

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
May 20, 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: Robert Ewry, Susan Hyatt, Johna Wathen and Laura Price. Wion had an excused absence. Eight visitors attended the meeting.

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

Minutes: Four meeting minutes were approved as follows:

- Special Meeting April 9 – Hyatt motioned to approve the minutes as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Council Meeting April 15 – Ewry motioned to approve the minutes, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- Special Meeting May 2 - Hyatt motioned to approve the minutes, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
- Meeting May 7 - Hyatt motioned to approve the minutes, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

Financial Report: Ewry moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending April 30, 2024. Hyatt 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 was ill and did not attend as planned.

Mayor/Village Updates:

- Golf cart inspections were held on May 18th. Mayor will contact Sheriff's department to schedule another date for inspections.
- Fourteen geese nests were added. Some were missed, approximately ½ dozen or more, and will be added next year.
- Two deer were seen near Iroquois lake. Jeff Wenning, Game Warden, said no one should feed them.

Open Forum:

- Corby Anderson of 3520 Ottawa Ln, would like to purchase lot 140 from the Village. It is approximately ¼ area and would be willing to purchase for \$1,500 and pay for legal fees for the change of ownership. He currently owns lots 126 thru 129 and wants to add this to ensure no one builds close to him. Council asked to table this to explore legalities of selling Village properties.
- Taylor Oberman, 1194 Evergreen, addressed council concerning the open seat previously filled by Swindler. She's been in the village just over a year and wants to get more involved within the village.
- John Miras, 3693 North Dr., also would like to be considered for the open council seat.

Old Business:

- Portable Speed Bumps – Ewry reported these are to be installed either this week or next, one on North Dr and the other on East Dr.
- Garage soffit repair quotes – Ewry has received quotes from GMT Roofing. Hyatt is getting another set of quotes but they are for the roofs of the shelters & gazebo. Gutters and wrapped soffit was quoted at \$694.60. Gutters, downspouts, wrapped soffit, replacing any bad boards on the garage was quoted at \$7,922.67. Replacing ice guards on the village office roof is \$97.50. Wathen motioned to approve all three quotes from GMT Roofing. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.

New Business:

- **Committees and Chairs**

- Hyatt explained the new committees and who are the chairs/co-chairs of each committee. She also listed the residents volunteering for each committee.
 - **Finance** (includes Grants) – Ewry (co-chair), Price (co-chair), Pethtel
 - **Lakes Management/Fishing Passes** – Wathen (co-chair), future Council Mbr (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
 - **Village Maintenance** (Roads, equipment, buildings, grounds/parks) – Ewry (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair), Bill Wathen, John Wion
 - **Recreation** (Beach, Community Building) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair), Bernadette Coriell, Joyce Rowland, Sharon Spitler, Jennifer Cromwell, Mayor
 - **Sewer** – Price (chair), Denise Wetzel, Mike Bland, Diana Pethtel, Mayor, John Swindler
 - **Policy, Performance & Compliance** – Wion (co-chair), Ewry (co-chair), Diana Pethtel, Mayor
 - **Tree** – Price (co-chair), New council mbr (co-chair), Ian Widener, Patsy Livingston
- Bug-A-Boo spraying for mosquitos is being paid for by a 2024 grant from the Health Department. Five sprayings will be covered with the grant. Any more spraying will be the Village’s responsibility. Sprayings are schedule for May 22, June 19, July 24, and August 20.

Request for Council Approval:

- Mayor read the letter of resignation from John Swindler. She thanked Swindler for his years of service, 2019-2024, and was instrumental on the sewer project. Mayor also thanked Swindler for all his help when she became the mayor. Hyatt motioned to accept Swindler’s resignation, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.
- Road repairs quoted by Darke County is \$15,000. Mayor is trying to get verification of what roads would be repaired. Also getting outside vendor to fill cracks in roads. These should be available at the next meeting.

Council Business:

Resolutions/Ordinances:

- **Ordinance 2024-03-18-002 – Establish Fiscal Officer Position**
 - Second reading
- **Resolution 2024-05-20-002 – Authorizing the operation Wayne Lakes Beach for Summer 2024**
 - Ewry motioned to waive the 3-reading rule, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
 - Ewry motioned to declare this an emergency for the health and good of the residents. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
 - Discussion that the beach will be open 7 days a week with volunteers running the concession stand and admission fees. Hours of operation 12-6.
 - Ewry motioned to adopt the resolution, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- **Resolution 2024-05-20-001 – Darke County Parks Improvement Grant**
 - Hyatt motioned to waive the 3-reading rule, Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.
 - Ewry motioned to declare this an emergency for the health and good of the residents. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
 - Discussion of asking for steel roofs to be installed on both shelter houses and the gazebo.
 - Ewry motioned to adopt the resolution, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.
- **Ordinance 18-22 – Governing the use and operation of golf carts**
 - Second reading
- **Ordinance 2023-12-11-001 – Personnel Procedure & Policy Manual**
 - Workshop scheduled for June 4, 2024 at 6:30 to complete manual.

Executive Session: Employment of Public Employees

- 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.

- Ewry motioned to hire Hunter Anderson, to be the lead on grounds crew and Lucas Kingrey for grounds crew. Also hire Dave Campbell as the village maintenance person.
- Price seconded the motion. All present voted yea.
- Wathen volunteered to be the supervisor of the grounds crew.

- Hyatt motioned to re-hire 3 lifeguards from last year plus one new one. Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

- Nick Feller's request for a raise from \$25 to \$30 per hour. Hyatt motioned to increase Feller's wage to \$30/hour for snow removal only. It will not go into effect for any other work performed in the village. Ewry seconded. All present voted yea.

Council Committee Updates:

- **Finance** (includes Grants) – Ewry (co-chair), Price (co-chair)
 - 2025 Budgets due July 15
- **Lakes Management/Fishing Passes** – Wathen (co-chair), future Council Mbr (co-chair)
 - Wathen reported 225 fishing badges have been sold and 86 on EventBrite, for a total of 311 passes sold.
 - Lakes have been treated with Sonar but may need to be treated again. Iroquois will be treated with copper sulfate to get rid of the charo. Muck Biotics is being investigated for use at the beach.
- **Public Relations** (website, social media, newsletter, & advertising) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wion (co-chair)
 - Stick signs and flyers are going up this weekend to promote the beach opening.
- **Village Maintenance** (Roads, equipment, buildings, grounds/parks) – Ewry (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair)
 - No update
- **Recreation** (Beach, Community Building) – Hyatt (co-chair), Wathen (co-chair)
 - Community Building – 2 rentals so far this month, with one more to go. Nineteen people attended the Bingo night. No admission was charged, each bingo card sold for .25 each. Concessions were sold. A total of \$71.50 was collected. Everyone had a good time. Pop Corn machine did not work and is in very bad shape.
 - May 25th is the opening day for the beach from 12 – 6. Pethtel to schedule the internet service to be installed.
- **Sewer** – Price (chair)
 - No update
- **Policy, Performance & Compliance** – Wion (co-chair), Ewry (co-chair)
 - No update
- **Tree** – Price (co-chair), New council mbr (co-chair)
 - No update

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 Ewry. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:21PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer