

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Public Safety Director; and Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2020. Due to Covid-19, this meeting was a teleconference using Zoom which is allowable by Ohio HB 197. The public and Council members accessed the meeting through dialing (253) 215-8782 and imputing the code 889 1546 0133 and entering password 996528 or by visiting the website:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88915460133?pwd=VkMyY2lMNWVlVnAySnBpNkxXTlhaZz09>.

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs asked Mr. Blankenship to say a prayer for the community and nation. Mr. Blankenship led the Council in a prayer.

Mayor Isaacs stated that he was looking forward to the restaurants in the Village opening up to the public.

Mrs. Miller asked to acknowledge Jamie Morley during Municipal Clerk Week and thank her for all her hard work.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 minutes as written and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition

Scott Teeters, 1900 Dryden Road, representing DP&L was asked to look into the status of an application filed by the Village to connect the electric for the emergency siren. Mr. Teeters responded that he would check the status. Mr. Teeters also stated that there is construction on the substation outside of town and they are adding a new circuit. This will help improve reliability and decrease outages by splitting the number of customers on one circuit. Mr. Teeters also explained there is another program in south Centerville to reduce the load on the substation.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee will meet remotely May 21 at 5:00 p.m. using Zoom.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and discussed the wells, PRV Vault, and schools. Everything is progressing well.

Special Committee Report

Ms. Dedden commented she was wondering who is representing the Chamber on the MOMS Committee. She also stated that Mr. Lauffer volunteered to take care of the dead shrubs along Main St. Molly Wentworth will be planting flowers mid-May so hopefully this will be done before that.

Village Manager Report

- Pictures of the new water vending station have been provided. There are two ordinances to declare the Sawyer Building surplus and to accept the turn-key bid for demolition of the building and to build the new water vending station. Would like Ordinance 2020-023 to be passed as an emergency to ensure the project is completed before Sauerkraut.
- Electrical upgrades have continued at the wellfield.
- Application for electric connection for the emergency siren has been submitted to DP&L.
- The water vault for the new elementary school has been installed and up to code.
- Working with the superintendent and high school principal for an automobile parade around the Village for graduating seniors.

Police Report

- April's Calls for Service have been provided along with the Mayor's Court Report.
- Moved forward with the Wellness Center and have provided all employees with a waiver form modeled after other municipalities. There will be a training for the facility to ensure equipment is used properly and individuals do not hurt themselves.

It was asked if individuals on boards and commissions would be able to use the Wellness Center. Chief Copeland responded that it is for paid employees of the Village and volunteers do not have access to the entire building. Mr. Lauffer also suggested that he did not think the Village's insurance company would like the liability.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

None

New Business

Mrs. Miller wanted to revisit the discussion from the past meeting on the possibility of the Village contributing to the Wayne Township Food Bank due to the unfortunate conditions caused by Covid-19. Mr. Blankenship stated that the food bank is currently doing okay but he feels that if the Village can donate money for fireworks why not donate to the food pantry. Mr. Forbes stated there is guidance from the Attorney General allowing for donations for civic and patriotic celebrations. The Auditor of State has issued guidance and bulletins that outlines the donation of funds saying that if Council would like to donate money that it must be done by legislation and the legislation states how it satisfies a public purpose. Furthermore, it must demonstrate how the donation would benefit the residents of the municipality, whether it be through a service contract stating or such. The donation could only benefit residents of the Village of Waynesville. Mr. Colvin stated that he felt these requirements can be very difficult and burdensome on the charity.

Ms. Morley suggested that Council considers waiving trash fees for a month. This would give the residents a \$15.80 break on utility fees. There is a small buffer in the trash fund. She stated that this is not tax money, but fees collected and placed within the fund for a service provided. Ms. Morley further stated that only Village residents receive this service and suggested this be discussed further at the next Finance Meeting.

Mr. Lauffer asked if people could donate the waived fee and give it to the food pantry. Ms. Morley stated that that could become an accounting nightmare. Chief Copeland suggested a type of pay it forward campaign that could be posted on social media. Ms. Dedden stated that she would speak with Ms. Crockett.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-022

An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use Personal Property Pursuant to R.C. 721.15 and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-022 and declare an emergency. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Miller
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-022 an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-023

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Epanel Plus, Ltd. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$86,000 for the Combined Demolition of the Sawyer Building and Construction of a New Water Hauling Station

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to amend Ordinance 2020-023 to add an emergency clause and declare an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-023 and declare an emergency. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin wanted to reiterate that the reason behind passing this as an emergency is to ensure the project does not inhibit the Sauerkraut festival.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-023 an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Dedden.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Colvin, all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council