

VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Village Office Building
1052 MAIN ST.
September 16, 2024

President Pro-temp 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, Laura Price, Tayler Oberman and Jim Weaver. Mayor had an excused reason for missing the meeting. Eleven visitors attended the meeting.

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

Minutes:

- August 29, 2024 Council Meeting: Hyatt motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Wion seconded. All present voted yea.
- September 3, 2024 Special Council Meeting: Wion motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Oberman seconded. All present voted yea.

Financial Report: Price moved to approve the bank reconciliation for the month ending August 31, 2024. Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea. (submitted by the fiscal officer to the council members two 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.
 - The force main from Harder Road to the New Madison WWTP is $\frac{3}{4}$ the way completed. Completion has been moved out a few weeks as the bore company was late getting back to Wayne Lakes.
 - The final bill for the entire project will be mid-2025.
 - Tank installation to begin in October. As tanks are installed they will be hooked up to the force main line.
 - Darke County is requiring an inspection on each residence as the tanks go in. Miami County Health will be conducting inspections. Looking to ensure all plumbing is hooked up to the new system. More details to follow.
 - Council approved sending out an update to all residents as presented to council by Access Engineering with an additional cover letter.
 - Meetings to be scheduled with residents before installation begins explaining the process and giving them paperwork on the do's and don'ts of using the new tanks.
 - It was noted that the monthly sewer meetings are 'open' and anyone can attend. They are usually held the Wednesday before the council meeting.

Appreciations: N/A

Mayor/Village Updates: N/A

Open Forum:

- Patsy Livingston, 3529 Creek Dr: Requested the 'Children Slow Down' sign be moved so a more prominent location. Many new families in the village with children and the sign is currently nailed to a tree with brush growing around it.
- John Wion, 3618 Scenic Heights Dr: Questioned to the dumpster on Weaver-Ft. Jefferson will be replaced with another one. Wathen noted that it has been removed for the winter, and further discussion to follow in the spring as to whether it will be replaced.
- Jim Fritz, 3554 Center Dr: Concerned with fences on Weavers-Ft. Jefferson have bushes coming thru them and making it hard to see.

Old Business:

- By-law Review and updating: More discussion by council is needed.
- Zoning updates (old) letters to properties in probate, Cromwell to lease, S Creek camper, Tree Trimming letters – No update given as mayor absent.
- Website www.villageofwaynelakes.com update: Wathen explained new website is up and operational. Wathen provided council a list of continuing updates needing to be added. Council members that have reviewed it were very pleased with it and thanked George Mittermann for his efforts in transforming the site. Wathen reported that the Go-Daddy account has been cancelled and there will not longer be a monthly fee for this.
- One-Call Now: Wathen reported testing is in progress and so is gathering resident information. To register for the Village notifications, go to the text app on a phone, enter '22300' and then in the message type 'Alert'. Follow the messages once they are received. Each resident can decide if they want messages received via voice mail, email or text message (data rates may apply).
- Community Building: Hyatt noted the air-conditioning for the building has been approved. Coriell will be coordinating with Barga for the installation in the next few weeks.
- Shelter Houses: Wathen noted that the shelter house roof upgrades have been delayed by the contractor until October. Wathen reminded vendor that this must be completed by November 15th in order for the village to receive the grant money.

New Business:

- Pethtel requested that council consider changing the 'workshop' meeting to a full council meeting starting in 2025. Reasons mentioned was the amount of work still on council list of to-dos, sewer project, hiring summer help, and the beach. Hyatt motioned to have two full council meetings a month starting in 2025. Wion seconded. All present voted yea.
- The sewer project is missing a council member with the retirement of Swindler. Weaver will be replacing Swindler. Sewer meetings are on the Wednesday before the council meetings starting at 6:00. Public is welcome to attend. It was also noted that the sewer project is not listed on the new website. Hyatt asked Mittermann to please add it. Access Engineering to supply updated information.

Request for Council Approval:

- Coriell asked council to approve the quote from Beisner and Sons Contractors for the remodeling of the Community Building kitchen. Coriell received 3 quotes with the highest being \$28,500, Beisner's at just under \$11,000, and the third wasn't considered as many items were missing from the quote. Oberman motioned to approve the expenditure for the remodel of the Community Room kitchen with Weaver seconding. All present voted yea. Coriell stated that construction would not start until after the first of the year as there are rentals almost every weekend thru December.

Council Business:

- Hyatt commented that a discussion to define a process to support the implementation and monitoring of Village ordinances related to compliance and/or violations. Wion to schedule a Policy and Procedure meeting to work on this.
- Meeting workshop dates need to be scheduled. Council agreed to the following:
 - Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 – Budget (Pethtel to update expenditures report prior to this meeting)
 - Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 – Beach 2025 & Fishing Regulations (permit costs including veterans & retirees)
 - Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 – Policies and Procedures
 - To be scheduled – Beach 2024
 - To be scheduled – By-Laws Review and updating
 - To be scheduled – Personnel: job descriptions, employment package, etc.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

- Ordinance 2023-12-11-001 (Third Reading) Personnel Procedure & Policy Manual – Tabled, needs to be re-reviewed.

Council Committee Updates:

- **Finance** (includes Grants) –Wion (co-chair), Hyatt (co-chair), Mayor, Fiscal Officer

- **Lakes Management/Fishing Passes** – Oberman (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
- **Village Maintenance** (Roads, equipment, buildings, grounds/parks) – Wathen (co-chair), Jim Weaver (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** – Weaver (chair), Denise Wetzel, Mike Bland, Fiscal Officer, Mayor, John Swindler
- **Policy, Performance & Compliance** – Wion (co-chair), Fiscal Officer, Mayor
- **Tree, Domestic Animal/Wildlife, Littering** – Price (co-chair), Weaver (co-chair), Ian Widener, Patsy Livingston

Community Committee Updates:

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

Motion made by Oberman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Weaver. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 08:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer