
VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES

COUNCIL MEETING

August 18,2025

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, proceeding with The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
Council members present: SHyatt, JWeaver, REstes, CJeffer, JValdez, LPrice

Agenda – motion to approve as presented by JValdez and seconded by CJeffer, all present voted yea
Minutes – August 5,2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented: SHyatt motioned to approve, Seconded JWeaver, all present voted yea

Attendees: 7-Residents were in attendance

Guest speaker: Brice Schmitmeyer/Access Engineering provided sewer project update: Construction progresses, 2 crews, electrician working in the village. 331 services, 224 completed, 300 pre install visits completed. Sewer commitment reviewing: (1) Working on the Agreement with Darke County for sewer operation support, they have licensed Sewer Operator. Village does not require license as collections is not in the village. (2) Sewer cost Final fee resolution to be completed soon which will be effective sometime in 2026. (3) Have not yet started using loan funds, first loan payment potentially will be due July 2026; 0% loan no interest will be collected. SHyatt was asked top of sewer lids were not screwed down, Brice advised they would be as part of the final project. Tony Stewart advised he read the manual and the lid should be secured at all times, noting concern and asking why not a priority. Brice advised not secured due to ease of access for Construction crew. Brice acknowledged he would be reviewing with construction lead regarding securing lids.

Addressing Council:

- Jennifer Weaver Center Dr, re: originally had questions regarding ordinances while doing research identified Council rule book had not been updated in 25 years. Initial questions Ord and Res a couple of men on road that like to argue about each other, does not care about street light. Reading rules of council, a member of the panel addressed resident on road found to be unethical. Bother that Council had never had discussion of the street lights, now have 70- to 80-year-old men knocking on door to discuss adding a street light on road. Order of Ordinance and Resolution how the situation is to be address
 - Unilateral decision no parking on a public lot, these things need to be approved by council just how the law works.
 - Yesterday requested to see copy of council rules had no issue, last week another resident came in ask to see Ordinances was denied, against law while office is open.
 - SHyatt said Council Rules says reasonable time
 - Concern that Mayor unilaterally speaks for Council, runs meeting, ORC 731.45

Reports & Updates:

- a. Mayor's report - Electric Aggregate update new agreement coming soon from Dynegy for 2026; Donation-Village sign picture shared
- b. Complaints: Solicitor working on updated version on loose dogs, (2) Exterior Property e.g., Mowing, overgrowth, Junk cars updates over the weekend met with S Creek Dr set timeframe then letter will be issued; Lakeview served and posted mowing (5) Sewer e.g., reported to authorities
- c. Beach Report – 2025 – year to date income \$12,837.75, Admission \$7,285.04 which includes seasonal passes purchased, and concession \$5,552.71 reconciliation of these amount and final 2025 Beach report will be at the September monthly Council Meeting i.e., September 15,2025.
- d. Committees
 - i. Clubhouse Report(SHyatt) – Chelsea working on brochure, Susie found nice pictures on website
 - ii. Maintenance (JValdez) – benches being put out, speedbumps (6) hardware secured installation will begin
 - iii. Trees(LPrice) – quote needed Dave to get with Laura
 - iv. Lakes(JWeaver) – Shawnee floating net to try to get duckweed, floaties put at drain to help keep duckweed out of Kickapoo, will retreat and try floating net to capture duckweed. Tecumseh treatment did not seem to do anything. Fish stock completed for year, feeder fish in Algonquin doing good coming up for food.

- v. Budget/Finance (SHyatt) will resume meeting in September
 - 1. Each committee to be involved
- vi. Personnel, Policy, Compliance (SHyatt) second Tuesday (to be verified)

Finance Report: July 2025 - YTD revenue \$1,788,906.97 which included receipts of Sewer grant funds in the amount of \$1,321,203.22; Expenditures YTD are \$1,676,982.30 which included sewer grant payments of \$1,359,922.22. Current Reserved for Encumbrance is \$84,789.64. July Bank Reconciliation passed around table to secure signatures.

Discussion/Old Business:

- 5-Year Plan Project Updates/Status
 - Pontiac to Ottawa new drain Quote (EPA Grant with Susan L/Darke Co.)- Brice handling survey to support getting quote to support EPA Grant application.
 - Seneca channel – Mayor advised quote secured if council would want to use it to secure estimated cost to support application for grant funds
 - Estimate to evaluate lake 1-driver Muck Suckers, JWeaver made motion to approve to have muck suckers evaluate and provide estimate approved \$1,100, seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea.
 - Navajo channel (Mayor) – shallow discussion included using dirt from muck sucker of Seneca boat ramp to fill in channel making it a usable fishing are
 - Trees in Lake – pending purchase of used pontoon as previously approved. (JValdez)
- Community Building Dumpster – discussion concluded to move location back from parking lot to allow for more parking, placement must still allow trash truck to be able to access. Recommended to move to where path is allowing for parking spots to be used. DCampbell to handle movement of dumpster.
- Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement – Mayor advised Arcanum requires a 2year contract before reimbursement. Need policy to be defined for 2026 season. SHyatt to provide for 2026 season.
- Utilities Department job description and applicants – (SHyatt) clarified job title will be Sewer Maintenance Tech – updated duties. Tabled to Personnel Policy Compliance Committee meeting.
- Beach new waterline to Turbo Chute – to be completed after beach is closed for 2025 season. JValdez advised work will include pumping water from lake up to the top of the chute.
- Blind spot result of brush at S Center and S Middle – Volunteer group lead by Rita Neff reported the brush has been cleared after speaking with the property owner(s).
- Infraction Policy – pending review, discussion, and adoption by Council.

New Business:

- Village Services available to Residence – SHyatt drafting Resolution with the schedule for the service offering and present to Council. Follow up policy would be needed post adoption of Resolution.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

- e. **RESOLUTION 2025-08-003** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, OHIO TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.
 - i. Brice comments – decision on CDB grant application for \$500k grant eta September 20025, this Resolution allows for an application to be submitted for additional grant money which would support using \$500k grant funds to be used as match money.
 - ii. SHyatt asked about drains Brice advised this can be evaluated

SHyatt made motion to allow Mayor to submit application, seconded by REstes all present voted year. Motion to waive 3-reading rule by SHyatt, seconded by JValdez all present voted yea. Motion by JWeaver to declare this Resolution an emergency, seconded by CHeffers all present voted yea.

f. **Ordinance No 2025-08-18-001** An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting by Declaring an Emergency the Illegal Discharge of a Firearm in the Village of Wayne Lakes, Ohio.

Motion by SHyatt to adopt and enact ordinance to make it illegal to discharge a firearm in the Village limits; seconded by JWeaver all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt to waive the 3-reading rule; seconded by JValdez all present voted yea. SHyatt motion to declare this ordinance an emergency, seconded by JWeaver all present voted yea.

g. **Resolution 2025-08-004** Authorizing the Reallocation of Appropriations Street Fund to better reflect current operational needs and priorities.

Motion by SHyatt to authorize Fiscal Officer to reallocation Appropriation within the Street Fund; Seconded by CHeffers all present voted yea. Motion by JWeaver to Waive 3-reading rule, seconded by JValdez all present voted yea. Motion by CHeffers to Declare an emergency, seconded by JWeaver all present voted yea.

h. **Resolution 2025-08-005** Amend Appropriations for Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2025. Waive Three reading Rule. Declare an emergency.

Motion by SHyatt to authorize Fiscal Officer to Amend Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending December 31,2025. Seconded by JValdez all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt to Waive 3-reading rule, seconded by CHeffers all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt to Declare an emergency, seconded by JWeaver all present voted yea.

Executive Session: JWeaver motioned to enter session at 7:55pm for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance to ORC Section 121.22, seconded by SHyatt all present voted yea.

Motion by SHyatt at 8:13pm to return from session seconded by REstes all present voted yea.

Council President SHyatt made a motion that the Maintenance Supervisor action to set boundary on Village property located at Shady and South Lane be at no fault. Second by JValdez all present voted yea.

Being no further comments/business meeting was adjourned at apxly 8:14pm motion SHyatt, second by CHeffers, all present voted yea.

Respectfully submitted by
Johna Wathen (August 25,2025)