

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Lyle Anthony
Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Mrs. Connie Miller
Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer

Village Staff Present: Hannah Pothoff, Law Director; Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Director of Public Safety; Jamie Morley, Finance Director and Clerk of Council

CLERK’S NOTE- This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2024.

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President Pro Tempore Colvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – 4 present

Mrs. Miller motioned to excuse Mayor Isaacs, Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Lauffer from tonight’s meeting, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 4 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

None

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting as written, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 4 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Chief Copeland swore in the newest Reserve Officer, William Bowman. Officer Bowman graduated from Springboro High School and Hocking College and attended the Greene County Police Academy.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee met this evening. The Village is doing well financially. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works will meet on January 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Special Committee Report

Parks and Rec will meet on January 21st at 5:00 p.m. Representatives from Mary L Cook should be there to update the committee on the progress of the new park.

Village Manager Report

- Chief Copeland explained that Ordinance 2024-051 will update the Village's flood insurance codes in response to FEMA's new requirements. He said he worked with Sam Beam, who provided the ODNR model based on the state and federal standards. Mr. Forbes has reviewed the ordinance.
- Chief Copeland attended a preconstruction meeting for OPWC Franklin Phase II. SmithCorp plans to start the project around the first of the year, with a completion date of May 10.
- Chief Copeland said he hosted a meeting with all the stakeholders of the new DORA District, including the Chamber, WMA, and the restaurants serving beverages. He explained the Village expectations and provided rules and regulations. Signs have been placed to denote

the boundaries. Once establishments receive the approved cups, they can start serving.

- On December 12, Chief Copeland attended a meeting with Ohio EPA to review Well 10. It was discussed that the new well contains small amounts of PFAS, but once it is blended with the other wells, it will be negligible. The Village must provide a letter to OEPA explaining why a new well is required and why it should be approved.
- A list of approved OPWC grants has been provided. The Village has been awarded Fourth Street, which should begin in the fall.
- After reviewing the complaint about the brightness of the replacement of the bulbs in Victoria Place, they have been replaced with dimmer bulbs. It looks much better.

Police Report

- November Dispatched Calls for Service and Mayor’s Court Month End have been provided for review.
- There is an ordinance on tonight’s agenda at the request of the Magistrate to have a fee of \$75 for the Mayor’s Court Pleas in Absentia.
- Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the staff Christmas Party.

Mrs. Miller asked if there were floodplains in the Village. Chief Copeland responded that there was no housing in the floodplains, but the Der Dutchman land and Bowman Park were.

Chief Copeland stated that the Council may want to consider starting to set aside money for the future to purchase the Bannon property. It is upstream from the wellfield, and if it ever comes up for sale, it may be advantageous to buy it.

Mr. Anthony thanked the Water Department for securing the lid to the vault on Franklin Road.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

- Ms. Pothoff stated she is filling in for Mr. Forbes and wants to follow up on creating a lighting district. She said that a lighting district cannot be made retroactively. However, if there is a lighting improvement project on Main Street, then there is a possibility of creating a district.

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New Business

None

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2024-051

Adopting Chapter 151 of the Village of Waynesville Codified Ordinances Regarding Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction

Mr. Anthony moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-051, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Anthony
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 4 yeas

Ordinance 2024-052

Amending The Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Village of Waynesville Regarding Filing Fees for Pleas in Absentia in Mayor’s Court and Declaring an Emergency

Mrs. Miller moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-052, and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 4 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

None

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:29 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council