

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
July 15, 2024

Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: Susan Hyatt, Johna Wathen, Cynthia Wion and Laura Price. Twelve visitors attended the meeting.

Agenda: Hyatt moved to approve the agenda, as submitted by the Mayor. Wion seconded. All present voted yea.

Minutes: June 17, 2024 Minutes: Hyatt motioned to approve meeting minutes, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

July 2, 2024 Minutes: Hyatt motioned to approve meeting minutes, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

Financial Report: Wion moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending June 30, 2024. Price seconded. All present voted yea. (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review. Council members also signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.).

Guest Speakers: Brice from Access Engineering – Sewer Project

- New Madison WWTP expansion/updates are delaying project. They can't except wastewater until after Labor Day
- The last easement needed for the main line to the WWTP has been executed.
- After Labor Day tanks will begin being installed, ending next spring. New completion date is June 15th, 2025.
- A meeting is scheduled for next week with Darke County, Access Eng., Wayne Lakes and installers to create a plan for the installation of tanks.
- Project is still on budget.
- Concerns about tanks sitting out in the sun/winter was addressed. Tanks are over designed for sitting out in the environment per the manufacturer.
- People leaving the village for the winter are asked to contact Hans at the village office to make arranges for tank installation.

Mayor/Village Updates:

- Eighty-seven geese were rounded up and removed from the village.
- Youth vandalism, a picnic table was thrown into a lake after it was severely damaged.
- Shelter & gazebo roofs to be repaired in September as part of the 5-year plan at an estimated cost of \$6,000. Darke County Parks Grant was obtained to pay for this.

Open Forum:

- Formation of the Wayne Lakes Booster Club. Gianna, 3792 Hickory, updated council.
 - Legal aspects of creating the not-for-profit group have been completed.
 - She is asking for a similar relationship with council as previous not-for-profit group (Friends of Wayne Lakes).
 - If there are no bookings at the Community Building, is the Booster Club permitted to use the building at no cost? A future discussion is needed concerning CB Manager's per rental pay.
 - Booster Club to notify council a month prior to an event so that it can be included in the newsletter.
- Jim Fritz reminded council there are still termites at the Community Building. Council to investigate.

Old Business:

- Discussion of fishing pass schedule at the village office, beach, and Bullfrogs. Wathen put a note on the village office entrance saying to call her and she will come to process a pass. Fiscal Officer is there from 9-

11 on Thursdays. Beach and Bullfrogs are selling daily passes or completing application form for processing within a few days of receipt.

- Jeff Wenning of the ODNR contacted the Mayor residents are sharing their fishing passes with visitors. Residents need to purchase a guest pass for their visitors.
- Zoning infraction updates
 - Six letters sent out concerning 12 abandoned vehicles. Three were moved voluntarily where one was sold.
 - Dillman's towing is being used to remove vehicles as necessary.

New Business:

- Appointment of Tayler Oberman to the open council seat of John Swindler. This is a non-paid seat and term ends 12/31/2025.
- Vacated roads were not done by previous council and not filed with the county. A research of roads supposed to have been vacated will be done and filed as required with the county.

Request for Council Approval:

- Council Member Robert Ewry submitted his resignation. Wion motioned to accept Robert's resignation, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.
- Wayne Lakes Clubhouse Policy and Procedures: Hyatt and Wathen working on these along with Clubhouse manager.
- Application to the Oho Grants Partnership – Nature Works Grants Project: Village is applying to make improvements to the Beach, such as new sand, floating dock restorations, windows. Help writing the grant and determining project costs are needed. Application is due by August 1. It is for \$10,000, Village responsible for 25% of cost. Hyatt motioned to approve submitting the application, Wion seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Business:

Resolutions/Ordinances:

- **Ordinance 2023-12-11-001 – Personnel Procedure and Policy Manual**
 - First Reading
- **Resolution 2024-07-15-001 – Energy Services Electric Generation**
 - This replaces the former Energy Harbor contract dated 2023
 - All residents will be notified and should automatically be enrolled.
 - New rates start in December, 2024.
 - **Waive** 3 reading rule was motioned by Hyatt, seconded by Wathen. All present voted yea.
 - **Declare** an emergency was motioned by Wathen, seconded by Hyatt. All present voted yea.
 - **Motion** to adopt was made by Wion, seconded by Price. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Updates:

- **Finance** (includes Grants) –Price (Chair), Pethtel
- **Lakes Management/Fishing Passes** – Wathen (co-chair), Tayler Oberman (co-chair), Mark Elliott, Jim Weaver, John Wion, Troy Stewart, Bill Wathen, Ted Sink, George Mittermann
 - Corby Anderson requested crew to clean up debris from drain cleanings
- **Public Relations** (website, social media, newsletter, & advertising) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wion (co-chair), Karen Sink, George Mittermann and Darla Elliott
 - July 3rd, family beach day was well received.
- **Village Maintenance** (Roads, equipment, buildings, grounds/parks) – Ewry (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair), Bill Wathen, John Wion
 - Hickory and Scenic to be patched
 - Special treatment is required for 'alligator' roads.
- **Recreation** (Beach, Community Building) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair), Bernadette Coriell, Joyce Rowland, Sharon Spitler, Jennifer Cromwell, Mayor
 - Community Building – Coriell
 - 3 rentals in July
 - Garage sale is this weekend
 - Newsletter & Recreation will fall under the Public Relations Committee. Hyatt to chair.

- **Sewer** – Price (chair), Denise Wetzel, Mike Bland, Diana Pethtel, Mayor, John Swindler
- **Policy, Performance & Compliance** – Wion (co-chair), Diana Pethtel, Mayor
- **Tree** – Price (co-chair), New council mbr (co-chair), Ian Widener, Patsy Livingston
 - Meeting are scheduled for the 1st Monday of the month at 3:00 PM.
 - Plan is to remove dead trees from the lakes.

Community Committee Updates:

- Wayne Lakes Family Activities
- Welcome Packets/Wayne Lakes History – Cindy Hale & Peg Kerg

Motion made by Hyatt to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Price. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 07:53PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer