

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 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 Susan Johnson, Acting Clerk of Council

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, February 3, 2020.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs shared that Lonnie Schear’s visitation will be on Sunday, February 9th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the high school gym.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as corrected to change RFA to RF in the second paragraph under new business and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition

James Prickett, 374 Miami St., addressed Council as a concerned citizen regarding the location of the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. He explained that the Village has had a long history of having a great Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and would like this tradition to continue. Mr. Prickett stated that certain people have volunteered for years and feels that newer younger individuals need to step up. He has heard rumors of the fireworks not happening. In the past, fireworks have been launched in the field behind the school and festivities were held at Bicentennial Park, however with the new bus barn this is no longer a possible launch site. He does not think Bowman park would be a very good venue due to poor visibility and traffic at Route 42 and Corwin Ave. He suggested the possibility of Mr. Federle’s property across from the government center. Mr. Prickett stated that the Legion has always set off the fireworks. They own the tubes and have provided certified technicians and were able to give an excellent show at minimal cost.

At this time, there was discussion on the role of the Village in the 4th of July activities. Chief Copeland explained that the Village helped with the parade by setting up barricades and placing No Parking signs along Main Street. The police department also holds a bike rodeo at the school in the afternoon. As far as fireworks, the Village has always monetarily contributed and provided extra patrols, and the American Legion has handled the rest of the festivities. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Prickett if his main concern was the location for setting off fireworks. Mr. Prickett did agree that finding a location to set off the fireworks that would be visible from Bicentennial Park would alleviate many issues. Chief Copeland stated that Mr. Federle’s property is within the Township and would have to go through Wayne Township. Mr. Prickett did reiterate the need for new volunteers to help with the festivities. He wants to ensure that there will be fireworks before planning other festivities.

Mr. Colvin stated that the Village Council serves in an advisory role as defined by the Charter. Parks and Recs will be having a meeting and can put this item on the agenda. Mr. Lauffer stated that Mr. Mackenzie oversees the Sons of the Legion and his son Zach is certified to set off the fireworks. They are discussing where to set off the fireworks and are working on finding a suitable location.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee meeting date has changed to February 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and elected a new chairperson. The committee discussed Well 6, Well 9, and the Emergency Water Agreement with Warren County.

Special Committee Report

Mr. Isaacs reported that Warren County Municipal League met Wednesday and elected Darlene Hicks as the new Executive Director.

Parks and Recreation Board will have its first meeting on February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Personnel Committee will meet on Feb 18th at 5:30 to discuss and clarify the Clerk of Council role.

Working Session of Council scheduled for February 18th at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the session will be to go over Rules of Council and for the Village Manager to go over the agenda for the upcoming year.

Village Manager Report

- Emergency ordinance for the emergency siren will be presented today.
- Meeting with ODOT about a traffic light at North Street and Route 42. Last time spoke with ODOT, they were receptive to allow a traffic light if the Village funded the project. Spoke with Kitty to take 2020 allotted money for street repairs out of the Street Levy fund which currently has 420K and use the general fund appropriations for the traffic light.
- The PRV vault being placed on Route 73 at the County emergency water connection is being built. The project should be completed by the end of March.
- Emergency Water Agreement was reviewed at Public Works. Asking Council to approve this version to present to Warren County. If the Commissioners approve the contract it will still have to be approved by legislation through Council.
- Currently testing well 9. Getting quotes for electrical work which would include bids to rewire well 6 and 7 to hook into generator.

- Street Department continues to clean up Sawyer Building to get ready to tear down. Will need to research turn around to get the bulk water station back up and running.
- Received a letter from schools to waive the tap fees. In the planning stages for the new elementary school it was suggested the Village agree to waive of tap fees if the school ran the Miami Street loop to the property line.
- Renewal of insurance plan is in front of Council today. There was a 4% increase due to Warren County lawsuit and cruiser accident. Added malice act option to insurance.
- Contacted Sauerkraut Committee to take down the electrical boxes on the electric poles. They are supposed to contact electrician to get this taken care of.

Police Report

- January dispatch calls for service have been provided today.
- SRO Mermann presented Trevor Thompson with Bus Safety Award.
- Attended phase II of the EMA Hazardous Mitigation.
- Received a call from Darla Sharp thanking Officer Kirsch for his prompt and professional service to a call.
- 2020 Recycle Rally/Drug Take Back is scheduled for April 25th.

At this time, Ms. Dedden asked how much the fee is that the school is asking the Village to waive. Chief Copeland responded that it is 73K. Mr. Gallagher asked if the line to Miami has been laid or if it is still in the planning stage. He also wants to ensure the water main will go all the way to Miami and not stop as shown on drawings. It was recommended to have an ordinance drawn up for the next meeting for the waiver of the tap fees with a contingency the water line is run to Miami Street.

Mr. Gallagher asked how many accidents have been at the intersection of Route 42 and North. Chief Copeland was not sure, but Choice One has conducted a study. Mr. Gallagher would like to see about further pursuing grant money. Chief Copeland stated that ODOT is pushing to put roundabouts rather than stop lights and that may be a stipulation of the grant.

Mrs. Miller asked what the malicious act covers. Chief Copeland stated he would have Karie Novesl from Ohio Plan come to explain that and answer any other questions Council may have.

Ms. Dedden asked the Village Manager to give the Chamber a time frame to have the boxes down off the electrical poles.

Financial Director Report

- 2019 has been rolled over into 2020 and all forms have been filed.
- 250K has been invested in another 2-year CD.
- Please let Ms. Morley know by Feb. 10 if any Council members would like to attend the OML training.

Law Report

- Request from last meeting to get more information on the refugee resettlement. Nothing more has happened on the lawsuit. Currently, the federal law “Refugee Resettlement Law” states the federal government is supposed to consult regularly with state and local governments to get opinion on where is appropriate to resettle refugees. It is very vague on what the term “consult” really means. An executive order tried to bring clarity to the word consult making it mean written consent. A lawsuit was filed against the executive order. Then in January a court issued an injunction agreeing that you cannot enforce the executive order. As it stands, there is a temporary injunction of no enforcement of the executive order until the court case is decided. Bottom law, immigration and refugee resettlement are governed at the level of federal law that basically preempts any state or local law.

New Business

Ms. Dedden made a motion to appoint Robert Bowen to the Planning Commission and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

At this time, Mr. Bowen of 430 Somerset introduced himself to Council.

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden suggested a few changes and updates to the submission for the Wayne Township Spring magazine. She stated she would work directly with the Village Manager and put together the submission.

Mr. Lauffer motioned to put Ms. Dedden in charge of changes to the Wayne Township Spring Newsletter and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Lauffer

Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to have the Village Manager send the Warren County Emergency Water Agreement version from tonight’s Public Works meeting to Warren County for acceptance. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-008

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Mobilcomm, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,000 for Material and Labor to Install a New Emergency Siren and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-008 and declare an emergency. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mayor Isaacs made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-008 as an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Isaacs
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-009

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Warren County Engineer’s Office for Purchase of Road Salt and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-009 and declare an emergency. This motion was seconded by Ms. Dedden.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-009 as an emergency and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-010

Authorizing the Village Manager to Award Property and Liability Insurance Coverage for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-010 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

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 adopt Resolution 2020-007 and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Miller
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. and all were in favor.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council