

**VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village Office Building**

1052 MAIN DR.

**March 18, 2024**

**Revised 3/25/2024**

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. Thirteen visitors attended the meeting.

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

**Minutes:** Hyatt motioned to approve the February 19, 2024 meeting minutes, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Wathen moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending February 29, 2024. Swindler 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. Progress is being made extension to New Madison (St. Rt. 121, right on Harder Rd, tile in ditch to WWTP). Working on easement with land owners on Harder Rd. The force-main in the village is completed and in the process of being tested.

**Appreciations:**

**Mayor/Village Updates:**

- Golf cart inspections will be in April and May and completed by the Sheriff's department. Ordinance will be enforced.
- Council member Jacob Butsch has turned in his resignation saying he does not have the time to devote to the village with going to school nights and new baby on the way. Swindler motioned to approve Butsch resignation, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

**Open Forum:**

- Heidi George, 1208 Main Dr., issued concern about possible golf carts ordinance changes, non-insured drivers, go-carts, and razors being driven on the road.
- Jim Fritz, 3554 Center Dr., noted that the community building septic tank lid is broken and off to the side. Some of the bigger pines have boring holes and ones down around the circle aren't looking very good. Spouting needs reconnected at the far end.
- Jeremy Stewart, 3772 Hickory Ln., Wanted to know what Sheriff will be looking for with the golf cart inspections. Hickory is ½ gravel and would like to have it repaired for now and when roads in village are repaved, this be completely paved as well. Would like to see something more attractive across the vacant road outside his home. After the meeting he noted that there is no stop sign/yield sign at the corner of Hickory Lane and Hickory Drive.
- Laura Price, 1166 S Shawnee Dr., Mayor approached her about filling the vacant council seat. She has lived in the village for 16 years.
- Cynthia Wion, 3618 Scenic Heights, she is considering being on council as well. She brought her resume in and currently on the Policy & Compliance Committee for VofWL.

**Old Business:**

- Village property inventory – N. Fellers has completed, Mayor will make a copy if council would like one.

- Portable Speed Bumps – Swindler reported it would take 3 sections to go across North Dr at a cost of \$75/section and then 2 end-caps at \$13/each. East Dr. would require the same amount. Ewry motioned to purchase 6 sections of the bumps & 4 end-caps. Wathen seconded. All present voted yea. Swindler to get with Fiscal Officer when ready to order. Total cost estimate is \$700 with shipping.
- Community Committee proposal – Brush to be removed by summer help. Ewry investigating the shelter houses roof repairs as well as for the gazebo.

#### **New Business:**

- Beach – Discussion on how to make beach more profitable or at least break even. Ideas of selling sign space on the fence around the beach (Mayor/Hyatt to investigate if village needs to be a 501c to do this).
- Council Workshop Meetings – Will be the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Swindler motioned to approve this extra meeting a month, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea. These are open to the public.
- Signage needs – Wathen needs access to the garage in order to get signs for parking and fishing on the road between Algonquin and Cherokee Lakes, property owner has given permission but wants a sign put up, signs for Chippewa Lake, boat ramp on Iroquois, and a stop sign is missing on Rescue Dr.

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

- Invoices submitted by Jim Anderson for work completed at village. \$750 for making V-gates and installing them along with the bar guards on seven lakes. Another \$860 for time spent with contractors on dredging, gravel installation, etc. Total of \$1,610. Swindler motioned to approve payment to Anderson, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.
- Fishing passes/employee IDs – Discussion on using plastic cards versus paper for annual fishing passes. Also, badges for employees, council, volunteers to help identify who is working in the village. Ewry motioned to purchase the id card system, Swindler seconded. All present voted yea. Fiscal Officer is to order. Special meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 to go over new id card printer and designs for each badge.

#### **Council Business:**

- Community Forum was held March 10<sup>th</sup>. Hyatt said 24 attendees, next forum in May. Coriell and Pethtel working on list to cut down the number of mailings. Street lights were mentioned, residents told to let village office know where one is needed or not needed. Cat and Geese population also discussed. Mayor has applied to do egg addling, if interested call the office. It was noted the bi-laws for the village do not state the number of council members required. Concerns about the RITA tax was discussed.

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

- ORDINANCE 2024-03-18-001(WAIVE, DECLARE EMERGENCY, ADOPT) GOLF CART INSPECTIONS – removed from original agenda
- ORDINANCE 2024-03-18-002(WAIVE, DECLARE EMERGENCY, ADOPT) Establish Fiscal Officer Position – removed from original agenda
- Resolution 2023-12-11-01 – Personnel Procedures & Policy Manual – Work session is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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

- Finance – Swindler, Mayor, Pethtel
- Lakes Management – Wathen, Corby Anderson – Pipe cleaned out between Pontiac & Ottawa, it is now running free.
- Newsletter/Press Releases – Mayor, Karen Sink and Hyatt
- Village Maintenance (Roads, equipment, buildings) – Ewry – Working on quotes for garage to be able to compare what is being provided, pot holes will be addressed soon.
- Animal Control/Littering –
- Grant research/submissions – Ewry – Swindler to attended Saturday County meeting on grants. Gave information to Ewry.
- Social Media/Village Website – George Mittermann
- Beach - Mayor
- Community Building – Coriell

- 3 rentals since last report
- Jack Chambers gave brief training on the generator as well as doing a full inspection/repairs.
- March 14 was the walk-thru with the Board of Elections. Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Coriell thanked Jim Fritz for his help in cutting down the brush around the community building.
- Termites were found behind the ladies' restroom.

**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 Wathen. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 09:01PM.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Pethtel".

Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer