

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 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, March 2, 2020.

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the Working Session of Council February 18, 2020 minutes as written and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes as corrected and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition

Major Steve Arrasmith of the Warren County Drug Task Force thanked Council and presented the annual report for 2019. Major Arrasmith explained the structure of the Drug Task Force has remained the same, made up of a multi-jurisdictional unit with the recent additions of Harveysburg and Carlisle. He stated the Drug Task Force continues to be an initiative of the Ohio HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area). This combines resources from local, state, and federal agencies allowing them to operate more efficiently. Major Arrasmith summarized 2019 with an increase of methamphetamine and decline of fentanyl and heroine. He also stated that Warren County had the highest seizure rate in Ohio for LSD last year. 2019 overdose deaths stayed the same as 2018 with 48 overdose deaths but saw an uptake in meth overdoses without deaths. Major Arrasmith stated that overdose deaths may have decreased, but the goal is to decrease the supply, which is becoming more difficult. As the county population increases, so does the number of addicts. Funding of the Drug Task Force comes from grants, HIDTA Program, and contributions from local communities. Major Arrasmith thanked Council for taking the initiative to double Waynesville's contribution. He wished more communities would take the initiative to do the same thing.

Mr. Colvin asked if there have been any improvements in drug trafficking with the federal government border regulations. Major Arrasmith responded that unfortunately, the supply has continued. It may have slowed it down but when large amounts of money are involved, criminals find a way.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the new marijuana laws are hampering the Task Force. Major Arrasmith responded that marijuana is all over the place and there is always big money in it. It is still too soon to see the impact of the new laws. Next year, the County will be able to have a better picture of the impact from the change of laws. He has noticed that it is getting harder to get people to work with the Task Force because the laws have loosened on marijuana, they can no longer use this as a bargaining tool.

Mr. Gallagher asked if MS 13 was involved in the area. Major Arrasmith responded that he sees influences but none that he is aware. He also stated that Warren County being between Dayton and Cincinnati has a tremendous influence on the area. These cities have major suppliers and Warren County is right between them. A large methamphetamine bust happened recently in Wayne Township that supplied most of Southwest Ohio. The main leader was being supplied from a source in Dayton. Twelve people were jailed due to this bust.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance Committee met last Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The Committee went over the fund status report, renewal of medical insurance, and requesting information from the County Auditor concerning a possible street levy. The next meeting will be on March 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening at 6:00 p.m. and discussed Well 9.

Special Committee Report

Parks and Recreation Board met on February 24 and started to consider different opportunities at Bicentennial Park. Will meet again on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. and hope to be joined by Mr. Edwards from Wayne Township, Pat Dubbs from Wayne Local Schools, and the Village Manager.

Mr. Isaacs reported that he attended the Warren County Municipal League legislative update on February 19.

Community Events meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Working session of Council to go over the Rules of Council is scheduled for March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- Went over Warren County Emergency Water Agreement during Public Works meeting this evening.
- Provided Council with report on Well 9 and this was discussed at tonight's Public Works meeting.
- Received three bids for electrical upgrades at the wellfield. Currently comparing specifications and bids. Will ensure that the company chosen works closely with Buckeye Power Sales and DP&L.
- Blue Line Electric will replace Bill Hadley to maintain the streetlights on Main St, Creekview, and Victoria Place.

- Currently working on SCADA upgrades to allow water operators to make manual changes to the system.
- On Feb 25, staff took a tour of the new Wayne Township Fire House. There will be a grand opening and fish fry on April 18.
- June 25-28 will be the community garage sale dates.
- The utility boxes have not been removed from the electric poles. Have a call into the Chamber.
- Starting to receive bids to see about demolishing the Sawyer Building. This project will take a lot of planning to get everything done and a new water hauling station set up quickly and efficiently.

Police Report

- Calls for service have been provided for the month of February.
- Entire full-time staff received CPR certification at the Wayne Township Fire Station.
- Recycling Rally and Drug Take back is scheduled for April 25.

Financial Director Report

- Bank Reconciliation needs to be signed for the month of January.
- Ms. Morley will be attending Public Records training on March 18, 2020 and will be attending on behalf of Council.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to designate Ms. Morley to represent Council at the Public Records Training and the motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Law Report

None

New Business

Dave Schrader of 890 Dayton Road introduced himself to Council and stated he would like Council to consider him to fill the vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Ms. Dedden made a motion to appoint Mr. Schrader to the BZA and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Andrea Downing of 139 W. Ellis Drive stated her intention to join the Parks and Recreation Board. She explained she had served on the Charter Committee Review Board and is now currently on the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to accept Ms. Downing to the Parks and Recreation Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher explained that at the Public Works meeting earlier it was discussed that Well 9 is not pulling the expected GPM (Gallons per Minute). It is desirable for a well to pull around 300 – 350 GPM. The test at Well 9 only pulled 200 GPM. After much discussion during the Public Works meeting the Committee wanted to make sure that Council was okay with directing the Village Manager to move forward with completing Well 9 even though the numbers are not up to expectations. No one on Council objected.

Ms. Dedden wanted to confirm who would represent the Village of Waynesville at the Warren County Health District meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Isaacs confirmed he would be attending. Mr. Gallagher stated that the topic would include discussions on the Coronavirus.

At this time, Mr. Forbes pointed out that the Village code states that someone cannot serve on any other boards or Commissions if they are currently on the Planning Commission. Unfortunately, Ms. Downing's appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board is invalid based on the Village's zoning code.

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-013

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Brydge Payment, Llc Related to Credit Card Processing for Mayor's Court and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-013 and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-014

Authorizing a Health Insurance Plan for Village Employees

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2020-014 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2020-015

Requesting Information from County Auditor for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation (New 2.0 Mill Street Levy)

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2020-015 and was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Ms. Dedden explained this was only to get information from the County Auditor to find out how much possible revenue the Village would receive for the streets if Council would decide to place a street levy on the ballot.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2020-016

Requesting Information from County Auditor for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation (New 4.0 Mill Street Levy)

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2020-016 and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2020-011

An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of the Water Connection Fee Related to the New Waynesville Elementary School Building Construction Project

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt of Ordinance 2020-011 and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

At this time Council asked the Village Manager if the school was still in agreement to complete the Miami water line loop. Chief Copeland ensured Council that nothing had changed, and the ordinance addresses this issue.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2020-012

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Buckeye Power Sales in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,000 for a New Wellfield Generator

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt of Ordinance 2020-012 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Executive Session

None

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. and all were in favor.

Date: 3/17/2020

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council