
Village of Wayne Lakes Council Meeting

May 18, 2026 7:00 PM

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

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

May 18, 2026 meeting agenda with additions was approved by motion from SHyatt, seconded by CJeffers, all present voted yea.

Approval of the April 20, 2026 meeting minute was made by BBerger, seconded by LPrice, all present voted yea.

Approval of Payment of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures identified as Godown Construction

\$3,450.00 for Exterior Maintenance, Doss Business Systems renewal of Bitdefender Anti-Virus and monthly service

charges \$477.40, BestWay disposal 20 yr R/O Shady Lane \$445.00 one-time charge, and Hanes Law Firm service

rendered charges for Sewer Regulation Review \$1,750.00 reimbursable from Sewer Project funds. Motion to approve payments was made by SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.

Guest Speaker: *Brice Schmitmeyer, Access Engineering – provide Sewer project update Orenco tank inspection and training being scheduled, Degen back in town to completed restorations, screening soil to be used as topsoil, Degen is under contract and will be in the fall Sept/Oct to reseed as needed. One remaining tank to be installed. Fort Jefferson construction to begin 2027 with installation of a pump station at the front gate, a parking lot to be part of the Fort Jefferson construction with the installation of the pump station. Brice added that he would be working with SLaux on future CDBG grant funds, noting income survey expired any funds would get in 2027 focus for grant would be to improve access to Public Building(s) interior and exterior. Brice confirmed the Ohio Public Works Grant funds and work would begin in 2027 with the focus on paving main thoroughfares throughout the Village; Fiscal Officer and Mayor should receive by the end of June an email with next step instructions.

Comments from public were taken at this time: Velvet Sanders resident at 1147 N Middle Dr addressed council regarding a mowing letter she received. Velvet said she had been harassed with 6 calls prior to the meeting and that the Mayor's husband had approached her on her property she asked him to leave her property. Velvet comments included object enforcement taken against property selective enforcement, Mayor's husband reported her property needed to be cleared and maintained, he owns property adjacent to Velvets. Request council to review, Mayor's impartial action. Clerk asked Velvet to clarify her comment about request for public records for ordinances; Velvet confirmed she was requesting the Ordinance. Velvet shared a video she had taken of her property, and a scan code for council to see the video on their phones. BBerger acknowledged she was able to scan the code and see the video. No further comments were made.

Resolution/Ordinance

- **RESOLUTION 2026-02-17-001** Establishing Sanitary Sewer (Wastewater) System Regulations and User Charge System (Bill) Upon all Residential and Commercial Lots with a Dwelling/Structure in the Village. Motion was made by SHyatt to move the resolution back to the table, seconded by CJeffers, all present voted yea. Motion to repeal resolution as made by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-001** Establishing a Blanket Purchase Order Amount Limit as Required by ORC 57.05341(d)(3). REstes read the third reading, Motion by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.
- **ORDINANCE 2026-03-16-002** Establishing Rules, Regulations, Operational Authority and Concession Stand Authorization for the Village of Wayne Lakes Beach FOR THE 2026 Season. REstes read the third reading, Motion by CJeffers and seconded by REstes all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-008** Authorizing the Operation of the Village of Wayne Lake Beach for the 2026 Season. REstes read the third reading, Motion by CJeffers and seconded by REstes all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-007** A Resolution Authorizing the Sales and Issuance of 2026 Fishing Permits by the Village of Wayne Lakes and Establishing Related Fees and Conditions. REstes read the third reading, Motion by iWeidener and seconded by CJeffers all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-009** A Resolution Authorizing the Rental Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Community Building 2026 Season. REstes read the third reading, Motion by CJeffer and seconded by BBerger all present voted yea. Resolution adopted.

• **ORDINANCE 2026-03-16-001 (HOLD to define Public Parking times)**

- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-001** A Resolution authorizing the sales of Village of Wayne Lakes Fishing Permits by Hanks Baits (Bullfrogs) and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by BBerger, seconded by LPrice all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt IWeidner and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-002** A Resolution establishing a policy for dependent health coverage for employees of the Village of Wayne Lakes and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt, seconded by IWeidner all present voted yea. Motion by BBerger and seconded by SHyatt to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-003** A Resolution to Amend Appropriations for Auditing Services FY2025 and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffer, seconded by IWeidner all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt SHyatt and IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-004** A Resolution Adopting a Procurement Policy for Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by CJeffer, all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt and LPrice to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt IWeidner and seconded by BBerger all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-005** A Resolution Adopting a Purchasing and Bidding Policy for Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffer and seconded by IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by CJeffer to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt BBerger, seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-006** a Resolution Adopting a Cost Principles Policy for Spending Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffer and seconded by IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt IWeidner, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-007** A Resolution Adopting a Grant Funds Policy and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-008** A Resolution Adopting an Internal Controls Policy for Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-009** A Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Policy for Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffer and seconded by BBerger and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-010** A Resolution Adopting a Travel Payment and Reimbursement Policy for Federal Funds and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-011** A Resolution to Establish Appropriation for Garbage and Trash Removal for the Sewer Fund and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by

IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by CJeffers to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea.

- **RESOLUTION 2026-04-20-001** A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to submit a grant application to the Darke County Park District, Community Park Improvement Program, due to the time-sensitive nature of the grant application and declare an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffers and seconded by IWeidner and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by BBerger all present voted yea.
- ***RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-012** A Resolution Adopting a Cyber Security Policy and declare an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by IWeidner and seconded by CJeffers and all present voted yea. Motion by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- ***RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-013** A Resolution Exterior Maintenance Code for the Village of Wayne Lakes, this Repeal and Replacement 2025-02-18-02 and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger and all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Clarification was requested: Mayor explained serving change. Motion to adopt REstes, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- ***ORDINANCE 2026-05-18-014** AN Ordinance requiring a community event permit for community events within the Village and declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by CJeffers and seconded by CJeffers and all present voted yea. Motion by SHyatt and seconded by CJeffers to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt CJeffers, seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- *** RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-015** A Resolution Establishing Concession stand pricing for the 2026 Beach Season and to declare it an emergency. Waive the three-reading rule motion by BBerger and seconded by CJeffers and all present voted yea. Motion by CJeffers and seconded by IWeidner to declare this resolution an emergency, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- ~~***ORDINANCE 2026-05-18-001** An Ordinance Enacting an Exterior Property Maintenance Code Repeal and Replacement of Ordinance 2025-02-18-002 Exterior Property Maintenance Code and declare an emergency. Duplicate to RESOLUTION 2026-05-18-013 above.~~
- ***ORDINANCE 2026-05-18-002** An Ordinance Establishing Sanitary Sewer (WASTEWATER) System Regulations and User Charge System (BILL) Upon All Residential and Commercial Lots with a Dwelling/Structure in the Village of Wayne Lakes. First reading by REstes. The Village Administrator advised Council can adjust rates at any time by an amendment to increase or decrease Sewer Bill Rates.

Comments from Public: *Velvet Sanders

Administrative Reports

- Mayor – reported that the Village Administrator/Mayor drive through village identifying Infraction based on ordinances relating to property care; example given 2-sheriff with Village Administrator working on a property that has been ongoing on for 5 years, property occupant was served. This time of year, grass maintenance is a concern. Beach is being prepared for the 2026 season; first rental was successful.
- Village Administrator Report – Beach up and operational, Health bathing and food inspections passed, open Memorial Day weekend with season open date May 29th. 5 Year plan update Mud creek dam repairs meeting set with contractor to get repairs in budget, Wagner paving for Hickory Lane. Recycling dumpster was placed at the garage parking lot, working with George to get a flyer for usage.
 - Council SHyatt asked about the policy/resolution for Beach 2026 to include canoe rental at the price of \$20.00 an hour, also about renting kayaks and insurance obligations. Clerk/Fiscal Officer will request information from Insurance Company and pass to Village Administrator for next steps.

- Fiscal Officer Report
 - Greenville ACE Hardware Account Application update with Authorized Signers – SHyatt made a motion to update and maintain the account with Greenville ACE Hardware, account credit limit \$1,000, authorized signers were updated to reflect Maintenance personnel, Utilities personnel, and Village Administrator. IWeidner seconded the motion. Roll call vote with all present voted yea. Check in the amount of \$1,800.00 received from Ohio Risk Plan/ Hylant Insurance for storm damage to the Community Building roof/gutters.
 - April Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports approved as provided via email to Council. Motion by SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.

Committee Reports

- Lakes (Weidner) – Update by Council Weidner Lake treatments being handled by Village Personnel, muck tables were distributed to Sauk and Seneca boat ramp, and Ottawa was treated with copper sulfate. Crappie was added to Seneca, Mohawk, Pontian, and Iroquois, Carp/Tilapia being added to Sauk and Shawnee to help with weed control, catfish will be added to Iroquois for catfish tournament. Council Weidner mentioned he would like to review adding turtle and frog hunting back into the fishing regulation for 2027. Requested assigned to Compliance (SHyatt).
- Parks/Recreation (Jeffers) – Community Building reported 5 bookings for May. Village Garage sales June 6th. SHyatt advised the Garage sales flyer was handed out.
- Sewer (Estes) – no additional information, reference Guest Speaker’s comments above.
- Finance/Compliance (Hyatt) – Council Hyatt spoke of her concern with spending. Next meeting will be the Wednesday the week after Council meeting in June (June 24th at 6pm). Focus of meeting will be resources to increase revenue. Hyatt advised she was working with CJeffers and BBerger on the brochure for the Community Building.
- Maintenance (Berger) – Council Berger updated that 20 geese nest had been added, beach sign being updated, Tree in Tecumseh to be handled this week.
- Trees (Price) – no report.
- 5-year Community Planning – report provided within Village Administrator’s report above.
- Family Activities – Memorial Day Village parade, ceremony at Memorial Park, with Beach games and swimming. Fort Jefferson Church will be holding their annual Praise in the Park June 14th music, free food starting at 10:30am. Ice Cream Social will be held the 3rd Saturday in July (July 18th 4:00pm-6:00pm) at the Beach, monies raised will be donated to Tri-Village Rescue.

Unfinished Business

- Security Cameras (Village Administrator) – Beach is up and operational. Cameras have been ordered and received for the Maintenance and Sewer Building; installation is being scheduled.
- Spring Clean/ Best Way quote referred to Committee (Berger) – May 30th Village purchased contractor bags for residence to use for Spring Clean. The bags can be picked up at the Village Office, leave bags at the road and Village Personnel will pick up on Saturday May 30th. BBerger will create and share the flyer for this event.
- ADA Website Compliance (Mitterman) – Gmitterman to reach out to Dream Host of website for more insight. Description was added to pictures appearing on the website, disclaimer was added to each page to click the button to be provided hard copy.

New Business

- Community Building Storm Damage Claim Receipt
 - a. Bunch Roofing estimate (Gutters) – invoice for storm damage repair \$1,100.00.

b. *GoDown (Roof repair) – invoice for storm damage repair \$500.00.

- Speedbump's installation – Maintenance ordering anchors, placement to be determined at the Maintenance Committee meeting with recommendation to be made to council.
- Greg Spurrier Proposal Remove Cotton wood – Motion by SHyatt to accept \$1,800.00 proposal to remove down trees at Pontiac, two locations, Village Administrator advised funds were in the budget. Seconded by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- Beach Propane Tank (Campbell) – Keystone Propane advised due to not being used will pick up tank, to keep tank the cost is \$600.00 as is with 40% propane. Other options look into electric water heater, will need room to put breaker into box, need also need to identify area to install electric tank. Deferred to Maintenance Committee to explore options which include different tank and cost to move to different propane company.
- Community Bldg Lighting Estimate (Campbell) – Dcampbell had secured an estimate from C&L Electric with two options for Community Building new lighting. SHyatt spoke on behalf of the Booster Club advising new lighting for the Community Building was set as the initial goal as the club was organized, per the Booster President the money amount was \$1,560.12. Village Administrator clarified the estimate reflected two options; option 1 Labor and materials to replace 20 8' fluorescent light fixtures with 20 8' LED strip light lights at a rate of \$2,100.00 and option 2 labor and materials to retro fit 40 LED bulbs in 20 existing 8' light fixtures at a rate of \$1,200.00. SHyatt asked for dimmable lighting that cost was not received therefore was to be explored at a later date per Village Administrator. SHyatt advised that the Booster Club would donate the funds for the new lighting to the Village. Motion made by CJeffer for option 2 to retro fit 40 LED bulbs in 20 existing 8' light fixtures, approval to move forward once the donation from the Booster Club has been received. Second by IWeidner, all present voted yea.
- *Community Support (Hyatt) – Council SHyatt expressed her disappointment in the poorly attended Got-It Bingo event sponsored by Boosters. She asked council to encourage neighbors to participate, mentioning again that the Garage Sales flyer had been handed out.

Executive Session: ORC 121.22 (G) to consider appointment/employment and compensation of public employees. Motion by SHyatt seconded by IWeidner to leave general session and enter Executive Session, all present voted yea. Council returned at 8:41pm with motion by SHyatt to return to general session seconded by IWeidner all present voted yea.

Motion was made by SHyatt and seconded by IWeidner to hire Nolan Blackford for grounds keeper contingent on completion of pre-employment requirements and Samuel Kerns as lifeguard and grounds keeper for \$15.00 per hour.

Announcements: none

Being no further business, a motion was made by IWeidner and seconded by BBerger to adjourn the meeting, all present vote yea.

Johna Wathen

Council approved 06/15/2026