

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

Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: John Swindler, Susan Hyatt, Johna Wathen and Robert Ewry. Six visitors attended the meeting.

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

Minutes:

- Special Meeting March 13, 2024: Hyatt motioned to approve the minutes, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Meeting March 18, 2024: Swindler motioned to approve the minutes, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- Meeting March 27, 2024: Hyatt motioned to approve the minutes, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

Financial Report: Swindler moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending March 31, 2024. Wathen 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 provided an update on the sewer project.
 - Work on electrical hookups continues. Doing 4-5 per day. This is the disconnects between the tank and control panel. AES goes with crew as these are installed.
 - Inside village the force main is completed and tested.
 - New Madison WWTP modifications have started.
 - Access is identifying properties where tanks can be installed without being connected/removing current system. Hopefully this will start in May.
 - Resident Dane asked if electricians need access to the inside of homes. Normally no.
 - Resident Wion mentioned electricians were supposed to install the electrical in February and still haven't seen them. Access to check on this.
 - Access to sent Mittermann an update map for the website.

Mayor/Village Updates:

- Golf cart inspection scheduled for Saturday, April 20 has been cancelled. Waiting on final requirements from Sheriff.
- Ten geese nests located, some on islands. Have added all but those located on islands and can't get to because of all the rain.
- Beach forum notification has been sent out.

Addressing Council (Open Forum):

Old Business:

- Portable Speed Bumps – They have arrived but not installed. Speed Bump signs have been ordered for North Drive and East Drive by the shelter.
- Fishing Passes = discussing reducing the non-resident fishing pass for senior citizens. Decision next meeting.
- Beach operations for 2024. Looking opening 4 days a week versus 7 days. More discussion needed.

New Business:

- Job descriptions for Maintenance/Groundskeeper Supervisor, Groundskeeping Crew Member, and Lifeguards. Ads have been placed in the paper.
- Appointment of council members and President of Council. Hyatt and Ewry were nominated for President. Hyatt stepped aside. Hyatt motioned to make Robert Ewry the new Council President replacing Jacob Butsch. Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.
- Credit Card Points amounting to \$1,100 will be expiring sometime in June per Pethtel. These can be used to purchase gift cards and limited physical items. Discussion about what is legal use of these was discussed. More investigation is needed.

Request for Council Approval:

- Sewer Change Order for extending the main line to the New Madison WWTP at a cost of \$750,000. Access needed Mayor's signature. This will come out of the extra 3.35M in grants the village received. Swindler motioned to approve the Mayor signing the change order. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Change order to increase the electricians quote by \$250,000. Electricians ran into multiple issues when doing the connections. This money will come out of the contingency fund. Swindler motioned to approve Mayor signing change order. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Approval of Engineering change in cost. Construction admin fees where schedule at \$350,000 but will only be \$175,000. The remaining \$175,000 will go towards the sewer construction project. Hyatt motioned to accept these changes in cost, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Quotes for shelter houses, garage, and gazebo. Ewry and Hyatt are still waiting on the quotes.
- Road Repairs to be made by Darke County Highway Dept at a estimated cost of \$15,000. This was tabled until locations of repairs have been identified for council.
- Zach Delarwelle – Moving him from salary to hourly with a payrate of \$15.00/hour. He is part of the mowing/groundskeeping crew. Swindler motioned to change Delarwelle to an hourly position at \$15/hr. Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.
- Lot L80-2-211-28-02-01-18800 is currently in Wayne Lakes Park LLC's name. Requesting to have solicitor to get the title into the Village of Wayne Lakes' name as is all other village property. Estimated cost is \$2000. Ewry motioned to a proceed with the title change. Swindler seconded. All present voted yea.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

- **ORDINANCE 2024-03-18-002 – (First reading) Establish the position of Fiscal Officer for the Village of Wayne Lakes.**
- **ORDINANCE 2023-12-11-001 – Personnel Procedure and policy manual.** Workshop scheduled for May 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session: Council Member Open Positions

- Wathen motioned to move into Executive Session. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- Hyatt motioned to return from Executive Session. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Business:

- Laura Price was voted in to replace Rita Robinette's position on Council. This term ends in 2027.
- Cynthia Wion was voted in to replace Jacob Butsch's position on Council. This term ends in 2025.

Council Committee Updates:

- Finance – Swindler, Mayor, Pethtel
- Lakes Management – Wathen, Corby Anderson –
 - Lakes are being treated this week by Stewart. Algonquin, Ess, Miami, Navaho, Ottawa, Tecumseh, Irouquis, and Winnebago.
 - Wathen asked for more input on what to treat the lakes with.
 - Beaver on Algonquin to be removed.
- Newsletter/Press Releases – Mayor, Karen Sink and Hyatt –
 - If anyone is wanting to be added to the monthly newsletter please email: waynelakesnews2016@gmail.com
 - Due to the cost of mailings, all communication with the residents will be via email or handing them out going forward.
- Village Maintenance (Roads, equipment, buildings) – Butsch

- Animal Control/Littering –
- Grant research/submissions – Ewry – Working on quotes to submit to Darke County Parks Grant.
- Social Media/Village Website – George Mittermann –
 - The move to WordPress is not ready. Will be renewing GoDaddy for 6 more months.
 - Pethtel requested that a link to the RITA Tax website be added to the website. Getting calls from businesses on who to contact about taking this tax out of residents' paychecks.
- Beach - Mayor
- Community Building – Coriell –
 - One rental in April.
 - Bingo night is being planned for during the week sometime in May. Money was requested to purchase a new bingo machine/game. Swindler motioned to spend up to \$200 for supplies to support Bingo. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
 - Pop Corn machine is being cleaned and tested before being put into use.
 - Received two new vendors for the next vendor event.

Community Committee Updates:

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

Motion made by Ewry to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wion. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer