

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 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, April 20, 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 978 3285 9932 and entering password 028204 or by visiting the website: <https://zoom.us/j/97832859932?pwd=bVFSNGNXNm9TZEpsMHdSZk4yU09FZz09>.*

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

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

None

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the April 6, 2020 minutes as written and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Miller

**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 will meet remotely this Thursday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. using Zoom.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works will meet on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. as a teleconference.

**Special Committee Report**

Ms. Dedden asked the representatives of MOMS speak with the Committee about replacing the dead shrubs in the pots along Main St. Mr. Colvin stated that the Chamber has been the one to set up the meetings in the past. Mr. Lauffer assured Council he would look into contacting someone from MOMS about the bushes.

**Village Manager Report**

- ePanel is putting together a turn-key bid for 86K to demolish the Sawyer building and rebuild a 10x10 water hauling station using the old bricks from the Sawyer Building.
- Nathan from PCI has started working on the electrical upgrades to the wellfield and has started to dig the pit for the new generator fuel tank.
- The Recycling Rally scheduled for April 25 has been cancelled.
- The PRV Vault for the Emergency Connection on Route 73 was built as one unit. Walt Biggs had requested it to be made in 4 separate sections so it could be easily transported and then put together on site. The company will be cutting the vault and it will be reassembled on site. This is no further cost to the

Village. Mr. Biggs is communicating with the company and working on other components in his shop.

- Made a Declaration of Emergency for the Village effective March 16, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This will help secure funding that Village qualifies for.
- The new lawn mowers were delivered and are working great.
- Met with Rick Swain from Mobilcomm on April 14. Need an electrician to meter and connect the electricity to the siren. Not sure if the connection will be a hanging line or buried underground. Hopefully, the pole and siren will be erected within the next couple weeks.
- Communicating with Miami Valley area municipalities on how other government entities are conducting business during the pandemic. The Village is in good shape and doing a good job of protecting employees.
- Phase III will be postponed because the State is shut down and unable to vote on funding for the OPWC Grants.
- Nelson spoke with Jon McDaniels from the EPA and he said he does not want to make any decisions on Well 9 until all the stats, testing, and reports are submitted.
- The staff has begun setting up for the Health and Wellness Center.

At this time, Mr. Lauffer stated that Kelly Miller from the Chamber of Commerce is no longer on the MOMS Committee. He stated he would find out who the point of contact was for MOMS since Mr. Whittaker has retired from the committee.

### **Police Report**

- Completed an assessment application through FEMA to apply for funding to help offset additional costs caused by Covid-19.
- Officer Kocevar attended the funeral for fallen Officer Kaia Grant from Springdale.
- Forwarded the letter with the paperwork for additional insurance coverage for the Sauerkraut Festival to the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Financial Director Report**

- Ms. Morley said that a memo from the County Auditor, Matt Nolan, stated that income tax and permissive and gas taxes will most likely be less than projected for the year and suggested that municipalities should plan their budgets accordingly.

## **Law Report**

None

## **New Business**

Mr. Blankenship informed Council that the Wayne Township Food Pantry and Community Aid is open M-W-F from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is accepting donations during this time. Any other time, donations can be dropped off to him and he will ensure the food pantry gets the donation. The School District on Tuesday and Friday is passing out bags for families to help supplement food for lunches children are missing due to the schools being closed. Pastors of the community, especially First Baptist Church and Jim Prickett, have banded together for a Community meal to be handed out on Thursdays. Tickets are handed out at the First Baptist Church M-T-W between 4 – 6 p.m. and the dinner is picked up on Thursday.

Mr. Blankenship stated that he had heard that that Wayne Township was going to donate \$2,000 to the Wayne Township Community Aid and Food Pantry. He was wondering if the Village could follow suit.

## **Legislation**

### **First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

### **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.

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council