

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

Mayor Linda M. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The pledge to the flag along with prayer, and roll call followed. Council members present: John Swindler, Susan Hyatt, Jacob Butsch and Robert Ewry. Diana Pethtel, FO, was absent due to illness.

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

**Minutes:** Swindler motioned to approve the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

**Financial Report:** Swindler reported we are waiting on the County to approve final budget.

**Guest Speakers:**

- N/A

**Appreciations:**

- Nick Fellers, Cody Ritter (A-Tree Service), and Scoop (with New Madison Fire Dept) for cleaning up tree in front of Mayor's home on North Drive.
- Jim Anderson for digging branches out of the lakes to keep them from reaching the drains and off the road.
- Susan Hyatt, Community Forum held on January 15th.

**Mayor/Village Updates:**

**Open Forum:**

- Mayor informed there has been some discussions about the RITA Income Tax. Ellen was able to get RITA in place using the 1% rule. Council voted to implement tax in 2018. Approximately 50% of Ohio cities and villages have this. Updates each month forthcoming.

**Old Business:**

- Village property inventory is still in process by Nick Fellers.
- Portable Speed Bumps – Nothing new.
- Jim Anderson encouraged council to take action as quickly as possible on the 5-year plan. Lakes are now full of water. Council will review options to prepare for voting to approve expenditures. The longest pipe plus 5 items from the proposal need to be acted upon as soon as possible. Pontiac & Ottawa pipe isn't functioning properly. Pontiac is over full and Ottawa is still 5 feet down. Anderson to oversee projects until April.
- Quotes for village garage soffit repair from All Roofs and Tim Weidner. Still waiting on Weidner to submit his quote.
- Coriell submitted issue with collecting deposits for Community Building rentals ahead of actual rental date. FO will track the deposits.
- Square 9 Council Training is anytime the week of January 22, except for Wednesday. Council picked Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30. This is new 'Record Retention' software.

**New Business:**

- Community Meeting held on Saturday, January 13. Hyatt reviewed residents likes/dislikes of the Village. Also what type of activities would residents like to see.
- Council Member Training on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Columbus. Ewry, Wathen, and Pethtel will be attending.
- Swindler and Coriell will check on getting the fountain on Kickapoo Lake shut off.

**Request for Council Approval:**

- Storm Drain repair. George mentioned that there is no water flowing thru the pipe on Shawnee. Frech's verified drain is not functioning properly. Mayor got 2 quotes, one from Mark Erisman & the other from Joe Aikman. Both were the same. Catch basin is clogged. Anderson and Wathen to check for what all needs to be done. Mayor will send pictures.

**Council Business:**

- Mitterman is working with Go Daddy to get village website into the village's name. Mitterman is looking at going to WordPress which should be at a lower cost. Go Daddy expires in April so wants to be converted before then.
- Dwight Edwards to work with Light Foundation to set dates for 'Hooked on Fishing'. Funds are available to do this in 2024. Make certain Dwight knows to apply for grants to do this. The fee from the Light Foundation to go towards purchasing \$4,000 worth of fish.
- State will need to prepare written clarification for BullFrogs business to have a sign according to state law. Then council can vote on the sign after verification of the state letter by Council.

**Resolutions/Ordinances:**

- **RESOLUTION 2024-01-02-001 - 2024 Council Meeting Dates:** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- **ORDINANCE 2023-12-11-001 – Personnel Procedures & Policy Manual:** First reading. There will be a work session on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

**Council Committee Updates:**

- Finance – John Swindler (C), Mayor Clark, Diana Pethtel
- Lakes Management – Johna Wathen (C), Bill Wathen, Mark Elliot, Jim Weaver (beginning April 2024), Corby Anderson
- Sewer – Denise Wetzel, Mike Bland, Diana Pethtel, Mayor Clark, John Swindler (C)
- Newsletter/Press Releases – Karen Sink, Susan Hyatt (C), George Mittermann
- Village Maintenance (Roads, equipment, buildings) – Jacob Butsch (C), Suggest Nick Fellers
  - Butsch has contacted the County about fixing the potholes. He is waiting on a reply back.
- Animal Control/Littering –
- Grant research/submissions – Robert Ewry (C), Diana Pethtel
- Social Media/Village Website – George Mittermann
- Recreation – Susan Hyatt (C), Bernadette Coriell, Joyce Rowland, Activities Group (includes church members)

(C) = Council Member

**Community Committee Updates:**

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

Swindler made a motion to go into an Executive Session, Hyatt seconded. All present voted yea.

Hyatt motioned to end the Executive Session, Wathen seconded. All present voted yea.

Motion made by Butsch to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ewry. All present voted yea. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by



Diana Pethtel, Fiscal Officer