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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following answering roll call: Mayor Luma, Earl, Knox, Neeley, Newland, Miller, and Zimmerman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. Fiscal Officer reported \$1,551,185.90 in all funds and \$205,176.28 in the General Fund. A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Zimmerman, to adopt Resolution 20-1-1 to pay the bills presented. VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

**GUESTS:**

Craig Mescher with Access Engineering- Craig to touch base about the income surveys the village has sent to try and be eligible for CDGB funding. He stated the village has received about 80% of the needed surveys. He said we needed to get about 50 more surveys and the village might have to go door to door to get them. If the village does receive the needed surveys, we could be eligible for \$700,000.00 in grants from CDBG. He also gave council a funding sheet set up for the West Wapakoneta Street Project and stated that if we did complete all of the income surveys we could potentially receive funding to do a \$1.2-million-dollar project and the local portion would be about 9% of the project. Craig stated that the information goes to his office and the only information returned to the village is a list of addresses that completed the survey. Craig said to let the residents know that none of the information is known locally. Craig mentioned that getting a grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 from CDGB is significant for a small village like this. Craig stated he knows the village has to fix the Water Tower and would like to do some improvements to the pumps at the lagoons. The Village Administrator touched base on why we need to fix the water tower. He stated we had it inspected and at some point the water tower froze and thawed which took some of the coating off the inside. The inspecting company said they could put a patch on it, but the patch would cost \$10,000.00. Instead of going with the patch the village decided to start getting quotes to have it relined. The village estimates this fix will cost around \$100,000.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance –**

a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 20-1-1, the Permanent Appropriation Ordinance, and to declare an emergency.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes.

b. The Fiscal Officer worked with Ohio Insurance Services to find an insurance policy that fit both the needs of the Village and Village Employees with both coverage and cost. Switching to the new insurance policy saves roughly \$18,000.00.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-1-2, a resolution to adopt Anthem Health Plan Blue Access SOCA MEWA PPO 6350E/0%/6350 w/HSA with Ohio Insured Services for the Village of Waynesfield.

VOTE: Miller, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes.

**POLICE REPORT:**

a. Police Chief Motter reported that they year of 2019 saw some interesting things within the police department. Waynesfield’s first murder case since the 1950s or 60s culminated with Brent Williams being convicted of murdering Erin Mulcahy by strangulation. Also in 2019 the Police Department filled its first Part-Time School Resource Officer Position. Chief said he thinks this has been an outstanding opportunity to grow the relationship between the Village and the school, while providing a great service.

b. The 2020 report of the Police Department included 2019 statistics from the Police Department, chief said he believed 2019 was a solid year.

c. Chief Motter’s has some goals for 2020, to continue making the community safer. One way he plans to do so is to look into potentially hiring some part-time officers. He hopes to continue to work in a collaborative manner with multiple agencies to try to address substance abuse problems, by taking a multi-faceted approach.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

a. The Administrator wanted to let council know about the sewage backup we had at a property in town. The Resident had a contractor come out and found they still had a septic tank. The septic tank now has to be pumped/ crushed and filled. They did find that the line coming out of the residence Y’ed and part went to the septic and part went to the sanitary. So they have to cap the end that goes to the septic tank so it can be crushed and filled. The Administrator is looking into going with remote readers however, meters need to be in accessible places. So when these issues arise, we are going to try to place pits at the curb stops. We are still working on the natural gas also.

c. The Administrator also mentioned DP&L no longer wants to be responsible for our transmission lines coming from Lakeview. AMP has been buying transmission lines so they are looking into that purchase. Our response time would benefit from this. Ridenour believes if AMP makes this purchase they would upgrade the system for longevity. The Village was approached a few years ago about this purchase, but the Village is not equipped to take care of the line that runs all the way to Lakeview. This would be the second best option for the village. The Administrator stated we are still looking into the clock in front of the municipal building. We are trying to find someone that works on a clock of that nature.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- a. Mayor Luma said he had meetings with most of council. The Mayor stated he was told all he is there for is to break a tie if we have one. He stated that he is the head of this Village and council is to work side by side with him. Mayor Luma said if council can't do that they could submit they're resignation and he would accept it. He said he's willing to work with council if they're willing to work with him. He stated the Mayor and Police Chief works for him and he decides who gets hired and who gets fired. He stated to council if they read the Ohio Revised Code the mayor appoints the person council approves or rejects them and he has to pick someone else. He said stated again that he is willing to work with council and he expects they work together and get along.
- b. A check for \$0.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of December 2019.
- c. The Mayor announced that all committees will remain the same and the delegate and alternate for the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission will be Barb Earl (delegate) and Vicki Zimmerman (alternate) for 2020. Councilman Miller stated that he thought it would be a good idea for Mayor Luma to attend and represent the village.
- d. The floor was opened up for nominations of Council President Pro Tempore for 2020. Councilwoman Knox nominated Councilman Bob Miller. Councilman Neeley seconded. No other nominations were made.
- A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Neeley, to close all nominations.  
 VOTE: Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
 A motion was made by Knox, seconded by Neeley, to elect Bob Miller as Council President Pro Tempore for 2020.  
 VOTE: Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, abstain; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation including the solicitor and mayor.  
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
 Enter: 8:09 p.m. Exit: 8:20 p.m.
- b. Proposed Zoning Ordinance- Chief Motter and Administrator will get together and start working on the list of changes. The solicitor explained the proposed zoning to Mayor Luma.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to suspend the rules of three readings and to declare an emergency.  
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Knox, yes; Earl, yes; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
 A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 20-1-2, an Ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2020 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the municipality of the Village of Waynesfield, Ohio.  
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Knox, yes; Earl, yes; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes
- b. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to do the first reading to adopt Ordinance 20-1-(3), an Ordinance regulating junk and abandoned motor vehicles  
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Newland, no; Earl, yes; Knox, yes; Neeley, no; Zimmerman, yes.
- c. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland to adopt Resolution 20-1-(3), a Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property including but not limited to equipment, tools and supplies which are no longer needed for the public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired by internet auction per O.R.C. 721.15.  
 VOTE: Miller, yes; Knox, yes; Earl, yes; Neeley, yes; Newland, yes; Zimmerman, yes

**SOLICITOR REPORT: NONE**

A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

  
 Mayor

  
 Fiscal Officer