

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes May 18, 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 18, 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 inputting the code 870 9191 2713 and entering password 013752 or by visiting the website:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091912713?pwd=K3lsbXQ4T3JHTGlrTU1oMXZvSGIzZz09>.

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Acknowledgements

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

Mayor Isaacs stated that he was looking forward to the Village opening up and things returning to normal.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the May 4th, 2020 minutes as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee meeting for May 21, 2020 has been cancelled due to lack of activity because of Covid-19.

Public Works Report

Public Works meeting for June 1, 2020 has been cancelled due to lack of activity because of Covid-19.

Special Committee Report

Mr. Colvin reached out to the MOMS Committee to let them know that Anna Garafolo may be interested in assuming a position. Ms. Dedden also stated that she worked with MOMS members to remove the dead shrubs and plant flowers in the flowerpots.

Village Manager Report

- Just found out today that the Fourth of July activities have been cancelled. The Village was not informed of the decision until this afternoon and would like to ensure the Village is included in these decisions in the future.
- There have been several requests for garage sale permits and planning to put together a letter for those to sign with the

- recommended guidelines from the State of Ohio to require masks, provide hand sanitizer, and ensure social distancing.
- The Government Center is currently open by appointment only. June Mayor's Court is scheduled with a few updates. An additional officer will be scheduled, defendants will stay in their cars, and called in front of the magistrate as cases are called.
 - EPanel is working to get permits and plans approved by Warren County. Putting a letter together to inform the water haulers of the schedule and plans for the hauling station. The EPA will need to be contacted of the plans to use the fire hydrant for a temporary hauling station. Chief Shearer attended the meeting with Charlie from EPanel so he was informed of the plan to temporarily use a fire hydrant while the water hauling station is down.
 - Have not heard anything from the EPA about Well 9.
 - PCI went to get a permit at Warren County. However, the County is requiring engineering plans. This will increase the project cost by six to seven thousand.
 - Hired a new electrician, Gary Coffman, to service the lights on Main Street, Victoria Place, Government Center, and Creekevew. Also, looking to put a new streetlight on the backside of the parking lot at government center.
 - Would like to thank Scott Teeters with his assistance of getting the approval of the electric application with DP&L for the emergency siren. Mobile Comm and B&J Electrical are working together to get the siren up and running.

Police Report

- May 26th will mark the opening of the wellness center at the government building. Each employee must fill out a waiver, BWC form, and take a training class before using the facility. The times from 4PM – 6PM have been reserved for full time employees to ensure there is not overcrowding.
- The parade for the Waynesville High School 2020 graduates is scheduled for Thursday and a map has been provided.

At this time, Mr. Colvin asked how the building of the new elementary school is going and if there have been any impacts due to Covid-19. Chief Copeland stated as far as he is aware, everything is still on track and there has been little to no impact from Covid-19. Currently, crews are working on putting in the main water line.

Mr. Colvin asked if Wayne Township has rescheduled their ribbon cutting for the new fire house. Chief Copeland responded that he has not heard of any new dates.

Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure that the Village is not overstepping by requiring masks to be worn by garage sale hosts. Mr. Forbes responded that since a permit is required for a garage sale, the Village is well within its authority to require reasonable limits for that permit.

Mr. Gallagher asked that Chief Copeland find out why the 4th of July activities were cancelled. He stated that even though the Village was not involved with the decision, Council members will still be asked why and would like to be prepared. Mayor Isaacs expressed his disappointment with the cancellation of the 4th of July activities and would like to know why the Village was not consulted in the decision to cancel the parade as it is sponsored and insured by the Village. Ms. Dedden asserted that she would like it known the Village was not involved in the decision to cancel the activities. She also pointed out that the parade is a Village sponsored event and would like to know who had the authority to cancel without consultation of the Village. Mr. Colvin conveyed that he agrees the Village spearheads the 4th of July Parade, but Judy Prickett is the main point of contact for organizing the parade and if she is unable to do so then there is little the Village can do. Mrs. Miller stated that in the email received from Mr. Edwards the decision was made because of lack of time, money, and social distancing constraints inflicted by Covid-19. Mr. Lauffer also stated that due to shutdowns, cannot get fireworks.

Chief Copeland asked for guidance from Council to consider pushing back the Village's Community Garage sale dates to late July or early August. It was decided to change the Community Garage Sale Dates to July 23-27.

At this time, Mr. Lauffer stated that he spoke with Mr. Whittaker, who served as treasurer on MOMS, and he no longer wants to serve in this position. Anna Garafollo has volunteered to fill this position; however, MOMS will need to meet to make this official.

Mr. Colvin asked if Chief Copeland knew how Covid-19 could affect Sauerkraut Festival. Chief Copeland does not know anything that has come out of the Governor's office at this time that would address the festival. It ultimately is the decision of the Chamber. Mr. Colvin also asked if Chief Copeland has had a response from the Chamber on the documentation about insurance requirements for the Sauerkraut Festival. Chief Copeland responded that due to shutdowns, he has not heard anything.

Financial Director Report

Ms. Morley asked if Council wanted to follow up on the discussion at the last Council meeting to waive trash fees for a month. She explained that the trash fund has appropriated 230K, the actual fees will probably be about 210K, and there is still about 50K unappropriated in the fund. The monthly bill for Rumpke is about 17K a month.

Ms. Dedden asked Mr. Forbes to draw up legislation for the next meeting to waive the fees for trash for a month.

Law Report

None

Mayor Isaacs asked the law director if it was an overreach for the Township to cancel the parade. Mr. Forbes suggested that Chief Copeland look into the specifics of why the parade was cancelled and find out what capacity Mr. Edwards was representing when he sent out the email. Chief Copeland stated there was a teleconference meeting held by the Chamber that he was unable to attend and perhaps 4th of July activities were discussed then.

Mr. Colvin asked how long teleconferencing meetings were to be approved by the State Legislature. Mr. Forbes responded that as long as Ohio is in a State of Emergency then it is allowed. This is set to expire at the end of the December. The Stay-At-Home order is due to expire at the end of the month.

New Business

Chief Copeland asked how Council would like to have the next Council meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020. Advanced notice will give appropriate time for staff to prepare new seating arrangements if the meeting were to happen in the government center to achieve the 6-foot distancing requirements. The consensus of Council was to have the next meeting via Zoom.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Dedden, all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council