednesday, September 11. The property owner failed to appear, so after consulting with the solicitor, the next step in the enforcement process is to send the property owner a certified letter that will allow the property owner to appeal the village's decision to move forward with enforcement action/demolition. If the owner fails to request a hearing or does not fix the property issues by the final deadline, then the matter will be presented to council as a whole to entertain the possible passage of a resolution to demolish/clean up the property.

## **HOMECOMING PARADE**

The Waynesfield-Goshen Homecoming Parade will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. The parade will follow the normal route from the school to Coyotes Bar and back to the school where the junior and senior girls will play their powderpuff football game.

## **TORNADO REIMBURSEMENT**

Chief Motter has spoken with Auglaize County EMA Director Troy Anderson and the village should be receiving a reimbursement check from Ohio EMA to reimburse the manpower, K9 use and equipment used on the March 14 tornado in Logan County. The reimbursement amount applied for was in the amount of \$10,548.23 and EMA Director Anderson seemed to think the village may receive that entire amount.

## **EMERGENCY DISASTER PLAN**

Chief Motter gave council an update on the disaster management plan for the Village. He said the safety committee should receive the proposed plan and after they approve the plan, then council as a whole will get it to review by the October 2024 meeting with the goal of adopting a plan for the village.

## **8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

### **Electric**

AMP was in the Village on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Work was completed on 2 poles and two electric services were disconnected. AMP will be in again on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. One of the projects will be to put a new pole on the NW corner of SR 67 and SR 196. There have been several semis run into the pole when taking a right-hand turn. The pole that is there is not Village owned. We will set a new pole behind the current one, remove any Village equipment and put our lines on the new poles.

The Village did receive confirmation of a November 1<sup>st</sup> shipment date for new electric meters. EJP will be back in to go over installation and software training. Once this is done the Village will begin installing meters.

### **Water and Sewer**

The Village has received all of the tools from the EPA grant. Fiscal Officer Montgomery has sent the invoice to the EPA for reimbursements. The Village will be putting out notifications for fire hydrants flushing for the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **General**

Courtney and Associates will be at October's meeting with the analysis of the electric rate study. Clemans-Nelson has sent over the draft of the PPM and the staff is in the process of reviewing it. Once this is completed another meeting will be set up with Clemans-Nelson to finalize it.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- a. Mayor's Court Report- **\$525.00** was deposited into the General Fund from the Mayor's Court Account for the month of August.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

Board of Tax Review was discussed. Fiscal Officer Montgomery informed the Council of their responsibility. The Council needs to appoint 2 members. According to RITA's attorney it may not be employees, council members contractors, etc. of Waynesfield. There is no requirement that they reside in the Village. The Mayor also needs to appoint a member. The Fiscal Officer informed the Mayor that it may be an employee, but cannot be the finance director or tax administrator.

The Council stated they will put a list together and will discuss at October's meeting on who they would like to appoint.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Nickles, to table ordinance 24-9-1, an Ordinance establishing a Blanket Purchase Order Amount Limit as required by Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (D)(3) so the Fiscal Officers is able to get more information to explain it to Council.

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

**12. SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:09 pm by Ball, seconded by Walti.

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



Fiscal Officer



Mayor

