

Village of Wayne Lakes Council Meeting

July 20, 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, Mrs. Berger

Absent: Ms. Price, Mr. Weidner - excused, Fiscal Officer - excused

Agenda accepted with motion to add Executive Session by SHyatt, and Seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.

Minutes approved from June 15, 2026 Council Meeting motion by SHyatt and Seconded CJeffers, all present voted yea.

Approval of Payment of Properly Appropriated and Funded Expenditures motion was made by BBerger and seconded by REstes

Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports June 2026 were shared with Council prior to the meeting, motion by CJeffers to accept as provided, seconded by BBerger.

Guest Speaker:

Booster President, Sherry Spitler addressed council with updates from the Catfish Tournament, Entry fee profit was \$870.00, 50/50 drawing \$213.00, and food profit \$51.23. Boosters will be submitting an application to the Lydia E Schaurer Memorial Trust Fund, Joan Faulkner will apply on behalf of the Boosters, application is due by December 1, 2026; suggestions for the grant money are BBQ grills on the turnaround at the clubhouse, a blessing box and library box. Village Administrator asked to review application before submission. Next meeting: August 4th at 7pm to discuss our next event.

Resolution/Ordinance

- **ORDINANCE 2026-03-16-001** (*HOLD to define Public Parking times*) – Mayor asked for this to be removed. Vote was not taken.
- **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. Third Reading completed by REstes. Motion to adopt was made by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-07-20-001** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP), AND DECLARING AN Emergency. Motion to Waive the three-reading rule was made by BBerger and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea. Motion to declare an emergency by SHyatt and seconded by REstes, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by SHyatt and seconded by REstes, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-07-20-002** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DARKE COUNTY PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN Emergency. Motion to Waive the three-reading rule was made by CJeffers and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea. Motion to declare an emergency by REstes and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by BBerger and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-07-20-003** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR FIRE SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, AND DECLARING AN Emergency. Motion to Waive the three-reading rule was made by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea. Motion to declare an emergency by CJeffers and seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by CJeffers and seconded by REstes.
- **RESOLUTION 2026-07-20-004** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED 2027 TAX BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DARKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DARKE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to Waive the three-reading rule was made by CJeffers and seconded by REstes, all present voted yea. Motion to declare an emergency by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea. Motion to adopt was made by CJeffers and seconded by REstes.

Comments from Public: DCampbell was the only one in audience

Administrative Reports

- Mayor
 - Council member resignation – Laura Price going to nursing school. SHyatt made motion to accept the resignation, seconded by CJeffers, all present voted yea.
 - Mayor mentioned council has 30 days to recommend, suggested open interviews, if no recommendation after 30 days Mayor looks to appoint

- Darke Co Health Department mosquito testing results showed no positive test; testing will continue.
- 3668 S Creek Dr abatement – Council approved up to \$10k for this project. Motion made by SHyatt and seconded by CJeffers, all present voted yea.
- Attended the OML Training/conference shared information regarding House Bill 186 Tax Credit and Data Centers.
- Village Administrator Report
 - 3668 S Creek photos were taken 7/20 to establish scope of work
 - Informed Darke County Board of Elections Civil Use Agreement executed for Voting precinct at Community Building for Nov 2026 election
 - Half year reviews were completed for the Beach and Community Building
 - Comment made to clarify the Community Event Permit was needed only on Village Property i.e., no need for Village to be involved on private property events UNLESS assistance from the Village is requested i.e., road closure, etc.
- Fiscal Officer Report – no report

Committee Reports

- Lakes (Weidner)
 - Hans presented on behalf of Weidner – Swifter Sifter presented Council approved up to \$350 to purchase Motion by BBerger and seconded by CJeffers, all present voted yea.
- Parks/Recreation (Jeffers/Coriell)
 - Motion to purchase playground equipment based on the DWA Recreation INC Quote to spend up to \$27,000.00; Darke County Park Improvement Program Grant awarded \$15,675.82. Motion made by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea.
 - Motion was made by SHyatt and seconded by BBerger authorizing the mayor to sign the DWA Recreation Inc quote as Village representative, all present voted yea.
 - Jeffers shared the starting up of a Village of Wayne Lakes Summer Fest to be held Father's Day weekend, combine new community events with the catfish tournament, first fest to be held in 2027.
 - Jeffers presented a brochure for the Village to council for review.
 - Next meeting August 17 @ 6pm in Village Office.
- Sewer (Estes/Blumenstock)
 - Hans presented reported Degen has completed lawn restorations and will return in the fall for touchup
 - Degen left a supply of seed, straw/top soil for Village Use – Residents to reach out to the Village office for access to these supplies.
 - Degen has completed demobilizing equipment.
 - New Madison Waste Water Agreement to be provided by Access Engineering/Brice to Fiscal Officer for retention.
 - 24 remaining interior Plumbing inspections Darke Co is working on
 - 1 house/ 3515 West Drive remains to be hooked up
 - Reminder: Fort Jefferson Sewer will be bidding in August and it will include a pump station and stone parking lot for the Village. Brice will forward plans for Village review.
 - Pricing being sought to remove and replace door at the Utilities Building on Shady Lane
- Finance/Compliance (Hyatt)
 - Meeting on July 29th at 6pm – Personnel Policy and Compliance meeting to review UAN procedures, Sewer shut off policy and procedure.
- Maintenance (Berger/Campbell)
 - 5 of 7 Trail cams purchased and will be installed this week
 - Speed bumps are still in committee review
 - Propane tank at Beach purchase completed with certificate of ownership received
 - Painting and staining bulletin boards continues along with grubbing and clearing of road ways
- Trees (Price)
 - Pursuing pricing on black locus removal on S Creek and discussion concerning group of cottonwood trees on S Creek drive. CJeffers advised that her neighbor had received a price; Mayor had also received pricing from Fitzwater. This item is being referred to the Maintenance Committee for further review and presentation to Council.
- 5-year Community Planning – no comments

- Family Activities
 - Report given by REstes, next activity is Trick or Treat, Ice Cream social went well with all proceeds going to Tri Village Rescue.
- Boosters

Unfinished Business

- ADA Website Compliance date moved to 2027, GMitterman advised Village website is compliant no further action required.
- Speedbump's installation remains on the Table from June 15, 2026 meeting.
- Community Bldg Lighting quote update pending to reflect actual # of lights to be converted to LED; in addition to add the dimmer all light fixtures would need to be replaced the quote is also pending. Check received from Boosters was handed back due to updating quote needed to reflect actual # of lights. DCampbell advised revised quotes had been received just prior to the meeting and he will be reviewing with the Booster Club. Three options to be reviewed with Booster Club (1) retrofit to existing lights and fixtures \$625.00, (2) replace existing lights and fixtures \$1,050.00, and option (3) to replaced existing lights and fixtures with a dimmer for total cost of \$1,850.00.
- Mud Creek Dam Repair - Quote from Aikman Excavation informed council of the post phoning into 2027.
- Hickory Paving quote from Wagner Paving for a change order to include McClure and Hickory Lane Extension was shared for the amount of \$9,985.50, motion was made by SHyatt to approve the change order quote and seconded CJeffers, all present voted yea.
- Infraction Procedures for Identifying Ordinance Infractions and Reporting tabled until July's meeting to allow Council to review. No discussion was held.

New Business

- 2026 Darke County Improvement Program Parks Grant Awarded for \$15,675.82, Council accepted the award; reference Resolution
- OPWC Grant \$300k to continue paving was not awarded, advisement.
- Quotes being sought for removal of black locus and large cottonwood trees on S Creek; referred to Maintenance Committee for review and presentation to Council.

Executive Session

Motion was made at 8:20pm by CJeffers to enter executive session based on ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment/employment and compensation of public employee. Motion was seconded by SHyatt, all present voted yea. Council returned to open meeting at 8:30pm by motion from SHyatt, seconded by BBerger, all present voted yea. REstes made motion to increase CBlumenstock by \$2.00 an hour from \$26 to \$28 per hour. Seconded by CJeffers. All present voted yea.

Begin no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by motion from SHyatt, second by CJeffers, all present voted yea.

Respectfully submitted:
July 23, 2026

Approved:

August 17, 2026

