
VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES

COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2025

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:58pm, proceeding with The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
Council members present: SHyatt, JWeaver, REstes, CJeffer, JValdez, LPrice

Agenda – motion to approve as presented by JWeaver and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea

Minutes - July 21 meeting minutes were approved as presented: JWeaver motioned to approve, Seconded CJeffer, all present voted yea

Attendees: the room was filled with standing room only; attendees included the residences addressing council as well as residences concerned about a village goose hunt. 30 people were in attendance.

Addressing Council:

- Eva Custer 3572 N Creek Dr, re: Sewer yard restoration. Eva expressed her dissatisfaction with her yard restoration being done over the rocks she had gather to be removed to allow for mowing. She advised that she had spoke with both Tim and Brice regarding her concern with the planting over the rocks and the impact mowing the restored area. No follow up was defined.
- Bob Tuco 1170 N Middle Dr, re: Goose Hunt in the Village limits. Bob advised that being approached by many residents requesting he represents them at the meeting to express their concern and desire to not allow a goose hunt in the village limits. Bob advised he had spoke with District 5 headquarters, reviewed Ohio Laws, along with Ordinance 2007-013 Animal Control, page 3 Article 25 Hunting Prohibited in the village and in response asking Council to adopt an Ordinance to prevent the discharging of firearms and any and all device designed or used to discharge, launch, or propel a projectile, including but not limited to firearms, air guns, bows, crossbows, slingshots, and similar instruments.
 - It was acknowledged the Village has a goose problem
 - It was asked to consider another round up to address the goose problem as well as continue to addle eggs

Bob advised council he and the residences would continue to be present at each meeting until an Ordinance was completed, preventing the discharging of any and all devises that would launch or propel a projectile object.

SHyatt advised she would gather a planning committee to get the Ordinance drawn up for Council consideration.

- Mark Plessinger withdrew and did not request to address council.

Guest speaker: Hans/Access Engineering provided sewer project update. 200+ Tanks installed and operational out of 325 total. Yard restorations continue as weather permits. Pre-install meetings completed on 280 homes. New Madison receiving flow, lower than expected. Contractors are getting in about 10 tanks a week; estimated that installs will continue into November. Installs begin on south end of village, water in excavation could slow progress.

Everyone present was reminded that yard restoration is part of the overall project and insured before the project is certified complete Hans will be completing a final inspection with a checklist to confirm that all aspects of the project had been completed, including yard restorations.

Approval/Adoption:

- A-Tree proposal to remove white pine at Garage \$1,000 was read by JValdez. Motion by JValdez to approve tree removal, second by JWeaver, all present voted yea.
- Resolution 2025-08-001 Authorizing the Reallocation of Appropriations General Fund to better reflect current operational needs and priorities. CJeffer motioned to adopt, JWeaver seconded, all present voted yea. JWeaver motioned to waive 3 reading rule, second by CJeffer all present voted yea. Motion by JValdez, seconded by CJeffer, all present voted year to Declare an Emergency.
- Resolution 2025-08-002 Authorizing the Reallocation of Appropriations Street Fund to better reflect current operational needs and priorities. JWeaver motion adopt the resolution to allow for the reallocation of appropriations with the Street funds to Accounts within the fund, seconded by LPrice, all present voted yea. Motion by JWeaver to waive the 3 reading rule, seconded by CJeffer, all present voted yea. Motion to Declare an Emergency by LPrice, seconded by REstes, all present voted yea.

Discussion/Old Business:

- 5-Year Plan Project Updates/Status
 - Pontiac to Ottawa new drain Quote (EPA Grant with Susan L/Darke Co.)- Brice sent information to Gavin to support returning a quote needed to support the Grant application.
 - Seneca channel – JWeaver advised quote is pending with Muck Suckers, *targeting spring 2026 for completion.*
 - Navajo channel (JValdez) – *tabled till further notice*
 - Trees in Lake – pending purchase of used pontoon as previously approved.
- Community Building Dumpster – no update
- 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.
- Utilities Department job description and applicants – Mayor received and sent to Solicitor for review. *Tabled to August 18th meeting*
- Lifeguard Certification Reimbursement – Mayor advised Arcanum requires a 2year contract before reimbursement.
- Blind spot result of brush at S Center and S Middle – Volunteer group lead by Rita Neff will clear the brush after speaking with the property owner(s).

New Business:

- Infraction Policy – *Tabled to August 18th meeting*
- Tree Planting – LPrice slim budget replanting will be based on going to Brown's Auction
- Village Services available to Residence – SHyatt will draft Resolution with the schedule for the service offering and present to Council at the August 18th meeting.

Administrative reports:

- Infraction/Code violation letters – Mayor commented that a letter for sewer compliance will be sent to a property on S Creek Dr by the Darke County Health Department.
- Tri Village Rescue Report- REstes represents the Village - Tri-Village acknowledged they are needing staffing for weekends. There is grant offering EMT scholarship funding. 40 Runs last month, 6 were from Wayne Lakes. It was mentioned that if consistent runs occur from Wayne Lakes to look at if the Village could offer a service to reduce/eliminate non-emergency runs. No meeting will be held in August.

Council Committee Reports:

- Finance/Grants – SHyatt
 - Finance meetings for 2026 Appropriation Budget will resume Wednesday September 3rd at 5:30pm
- Lakes – Jweaver
 - Final stock for 2025 completed with Perch of 8 – 12"
 - Algonquin, Cherokee, Minnetonka was stocked 3 times this year
 - Treated – Kickapoo and Tecumseh. Focusing on Shawnee reducing duckweek
- Maintenance – Jvaldez
 - 10-benches delivered – back rest is being engraved once returned benches will be placed throughout the Village
 - Speedbumps will appear again – please be cautious and stay on roadway do not drive on grass
 - Shelter houses and picnic tables being painted
- Public Relations/Recreation – CJeffers
 - Booster Club to hold Fish Fry August 30th 5 – 8pm, cost of meal is \$10, curbside pickup will be available
- Personnel, Policy, Procedures - SHyatt
 - Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday monthly beginning August 13, 6:30pm

Being no further comments/business meeting was adjourned at apxly 7:45pm motion SHyatt,
second by JWeaver, all present voted yea.

Respectfully submitted by
Johna Wathen (August 11,2025)