

# Village of Wayne Lakes Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2026 7:00 PM

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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  
Absent: Mrs. Berger

Approval of March 16, 2026 meeting minutes - motion by Mrs. Jeffers, seconded by Ms. Price, all present voted yea.

Agenda, Mayor asked for a motion to add Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment/employment of a public employee and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) to confer on legal counsel concerning pending or imminent court action. Ms. Hyatt moved that the agenda be amended adding the Executive Sessions for the reason stated. Mr. Weidner seconded the motion, all present voted yea. Agenda was approved as presented with addition.

Payment of properly appropriated and funded expenditures for the amount of \$422.45 renewal for Sedgwick Ohio's Workers Compensation Group Rating Program, and Darke County Health 2026 Permit to operate Bathing Beach water sample as presented by Fiscal Officer, all present voted yea.

Guest Speaker: Booster Club President, Sherry Spitler, extended invite to join, members needed, shared activity scheduled for Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6pm – 8pm I Got It Bingo. Next meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>, will be finalizing Bingo. Carwash cancelled due to expected weather. Interest to join, or questions can be address to Sherry at 937-564-0400.

## 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. *On Table.*
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-001** Establishing a Blanket Purchase Order Amount Limit as Required by ORC 57.0341(d)(3). Second Reading by Mrs. Estes
- **ORDINANCE 2026-03-16-001** Establishing Rules, Regulations, Operational Authority and Concession Stand Authorization for the Village of Wayne Lakes Beach FOR THE 2026 Season. Second Reading by Mrs. Estes
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-008** Authorizing the Operation of the Village of Wayne Lake Beach for the 2026 Season. Second Reading by Mrs. Estes
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-006** A Resolution Amending and Restating Resolutions 20211-04-12-02 a Resolution Amending and Restating the Village of Wayne Lakes Policy and Procedures for Credit Cards. Ms. Hyatt made motion to waive three reading rule, seconded by Mrs. Jeffers, all present voted yea. Ms. Hyatt made motion to pass as an emergency, all present voted yea.
- **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. Second Reading by Mrs. Estes
- **RESOLUTION 2026-03-16-009** A Resolution Authorizing the Rental Rates, Rules and Regulations of the Community Building 2026 Season. Second Reading by Mrs. Estes
  - a. *Decision confirmed the Rental rates with Deposit, Resident \$200.00 (\$150 Rental + \$50 Deposit) and Non-Resident \$300.00 (\$200 Rental + \$100 Deposit), clarification that the deposit was to be collected to reserve the date, and cancellation of the rental resulted in forfeiture of the paid deposit.*
- **ORDINANCE 2026-03-16-001** (to be used to define Public Parking Times) - held
- **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, this resolution is declared an emergency and the three readings is waived. Mayor advised information was pending therefore this Resolution was tabled till late date.

Comments from Public – no comments

## Administrative Reports

- Mayor – shared information with Council from the Mayors meeting regarding Real Estate going away, will know by July if it makes the ballot, sited that budget cuts would result example of patrol time on roads.
- Shared more insight on the ADA federal accessibility requirements for website, deferred to Mrs. Wathen for further information from DOSS. Shared appreciation to the Maintenance Department for their efforts with

the Lakes sighting Shawnee and the effort to get ahead for weed control, basketball area installation of new backboards and fresh paint. Greatly appreciate the work being done.

- Village Administrator Report – Grant application due prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, looking for your thoughts on apply for funds with the focus of the grant being parks, safety, improvements, social function, example given was North Park Replacing aged equipment, adding picnic tables, etc. Ms. Hyatt suggested to survey around North Park. Mrs. Jeffers mentioned her children would like the park to be updated. Recycling being brought to the Village, He and Mr. Blumenstock met with Solid Waste and the Village is now officially a bottle cap pick up location, also a recycling dumpster will be provided for specific items, cameras will be used to enforce Solid Waste recycle material only with escalation by the Agency for violations. Adding a Recycle program for the Village is needed. Beach kickoff meeting Monday, April 27 at 5pm. Zoning meeting Boards and Appeals Board to meet at 7pm also on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Bug A Boo grant expected to get information around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Siren Service Agreement work has been scheduled.
- Fiscal Officer Report – March 2026 Bank Reconciliation and Financial reports reviewed; no questions presented. Highlighted Conklin's Heating and Cooling had completed installation and was paid in full. Fishing permit sales for the month of March an increase over the prior year of \$770. Storm Damage-Community Building claim update reviewed total cost \$2,771.99 less deductible \$1,000.00 settlement \$1,771.99 being released to the Village for repair completion.

#### Committee Reports

- Lakes (Weidner) – Mr. Weidner asked that council consider allowing Bullfrogs/Hanks Baits to be a Point of Sale for Village Fishing Permits; all present agreed. Mayor said a resolution would be needed and reviewed at the next council meeting. Mr. Weidner shared quotes regarding the purchase of catfish for a catfish tournament, chemicals, along with the estimates previously shared for the purchase of fish.
- Parks/Recreation (Jeffers) – Mrs. Jeffers mentioned the next meeting was scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. She discussed the Farmers Market solicitor's permit which is current a day pass, suggested allowing a permit for the season at a cost of \$25.00. The market setup would currently be across the street from the Village office and the garage parking lot until Degen had cleared the laydown area in the park. Ms. Hyatt made a motion for the Farmers Market Solicitor's permit fee to be a one-time charge for the season to be \$25.00, Mrs. Jeffers seconded all present voted aye. Mrs. Jeffers shared feedback from the Family Activities group thanking the Village for the support for the Easter Egg hunt, there were 52 children aging from baby – 12 years of age in attendance, special thanks to Tyran Buckingham, Bullfrogs for the Pizza gift certificates, and all that donated candy and time.
- Sewer (Estes) – Village Administrator provided report that Deegan would be remobilizing equipment back to the Village, working on restoration to begin South of Weaver Fort Jefferson, Highland area proceeding to the South end of the Village, then circle back to the North end working North to South to complete any uncompleted. Once all residences are taken care of will then clear the lay down area. December was the substantial completion, June is the Final completion date, with a 1-year maintenance warranty period starting after final completion date. Permit home inspections there were 75 to be completed, 50 remain to be done. Flow rates to New Madison remain in line with estimates. There is still concern with grease and seeds causing sewer issues, everyone is encouraged to shared information to adhere to the Do's and Don'ts information shared. Each time a tank needs to be pumped it is at a cost of \$400.00.
- Finance/Compliance (Hyatt) – Ms. Hyatt noted the next meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> this meeting will be regarding Finance, the following month will be compliance; meetings are the week after council meeting on Wednesday. Focus for the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting will be income sources year-over-year review with discussion on improving income.
- Maintenance (Berger) – Mr. Campbell provide the update advising new chipper teeth were purchased and installed, chipping had been completed shady lane, seed and straw will follow, new basketball back boards installed with a fresh coat of paint, lake treatment began with Seneca, Shawnee, and Iroquois. Installation of the water line to the beach chute requires rental of a trencher, asking for approval to rent trencher at a cost of \$240.00 for day, equipment budget allows for rental.
- Trees (Price) – Ms. Price updated council that the trees purchased from Darke County Water & Soil have been planted throughout the Village. Reminder the Arbor Day event is scheduled for Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Community Building; Fitzwater donated planting the tree, which is being dedicated to Rita Neff for her volunteerism in the Village. The Arbor Day event is required to participate with Tree City.
- 5-year Community Planning – Mr. Steinke advised next meeting will be held in November.
- Family Activities – update present by Mrs. Jeffers in her Parks/Recreation report.

- Mrs. Estes provided update from the Tri-Village Rescue meeting from April 16<sup>th</sup>, budget continues to be a concern, looking to add a 1.5 mil additional levy on the November 26 ballot, Fire Departments are interested in merger with decisions on boundaries, website will launch May 14<sup>th</sup>, the amount of runs and minutes will be available, financial records will be through records request, needing weekend workers looking to offer an incentive program. March statistics: Wayne Lakes 11 calls with 8 transports.

#### Unfinished Business

- Security Cameras (Village Administrator) – Mr. Steinke noted cameras purchased for the Maintenance building working with Mr. Mittermann to install. Once installed the next set of cameras will be ordered.
- Spring Clean/ Best Way quote referred to Committee (Berger) – Tabled to next meeting.
- ADA Website Compliance (Mittermann) – Mr. Mittermann advised picture to text had been completed. Mayor deferred to Mrs. Wathen for further information from DOSS if available.

#### New Business

- Approval of revised invoice total for Conklin's Heating and Cooling, new furnace and AC at Village office increase for \$10,078.86, original December approval per quote was \$9,674.00. Additional cost was result of the Commercial permit fees. Motion was made by Mrs. Jeffers, Seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted aye.
- Sedgwick – Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program Renewal Jan 1,2027 – Dec 31,2027/ \$200.00 – approved by voice vote.
- Big Dump truck Repair \$5,000.00 – Mr. Campbell updated advising the leak from the power steering pump had slowed therefore no need to consider repair approval at this time. Item closed.
- Disposition of property unfit for municipal purposes (ORC 721.15 section C) – Tar Kettle and Arrow sign not used, unusable Mr. Steinke asked for approval from Council to scrap. Motion by Ms. Hyatt, seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea.
- Dependent Health Coverage – Mrs. Wathen asked for decision on policy regarding offering dependent coverage to fulltime employees defining specifics including cost split. After discussion, Motion was made by Ms. Hyatt to define policy to allow Fulltime employees to cover dependents that are not employed by an employer that offers any health benefit plan under which they are eligible for coverage and the cost of dependent care would be split with the Employee being responsible for 25% of the total monthly premium with the remaining 75% being covered by the Village. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea.

#### Executive Session

Motion was made by Ms. Hyatt to enter executive session based on ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment/employment and compensation of public employee and ORC 121.22 (G)(3) to confer on legal counsel concerning pending or imminent court action. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea. Council returned at 8:10pm Motion by Ms. Hyatt to return open session, seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea.

Ms. Hyatt made motion to rehire Skylar Blumenstock for summer help at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea.

Motion was made to accept the quote in the amount of \$10,500.00 from GoDown Construction & Handyman LLC to complete the work defined for the property located on Middle Drive; terms are 50% down with balance at completion. Mr. Weidner seconded the motion, with all present voting yea.

#### Announcements - none

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm, motion by Ms. Hyatt and seconded by Mr. Weidner, all present voted yea.

*John Wathen*  
5/18/2020