

Held December 21,

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The Village of Waynesfield Council met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 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. The fiscal officer reported \$1,748,287.42 in all funds and \$200,250.20 in the General Fund for the month of November.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 20-12-1 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 fiscal officer stated that the village has received an additional \$15,594.03 in CARES ACT funding. The fiscal officer also stated she reached out about the status of the village's audit. She stated the audit firm hopes to have the audit back around January 2021.

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 20-12-1, an Ordinance amending Appropriation Ordinance 20-1-1.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
Amending the village's Certificate of Resources by + \$15,594.03 for 2151-730-420.

**POLICE REPORT:**

A. Police Chief Motter stated that as 2020 concludes, he is working on preparation for 2021. In January 2021 he will provide 2020 end of the year statistics.

B. Chief Motter gave an update on COVID-19. He reported the village has seen its third COVID-19 related death.

C. Police Chief Motter reported the Annual Holiday Lights competition in the village is ongoing. On December 26, the winners will be posted on the Village and Police Department Facebook pages.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

A. The administrator stated that multiple projects have been completed around the village. Those projects included demolition of shelter house, park bathroom remodel and replacement of the heating and cooling system in the maintenance building.

B. The administrator stated the village had several houses go up in 2020 and there are more in the process. He also stated we have had properties inquire about annexing into the village.

C. The administrator also stated the Ford F-250 and the digger truck are being modified and updated to fit village needs.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

A. A check for \$223.00 was presented from the Mayor's Court account into the General Fund for the month of November 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to enter in executive session to discuss contractual agreements.

VOTE: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmerman, yes.  
In: 7:41 p.m. Out: 7:58 p.m.

B. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-12-(3) a resolution to hire Fitzgerald, Reese, & Elliot Co. as the Solicitor for the Village of Waynesfield.

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

C. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-12-(4) a resolution to approve hiring Michael Ridenour as a contracted Village Administrator for 4 years with a 2.5% raise the first year and the possibility of additional 2.5% raises pending council's evaluation each year thereafter.

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

D. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-12-(5) a resolution to approve hiring Matthew Mitchell as a contracted Magistrate.

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

E. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-12-(6) a resolution to move the alley south of West Mulberry Street to its correct location.

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

F. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt resolution 20-12-(7) a resolution allowing the village to discard items with no value to the Village of Waynesfield.

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

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- G. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Newland, to adopt Resolution 20-12-(8), 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: Knox, yes; Newland, yes; Earl, yes; Miller, yes; Neeley, yes; Zimmermann, yes.
- H. Councilwoman Knox asked who's responsible for the removal of the asphalt from the existing alley south of West Mulberry Street. The solicitor stated the villages needs to wait to do anything until the solicitor receives the appropriate paperwork and deed(s) from Attorney Zach Maisch's office.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

- A. The solicitor stated his office has been working on the revisions to zoning for the village. He hopes to present it to council at the January 2021 meeting.
- B. The village administrator asked the solicitor to address council in regards to the property the Werner's wanted to donate to the village (Dollar General Easement). The solicitor stated the Tax Map Office showed the Werner's did not own the property; Dollar General owned the property. The village administrator, council and the solicitor agreed to look into this issue further to get clarification on the easement.

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



Mayor



Fiscal Officer