
Village of Wayne Lakes Council Meeting

January 20, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Call to order by Mayor at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

Council members present: Mrs Estes, Mrs Jeffers, Ms Hyatt, Mrs Berger, Mr Weidner
Absent: Ms Price

Approval of December 17, 2025, January 2, 2026, and January 14, 2026 meeting minutes - motion by Mr Hyatt, seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea.

Payment of properly appropriated and funded expenditures in the amount of \$59,460.62 as presented by Fiscal Officer, all voted yea.

Council Business:

ORDINANCE 2025-11-5-001 Add Assistant Maintenance Supervisory Position, third reading. Motion by Mrs Jeffers, seconded by Mrs Estes, all present voted yea. Ordinance adopted.

RESOLUTION 2025-12-02-005 a Resolution authorizing membership in the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS), execution of the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (OHWARN), Mutual Aid Agreement, and completion of the utility profile and registration, third reading. Motion by Ms Hyatt, and seconded by Mrs Berger, all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

ORDINANCE 2025-12-02-003 2026 Annual Appropriation Budget. Motion was made by Ms Hyatt to waive the three-reading rule, second by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Motion was made by Ms Hyatt to declare this Ordinance an emergency, seconded by Mrs Jeffers, all present voted yea. Mrs Jeffers made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE 2026-01-20-001 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Reside Outside Village Limits in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 7354.271; first reading by Mrs Estes.

RESOLUTION 2026-01-20-001 Amend Appropriations for the Fiscal year Ending December 31, 2025, increasing the Auditing Services for PY23/24 Financial Audit. Motion was made by Ms Hyatt to waive the three-reading rule, seconded by Mrs Jeffers, all present voted yea. A motion was made by Ms Hyatt to declare the resolution an emergency, seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Motion by Ms Hyatt to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs Berger, all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-01-20-002 2026 pay rates motion was made by Ms Hyatt to waive the three-reading rule, seconded by Mrs Jeffers, all present voted yea. Motion to declare the resolution an emergency was made by Ms Hyatt and seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by Mrs Jeffers, and seconded by Mrs Berger, all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-01-20-003 Authorizing Establishment of an Account with Infiltrator Water Technologies for the Brand of Orenco for the Utilities Department. Motion was made by Ms Hyatt and seconded by Mr Weidner to waive the three-reading rule, all present voted yea. Motion to declare the resolution an emergency was made by Ms Hyatt and seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by Mrs Jeffers and seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

Mayor, administered the Oath of Office to Susan Hyatt for the term ending 2030. Shady lane property purchase was confirmed, the Yancey's have a period of time to remove their items from the barn. Properties adjacent to the property still in discussion, there are seven family members owning the property. Utility Supervisor position comment was referred to the scheduled Executive Session.

Village Administrator, Hans thanked council for putting him into the position, confirming his in office hours are Monday thru Wednesday 7:00am – 5:00pm, mentioning he was available anytime via phone or email. Hans noted his duties were laid out via ORC, mentioning with the passing of the OUPS Resolution he would initiate/administer to get things done. Hans noted his role is more of an advisor role, with the biggest job being the budget each department and being physically responsible.

Fiscal Officer, financial reports deferred to next meeting due to the focus and efforts around month end, quarter end, and year end along with finalizing information with the State Auditors for FY23/24.

Committees:

Lakes – Mr Weidner mentioned he was securing fish supplier quotes along with lake restoration quotes with information on chemicals and weed abatement. Shawnee and Sauk lakes will be priority for weed control. Tecumseh lake is State water question was raised if permission would be needed to treat. Committee meeting date TBD.

Parks/Recreation – Community building update was given by Ms Hyatt as received from Mrs Coriel, 6 Rentals/ 2 cancel, Vendor event scheduled for March 28, 2026, discussion of replacing the kitchen door with an exterior door.

Sewer – report given by Mr Steinke, Core & Main account setup completed, Orenco meeting set for 7am, discussion on spare parts for close outs, 3 tanks to get installed, Shady Lane, Iroquois, and McNutt Park, stock materials i.e. couplings, bolts, etc. Mr Steinke mentioned a Village vehicle would be needed for the Utilities Supervisor.

Maintenance – Mrs Berger request to run ads for seasonal help, identified defining OSHA training, spring cleanup being reviewed/planned. Mr Campbell assisted with the report indicating the French drain on East Dr has been completed, HVAC permits have been secured work will begin when weather breaks. In response to the snow storm, council was asked to approve the purchase of a ton of salt for allowing the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of salt. Motion was made by Mr Weidner, seconded by Mrs Berger, all present voted yea.

Trees – Mr Steinke gave update in Ms Price's absents, committee is working on an Arbor day celebration looking to donate a tree as a tribute to a resident. Review of the 2026 Annual Tree Sales Darke County Soil & Water Conservation District tree available was reviewed.

Family activity noted the Easter Egg hunt is always the Saturday before Easter at 1pm.

Mrs Estes attended the Tri Village Rescue meeting on behalf of the Village – Mrs Estes shared with council that the board is concerned with not being able to provide services within the next 3 years due to the impact from the property tax cuts being reviewed at the state level. Discussion at the meeting included possibly going back to the voters, consolidation of New Madison, Liberty and Tri Village to allow sharing expenses. Darke County has 13 EMS and 19 Fire Departments. Next meeting February 2026.

Old Business:

5 Year plan Project updates/status: It was asked by Mr Steinke that the group get back together to review task accomplished and review unscheduled task.

Trees in Lakes, Pontoon purchase was moved to the Maintenance Committee. Ms Hyatt made a motion to move the review and purchase of the pontoon to the Maintenance Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr Weidner all present voted yea.

Beach new waterline to Turbo Chute, motion to move this to the Maintenance Department for completion in Sprint 2026 prior to the beach open was made by Ms Hyatt and seconded by Mr Weidner all present voted yea.

Security Cameras – Mr Mitterman provided information on 6 – cameras with a purchase price range from \$856.00 to \$981.00. Matter was assigned to Village Administrator.

New Business:

Darke County PY26 Community Development Block Grant Program – Mr Steinke, Mr Campbell, and Mrs Wathen available to attend on behalf of the Village for this program meeting.

Pontiac Lake Drain Tree Removal Proposal – Mr Steinke recommended that the quote from Brumbaugh construction be considered. Motion was made by Mrs Berger and seconded by Mr Weidner to accept the Proposal for the amount of \$8,568.00 to remove the downed trees from Pontiac Lake. All present voted yea.

Bobcat Compact Track Loader Quote – motion was made by Mrs Jeffers, seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea to purchase the T66 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader for the amount of \$66,070.16 which does not include the 60 Month/2000 Hour Full Extended Warranty line item for the amount of \$2,300.00 as the motion did not purchase this warranty at this time; motion was made for the purchase price of \$66,070.16 based on the Quotation Number: BM1598477 dated Jan 8, 2026.

Bobcat Intimidator Tree Puller Quote - motion was made by Mrs Jeffers, seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea to purchase the Danuser Intimidator Tree Puller for the amount of \$4,300.00 based on the Quotation Number: BM1598477 dated Jan 8, 2026.

Polaris Ranger Quote – Mr Weidner made a motion to purchase from Bob's Cycle Repair Inc Deal # 15457 dated January 14, 2026 a New 2025 Polaris Ranger 570 Full-Size (Sage Green) for the amount of \$14,730.19. Ms Hyatt seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of Polaris Ranger for the amount of \$14,730.19, all present voted yea.

2026 Annual Tree Sales Darke County Soil & Water Conservation District – Mr Steinke reviewed the Darke County Soil & Water Conservation District 2026 Annual Tree Sale, sapling program requesting to spend upto \$500.00 for 30-40 saplings. Motion was made by Ms Hyatt and seconded by Mrs Estes allowing the purchase of \$500.00 from the Darke County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree Sales program. All present voted yea.

Ms Hyatt became ill and excused herself at apxly 8:09pm

Motion was made at 8:10pm by Mrs Jeffers and seconded by Mr Weidner to enter into an Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G) to consider appointment/employment and compensation of public employees, all present voted yea. At 8:21pm motion was made by Mrs Berger and seconded by Mrs Jeffers to return to general session.

Mrs Jeffers made a motion to increase the Village Administration weekly hours to 30 hours per week; motion was seconded by Mr Weidner all present voted yea.

Motion was made by Mrs Jeffers and seconded by Mr Weidner to increase the Maintenance Manager hourly pay to \$30.00 effective February 1, 2026. All present voted yea.

Motion to make an offer to hire Christopher Blumenstock for the Utilities Supervisor Position at the hourly rate of \$26.00 with fulltime benefits as defined in the Personnel, Policy, Manual. Motion was made by Mrs Jeffers, and seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM, motion by Mrs Jeffers, and seconded by Mr Weidner, all present voted yea.