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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 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. Council members received copies of Financial, Receipts and Expenditure Reports. The fiscal officer reported \$1,639,484.75 in all funds and \$186,591.60 in the General Fund for the month of July.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 20-8-1 to pay the bills presented.  
 VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.

**GUESTS: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance-

A. The village fiscal officer gave an update in regards to COVID-19 CARES Act funding. The fiscal officer stated that the village had received \$48,627.64 in funding for coronavirus related expenses. The fiscal officer stated that she would love to hear some ideas from council on how they would like to see the money spent. She stated some of the big projects the village was planning on using the funding for were as followed: Drive-through upgrade, Council Chamber Extension, Park Bathroom Remodel, and Maintenance building upgrades. The fiscal officer did state some smaller purchases had already been made such as hand sanitizing stations, paper towels, a thermometer, etc.

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

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Ordinance 20-8-(1), an Ordinance amending Appropriation Ordinance 20-1-1.

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

From	To	Amount
1000-725-221	1000-715-420	300.00
2011-620-190	2011-620-420	3000.00
5101-539-121	5101-539-420	2000.00
5101-539-121	5101-539-190	1000.00

Also amend the village's certificate of resources by + \$48,627.64 (Cares Act) for 2151-730-420 and 2151-790-690.

Transfer \$8,000.00 from General Fund into 9902-882-640 and 9902-882-690 (Mayor's Court).

**POLICE REPORT:**

- a. Police Chief Motter stated a request has been made for the safety committee to review the placement of a stop sign on Wayne Street near the Recycling Center. He asked since the committee did not get the chance to meet before the August meeting that they should meet before the September meeting.
- b. Chief Motter gave a COVID-19 update. He stated that work during the pandemic has continued as normally as possible. There have been a lot of meetings, a lot of changes, and a lot more changes expected as the pandemic response moves forward. He stated we also installed a hand sanitizing station by the Police Department entrance for when someone needs to enter the office.
- c. Police Chief Motter stated that Waynesfield-Goshen Schools are set to re-open Wednesday, September 2. Teachers are currently engaged in professional development days in preparation for in-person and online learning. Police Chief Motter stated he had been involved with several strategic and planning meetings and will continue to be available before the school year begins
- d. Police Chief Motter brought to the attention of council that village resident Jacob Howell has taken it upon himself to try and gain support towards recognizing a former Waynesfield Police Village Marshal who died while on duty. Clyde Cook Sr. suffered a fatal heart attack on October 24, 1963, while driving his patrol car. Clyde served the Waynesfield Police Department for 30 years, and though he died on duty, the only recognition his family received from the village was a sympathy card from the Village Council to Clyde's wife. Mr. Howell has asked if there was a way for the current council and mayor to honor Clyde Cook for his years of service and line of duty death by displaying a plaque in his honor. Mr. Howell also asked if there could even be a brief memorial ceremony in his honor so Clyde's family can see that Clyde's service and sacrifice doesn't go unnoticed. Council decided that they would like to put a plaque in Clyde's honor back by the Police Department Entrance and have Memorial Ceremony in the future.
- e. Police Chief Motter stated that there were some questions regarding the enforcement of the On Street Parking ordinance set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading at the council meeting. Police Chief Motter stated, like in any enforcement of ordinances, an investigation would take place to see if there are any violations. If there is a violation, before enforcement begins, he would notify the residents before issuing any citations. With that being said, the police chief said with the passing of the ordinance he would put the ordinance on the village website, and Facebook pages, and a notice of violation would be sent. After that he would go to the resident's home and talk to them to try and resolve the issue before a citation was issued.

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#### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- a. The administrator stated he had a resolution to present for funding through the county for \$668,000.00 as part of the W. Wapakoneta Street project. The village administrator stated all the funding we can apply for and a village match would amount to a \$1.270 million-dollar project. The village would have invested a match of \$10,000.00 and a loan of \$105,000.00 with a yearly payment of \$3,500.00.
- b. The administrator thanked the members of the Veteran Committee that helped with getting the concrete forms set for the benches along the walking path.
- c. The administrator stated that a survey has been done on Maple street and he hopes that construction will be started in the next couple weeks.
- d. The administrator stated the Park Enhancement Project came in under budget so there is some funding left. He stated with the funds the village is planning to replace the roof on the gazebo and put up a new shelter house. Councilwoman Knox stated that she has looked at the shelter house, she agrees the existing shelter house is worn out. Councilwoman Knox asked if the new shelter house would be the same size. The village administrator stated yes, but he would like to change the roof pitch and roof direction. He stated he would also like council to consider raising the park rental fee to \$50.00 from \$25.00 due to all of the upgrades we have done to the park. Councilwoman Knox asked if the park had been rented much this year. The fiscal officer explained yes, but we also had cancellations due to COVID-19. The fiscal officer stated the ideas of getting an outdoor sink and new outdoor grill to enhance the area is a good idea.
- e. The administrator also mentioned the village is looking into redoing the park bathroom with our CARES ACT funding to enhance the sanitation of the overall bathroom.
- f. The administrator stated the maintenance crew has been exercising water valves. They have found some that need replaced. The village is mandated by the EPA to check these water valves. The maintenance crew is also checking fire hydrants as well.
- g. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, Resolution 20-8-2 authorizing the application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for the W. Wapakoneta Street Improvement Project in the village.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a. A check for \$1,917.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of July 2020.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Proposed Zoning Ordinance- The administrator said that he and the police chief had not had a chance to discuss this.
- b. On Street Parking- Councilwoman Zimmermann asked about signage for the On-street Parking Limitation ordinance. Police Chief Motter stated that signage isn't part of this ordinance. He stated that this issue would be if council were to pass a separate ordinance that would not allow you to park within a certain distance of every intersection.  
A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 20-6-1, an ordinance regarding on-street parking limitation.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Tax Budget  
A motion by Miller, seconded by Newland 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: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
- b. Trick-or-Treat  
Council President Miller asked Police Chief Motter for his suggestions on Trick-or-Treat. Chief Motter suggested waiting to set a date until the September meeting at least. That way the village can see what COVID-19 is going to do.
- c. Council President Miller stated he had given council a "Let's Back the Blue" paper. A group of community residents had a meeting with Ann Niemeyer (the organizer of the group). They are wanting to organize an event from September 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of 2020. The event would be replacing your outside light with a blue lightbulb for the whole week. Council President Miller said he thought it was a great idea. Council President Miller said we should let Ann Niemeyer handle the light bulbs as she had already spoke with Walmart. Councilwoman Zimmermann stated they spoke about getting lightbulbs and having them in a central location in the village for residents to purchase. Councilwoman Zimmermann stated they also spoke about putting up a few collection boxes around town. Councilwoman Zimmermann asked if they could bring light bulbs to the Municipal Building and the clerks do the transactions through the drive-through. Councilwoman Zimmermann stated it would be completely separate from the village. The Village Administrator stated he didn't think that it would be a problem to have them to purchase at the Municipal Building. The Administrator stated he couldn't let anything be advertised in the utility bills or he would have to let everyone advertise in the utility bills.
- d. Mayor Luma stated he had letters for council. He stated he had been approached by the American Legion Auxiliary about putting banners up on street poles to recognize veterans. He stated all the



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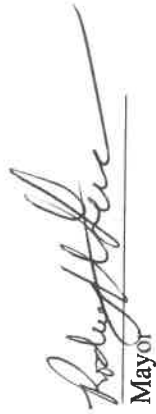
Legion is asking for is the village to supply the post, hang the banners up and take them down. Mayor Luma said the Legion stated the village could buy the bracket or they could supply them because the cost of the bracket is already figured in. Councilman Neeley stated as a veteran it's nice to be recognized. He is not against banners at all. But the proposal timing is wrong because the veteran's committee already has a project started and banners being made for down at the park. Mayor Luma stated these banners are not for the park. These banners are for the streets where people can see them. Councilman Neeley stated the veteran's committee already has a plan in action. If the Legion wants to get with the school and the Veterans Committee and come to a compromise, then work something out he feels that would be the first step. Mayor Luma stated that it was the Legion's understanding the Veteran's Committee was disbanded when the cart was turned over to the village. The solicitor stated that the park and the village are two entirely different things and if someone wants to do something in the park that's great but the village light post is completely different. Councilwoman Earl states that there should be a meeting between the village, school and Legion so there isn't any duplication of efforts. Councilwoman Earl stated she was not against being involved but the Legion needed to make a clear proposal to the village and the school. Councilman Miller stated his problem is why should we make our maintenance crew put them up and take them down very year. Why can't they stay up all year? Every other town leaves banners up year round. The village administrator stated the poles belong to the village. Councilman Neeley asked why the banners couldn't wait until we get the West Wapakoneta Street project finished then hang them on West Wapakoneta Street. The village administrator stated to be clear the light poles on North Westminster street were bought by the village with grant money with flag and banner brackets already on them. Then the council was approached by the school about putting school and village banners on those brackets and the village council made a commitment to allow them to utilize the brackets. The school offered to purchase and replace the banners as needed. Police Chief Motter stated that we have nice light poles on South Westminster Street that would just need brackets if that could maybe be an alternative option. Councilman Newland stated he was asked if the village didn't have enough light poles if they could utilize telephone poles. Police Chief Motter stated maybe the Street Committee could possibly meet with the Legion then make a recommendation to the council as a whole.

e. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Neeley, to enter in executive session with council members to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
In: 8:34 p.m. Out: 8:53 p.m.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** The Solicitors stated that he had arguments at the Court of Appeals on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on village litigation on the alley. He stated the court took it under advisement and we are waiting on a decision.

A motion was made by Newland, seconded by Neeley, to adjourn the meeting.  
VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

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