

**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Village Office Building**  
**1052 MAIN ST.**  
**August 19, 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: Susan Hyatt, Johna Wathen, Cynthia Wion and Tayler Oberman. Laura Price had an excused absence. Eight visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:**

- Wion motioned to approve the **July 15, 2024** Council meeting minutes, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- Hyatt motioned to approve the **July 19, 2024** Special meeting minutes, Oberman seconded. All present voted yea.
- Hyatt motioned to approve the **August 6, 2024** Workshop meeting minutes, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members three days in advance for their review. Council members signed the bank reconciliations showing the detail expenses, etc.

**Guest Speakers:**

- N/A

**Appreciations:**

- For beach: George Mittermann, Susan Hyatt, Johna Wathen, Sherry Spitler, Bernadette Coriell, Patsy Livingston, Peg Kerg. Also, to all those who pledged donations to the beach.
- Rita Neff for her continued efforts to help keep the Village trimmed and trash picked up.

**Mayor/Village Updates:**

- Safety review: Received email back from Workers Compensation on the safety inspection previously completed. Pending the full report some issues were found such as old equipment missing safety guards and wooden ladders. These need to be destroyed and replaced with approved equipment. Also, need to install lighted exit signs in all buildings.
- Speed bumps: Village was notified that the signs warning of the bumps are too close to the bumps and need to be moved. County Engineers came out and marked where signs need to be relocated to.
- Dumpsters: Dumpsters are for village residents only. A resident was identified dumping steel pipes etc. into the Ft. Jefferson/Weavers dumpster from Greenville rental property. Person removed items after being notified. Looking for ways to monitor.
- During the budget meetings in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Council will look at ways to possibly reduce the RITA tax.
- Tree in Sauk Lake. Have received one quote for \$2,500.
- AES residents getting disconnect notices. Mayor spoke with AES, County Engineering, and Access Engineering. There will be no further such letters going out to our residents.
- Aggregate agreements have been signed and new electric rates to go into effect in December.

**Open Forum:**

- John McRoberts thanked Council for a job well done at the last Community Forum. Said Hyatt was very professional in conducting the meeting.
- McRoberts also requested name plates be updated for Council members to help identify who is speaking.
- Sherry with the Booster Club wanted to ensure the use of the Community Building for their functions will be the same as with the prior Friends of Wayne Lakes club. Meaning they won't be charged a building

rental fee when holding a function. Hyatt motioned to accept no rental fees and continue with how prior Booster Club handled building usage. Wathen seconded the motion. All present voted yea.

- A question was asked about when the new golf cart ordinance goes into effect. It went into effect 30 days after it was signed.

#### **Old Business:**

- Zoning infraction updates:
  - Cromwell garage is over the property line with a village owned property. This to be addressed with Solicitor on how to properly handle this.
  - A few properties still have not signed the agreements for the new sewer system. The Hummel property is not under probate. New owners were contacted and they have since signed the agreement. It was noted that the amount of time to sign the agreements is running out. Anyone who has not signed should do so immediately, otherwise, the cost of installation and connections will be at their own expense.
  - On Lakeview Drive a complaint was received concerning the number of cats getting into neighbors' property.

#### **New Business:**

- Open Council Seat: Resident Jim Weavers was sworn in to fill Ewry's seat. This term expires the end of 2025 and is a non-paid seat.
- President of Council: Wathen motioned to accept Hyatt as the new council president. Wion seconded. All present voted yea.
- Tree Removal Quotes for village property: A quote from A-Tree was received for \$8,100 to cut down 15 trees. If the property owners do not want the wood to burn, there is additional cost to have it removed. Oberman is to get a second quote.

#### **Request for Council Approval:**

- Termites and bat removal from the Community Building
  - Multiple quotes were received for both the termites and bat issues. After much discussion it was decided to treat the entire building for termites, not just around the Ladies' restroom. Barnes Wildlife will be removing the bats and fixing all the areas where they are getting in. Aggressive will be handling the termites. Wathen made the motion to approve the expenditures for these two companies, Oberman seconded. All present voted yea. Wathen to schedule.
- Darke County Commission 2025 Percentage Share
  - Hyatt motioned to accept the amounts and rates for 2025. Wion seconded. All present voted yea.
- One Call Now
  - Wathen discussed the use of a 'One Call Now' to notify residents of activities going on in the village. Village would receive a discount for being a non-profit organization.
  - For 400 people cost is \$956/yr, and 600 people would be \$1,350/yr. There would be no setup fee.
  - Pethel suggested looking at Alert Media as an alternative. She is to get quotes by next meeting.

#### **Resolutions/Ordinances:**

- **Resolution 2024-08-19-001 State of OH Natures Work Grant**
  - Waive 3-reading rule – Hyatt motioned to waive the 3-reading rule, Oberman seconded. All present voted yea.
  - Declare an emergency – Wion motioned to declare an emergency for this resolution, Oberman seconded. All present voted yea.
  - Adopt – Oberman motioned to adopt this resolution, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- **Ordinance 2023-12-11-001 Personnel Procedure & Policy Manual**
  - Second reading.

#### **Council Committee Updates:**

- **Finance** (includes Grants) –Price (chair), Pethel
- **Lakes Management/Fishing Passes** – Wathen (co-chair), Weaver (co-chair), Mark Elliott, Jim Weaver, John Wion, Troy Stewart, Bill Wathen, Ted Sink, George Mittermann

- **Public Relations** (website, social media, newsletter, & advertising) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wion (co-chair), Karen Sink, George Mittermann and Darla Elliott
  - Mittermann reported new webpage is going well. He requested the current fishing map and fishing rules to post on it. Pethtel to send him those.
- **Village Maintenance** (Roads, equipment, buildings, grounds/parks) – Wathen (co-chair), Jim Weaver (co-chair), Bill Wathen, John Wion
  - Meeting will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Village Office.
  - Three lakes are receiving additional attention this fall.
    - Iroquois is to have the boat ramp cleaned up, the property sign repaired. Looking into a possible floating wetland. More cooper to be applied.
    - Sauk to have the tree removed that came down.
    - Shawnee will have branches removed and skimming of the algae to help clear it up.
  - There will no purchase of Sonar this year. Plan is to substitute with another product that is much more cost friendly.
  - Wathen has the water flow diagrams and will be posting on Square 9.
  - Lake Committee is looking into 'artificial reefs' for the fish.
- **Recreation** (Beach, Community Building) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair), Bernadette Coriell, Joyce Rowland, Sharon Spitler, Jennifer Cromwell, Mayor
  - Public forum had a great turnout, over 50 residents attended. Items covered were the sewer by Brice from Access Eng., RITA (reduction in tax), and lakes.
  - Community Building has one rental this month.
  - A community cookout will be help September 28. This is for residents only.
  - A vendor event is planned for September 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Work is still being done on the quotes for air conditioning and kitchen remodel. Much electrical work will need to be done for both projects and correction to issues found by safety inspection.
  - Another request has been received to allow free fishing for those renting the Community Building. More discussion to follow with no changes until after January.
- **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), Weaver (co-chair), Ian Widener, Patsy Livingston

#### **Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

- Hyatt motioned to go into executive session, Oberman seconded. All present voted yea.
- Hyatt motioned to return from executive session, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

#### **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 Oberman. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer/Clerk