
VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – February 18, 2025 Revised.

Revised on September 26, 2025

These minutes were revised to include the reason for the executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) to consider compensation increase for a public employee.

COUNCIL MEETING February 18, 2025 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM, proceeding with The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Council members present: SHyatt, CWion, LPrice, CJeffers,

Absent(Approved): JWeaver

Visitors: DCampbell, GMitterman, Dpethel, JFishcher

SHyatt motioned to accept the meeting agenda as presented; second by CWion. Yea – Hyatt, Wion, Price,

Fiscal Officer presented the Jan2025 Bank Reconciliation and financials. SHyatt motioned to accept as presented; second LPrice. Yea – SHyatt, CWion LPrice, CJeffers.

Mayor:

Mayor gave words of appreciation to Maintenance, Dave Campbell and Nick Fellers for their efforts in with plowing the snow and keeping the roads salted to help with the ice.

Sewer update provided by Mayor – construction update 331 to be installed, 50 tanks installed, 15 control panels installed, 0 operating, 180 property visits completed, New Madison is ready to accept flow. Total Sewer bills 335, 4- properties have double bills, 308 signed, 8 signed pending recorded, 11-signed with issues not yet recorded, 3- refused to sign, 1- unable to contact. Brice will attend the March Council meeting.

Public: Jim Fritz of 3345 Center Dr advised there is an outside light by the shed/Community building that is not up high enough and requested to improve lighting at the Community Building. He also requested a light be added where a pole is corner property near the Westfall property. Rock and Gem show coming up in Richmond IN

Mayor advised this would be requested with AES as it was requested for safety concerns to add additional lighting per law enforcement officials to the Village.

Community Building Report: Susan gave monthly report. 2-Rentals, Contactor is finishing Kitchen remodel, no delay expected.

Old business updates/review was given by the Mayor; topics included

5-year Plan: All items are being address but have patience with the timing of some of these items.

Trees - estimates and planning continues on remove trees from the Lakes and address fallen trees and brush removal. Plan pending from Maintenance.

Brush clean up – information on grant that can be applied for to clean up honeysuckle in Village. Also, Community Service and summer help will again be used this spring and summer.

Shelter house upgrades scraped and stained will be done this spring; Maintenance Manager to schedule. Quotes being received to run electric to shelter house across from Iroquois Lakes.

Dredging removing sediment from Seneca and Navajo lake channels, working with Larry Forman to get quotes. Drain tile replacement between Pontiac and Ottawa and Tecumseh sediment removal.

Creek dam across from Iroquois failing

Roads - resurfacing roads. Phases to get roads completed to allow the funding to help cover the majority of cost. Funding is not available all at once leading to roads needing to be scheduled over a couple of years.

Mayor attended hearing 1 of the CDBG grant to help with funding, there are no funds available for 2025; meetings are to prepare for 2026. Mayor was able to have a conversation with Susan Laux Community Development Director who remembers working with previous mayors on some of these issues and will help to look for ways to get funding. Boat Ramps, Susan suggested looking into ODNR grants to fix up boat ramps at Navajo and Seneca and possible other areas.

Council Approval Request:

Laptop purchase – quote received from Ohio Buys program (state contractor), Dell laptop Latitude 7650 \$1,562 per laptop; request to purchase 3. Budgeted \$4,000. Motion by CWion to purchase 3-laptops, second by CJeffer, Yea SHyatt, LPrice, CWion, CJeffer.

Fishing Permits – Annual Non-Res 2025 cost \$80.00, adding a Senior (65+) and Veterans annual non-res cost of \$60.00. Senior/Vet purchases must be in office to show proof to purchase. SHyatt made motion to set non-res cost and add Senior and Vet permits for 2025; second by CWion, Yea CJeffer, LPrice, CWion, SHyatt.

Doss Business systems contract for 2025 – JWathen recommended SLA II for \$110 monthly to get 8 business hour response time, Support on site, check laptop virus upgraded monthly, backup verified, and performance checkups. SHyatt made motion, CWion seconded, yea LPrice, CJeffer, SHaytt, CWion.

Council Business:

Community building agreements – need to secure updates based on changes submitted by BCoriell including Non-Res cost increase. JWathen to verify all updates were made print and make copies available.

Resolutions/Ordinances:

RESOLUTION 2025-02-04-001 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DARKE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION 5 -YEAR PLAN UPDATE – 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 2025-02-18-01 FISCAL OFFICER APPOINTMENT. CWion motioned to waive the three-reading rule; second by SHyatt. Yea – SHyatt, CWion, LPrice, CJeffer. SHyatt motioned to declare an emergency for immediate adoption; second by CWion. Yea – SHyatt, CWion, LPrice, CJeffer. SHaytt motioned to adopt; second by CJeffer. Yea – SHyatt, CWion, LPrice, CJeffer

RESOLUTION 2025-02-18-02 Exterior Maintenance Ordinance – 1st reading.

Department/Committee Reports:

Recreation – SHyatt meeting scheduled at Community Building for Monday after Booster meeting

Maintenance – Mayor updated catfish tournament, fish order, plan on getting trees from lakes

Sewer – Mayor read update as received from Access Engineering/Brice.

Welcome packets – JWathen being updated

Trees – LPrice working on plan to get trees removed from lakes

Social Media – Gmitterman requested to confirm meeting dates for March

Grants – Mayor mentioned on of the CDBG grant requirements is an income survey already completed with the sewer project. Updates will be shared.

Executive Session: Motion by CWion to enter executive sessions pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) to consider compensation increase for a public employee. Seconded by LPrice. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Council returned to regular session at 7:44pm. ~~CWion motioned to enter executive session at 7:32pm; second by LPrice, all present voted Yea. CWion motioned to return from executive session at 7:44 pm; second by LPrice, all present voted Yea.~~ Upon return to regular session, CWion made a motion to set the Community Building Manager hourly pay to \$16.50. Second: LPrice. Roll call vote: yea – CWion, LPrice, CJeffer. Nay – SHyatt. JWeaver was absent. Motion carried. ~~CWion made a motion to set the Community Building Manager hourly pay to \$16.50. Seconded by LPrice. Nay SHyatt. Yea CWion, LPrice, CJeffer. Motion was carried.~~

Being no further comments/business meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm Motion SHyatt, second LPrice all present voted yea.

Respectfully submitted by

Johna Wathen (February 21,2025)