

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020.*

.....

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

Ms. Dedden made a motion to amend the agenda to strike Number 1 “Swearing in of Newly Elected Mayor and Council Members” and renumber accordingly. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs stated the community had suffered tragic events with the passing of Mr. Lonnie Schear and Mr. Bill Hadley. Both men were pillars of the community. Mr. Blankenship lead Council in a moment of prayer.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on January 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

.....

Public Recognition

None

.....

Old Business

None

.....

Reports

Finance

Finance Committee met last Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. This was a working session led by Ms. Crockett who went over the ins and outs of Village funds and finances. The session was very informative and would like to see this recur yearly. The next Finance Meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works will meet on February 3 at 6:00 p.m. before the next Council meeting.

Special Committee Report

Community Events scheduled a meeting for March 16 at 6:00 p.m. before the Council meeting.

Mr. Colvin stated he will contact the members of the Parks and Recreation Board to arrange a meeting date.

Mr. Colvin wanted to remind the newly appointed Council members representing Council at MOMS meetings, that MOMS meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Chamber building at 5:30 p.m. It was determined that Mr. Lauffer and Mayor Isaacs were nominated to represent Council at these meetings.

Mr. Isaacs reported that Warren County Municipal League will be meeting this Wednesday to elect a new chairperson due to the untimely death of Marianne Thompson.

Village Manager Report

- Walt Biggs should begin work on the PRV project on Route 73 sometime this week.
- The tenant at the Locke Up initially gave 30 days' notice but has since decided to continue to rent the building. Wondering if Council would like to see about selling the property.
- Street Department repaired a traffic light at the intersection of Route 73 and 42. Would like to thank Mr. Edwards for the use of Wayne Township's boom truck.
- ODOT will be repairing a bridge on Route 73. They wanted to give the Village notice of this upcoming project as it will cause traffic to be redirected. Will give the date and exact location when it is provided.
- Working with Chief Scherer to find a new location for the July 4th fireworks. Due to school construction the old location is not viable. Possibly use Bowman Park for this year's fireworks.
- Met with Rick Swain and Dave Nieman from Mobilcomm about the emergency siren project. There is a possible FEMA grant, but it will not be granted until September. The grant is a point system and it is offered to all municipalities within 8 counties. Asking Council if they would like to move forward without the grant or wait and see if the Village will be selected. During the meeting with Mobilcomm, the best location for the siren was decided to be by the school tennis courts. A letter has been written to the school board asking approval for this location.
- Street Department took down the Christmas decorations on Main Street.
- The scope of work for electrical upgrades to the wellfield were put out to bid.

- Brian Brausen from Wessler will be providing a quote to do water modeling for the potential development on the LeMay property.
- Al Boone is working on putting the casing in for Well 9.
- Have a meeting tomorrow with Karie Novesl from Hylant Insurance for the Ohio Plan Insurance renewal.

Police Report

- Meeting set up with Craig Eley from Choice One Engineering about potential traffic light at the intersection of North Street and Route 42.
- Officer Mermann attended ALICE Instructor Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate). The police department now has a certified trainer on staff.
- Ordinance tonight to amend the COG (Council of Government) contract with the Drug Task Force to add Harveysburg to the agreement.
- Phase II of the Warren County EMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020. This will help local municipalities work together to create strategic plans for emergency situations.
- Congratulations to Cpl. Jeff Little for receiving Officer of the Year.
- Reserve Officer, Logan Greenwood, is currently deployed to Iraq and the police department is putting together a care package if anyone would like to contribute.
- Reserve Officer Jeremy Shaw has resigned because he moved.
- Spoke with Chief Sherer about having a CPR training for staff. Currently working on the time and location for the training.
- Received a thank you letter from the Phegley family for participating in a parole campaign with the Chiefs' Association against Anthony Wayne McIntosh. McIntosh shot and killed Officer Phegley back in 1987 in a routine traffic stop. He was denied parole and will not be back up until 2029.

Mr. Colvin informed Council that as elected officials, they have the opportunity to participate in programs for emergency management through Warren County.

Financial Director Report

- Currently working on year-end.
- December bank reconciliation is balanced.
- Ordinance tonight to rollover a CD into another two-year CD.

Law Report

Nothing to report. State Legislature just returned from holiday so no new information from that level.

New Business

Ms. Dedden made a motion to move forward with the emergency siren project without seeking a grant and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Blankenship

Mrs. Miller pointed out that if the Village were to pursue a grant, the siren would not be installed until after tornado season. At this time, Council discussed the specifics of the quote and the proposed location of the siren. The quote is for a talking siren that works on RF frequency (radio waves). The Village would have to provide an electrician to run the power to the siren and pay the monthly electric bills. The notifications and exercises would be controlled by Warren County EMA (Emergency Management Association).

Mr. Colvin wanted to point out that when the Village first looked at installing an emergency siren several years ago, the Village finances were not as healthy as they currently are. Therefore, the Village can now afford to move forward with this project. Chief Copeland also stated that about 3 years ago, a tornado did touch down on Wilkerson Road and created quite a bit of damage to the Girl Scout Camp.

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin stated that he had forwarded information to Council members concerning a resolution passed by the Warren County Commissions on December 10, 2019 in support of refugees. He would like to discuss this further at another meeting or possible working session. He feels that the public should be educated on this as it effects the community. Mr. Forbes stated that it is premature to have much discussion until a federal case has been decided where a federal judge has issued an injunction to stop the enforcement of the executive order. Mr. Colvin wanted to state his disappointment that the Commissioners passed a resolution listing all the municipalities in the County to support refugees without input from these municipalities.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2020-006

An Ordinance Authorizing the Finance Director To Transfer Investment Funds (2 Year Cd) And Declaring an Emergency (Cd Rollover)

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-006 and declaring an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-003 and declaring an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2020-007

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into an Amended and Restated Warren County Drug Task Force Council of Governments Contract

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2020-007 and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Miller

Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-001

Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Gary L. Copeland

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-001 and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-002

Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Kitty Crockett

Mr. Colvin made a motion to Adopt 2020-002 and was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. and all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council