

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

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; Chief Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Safety Director; Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council

***CLERK’S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2021.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

At Mayor Isaacs’s request, Mr. Blankenship led Council in a moment of prayer.

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

Attended the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new Wayne Township Fire House. State Senator Steve Wilson, Township Trustees, and Mayor of Corwin were all in attendance. The building is state-of-the-art and should serve the fire department well.

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on May 3, 2021 as written and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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**Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments**

None

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

**Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Government Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works will meet on June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

**Special Committee Report**

Special Committee of Council appointed to research short term rentals met Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was productive and received a lot of public input. An ordinance is almost completed and should be presented to Council at the next Council meeting. Mr. Forbes stated that the Committee drafted an ordinance and made revisions after receiving public and staff input. He should have a reviewed draft ready for the Committee to present to Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Ms. Dedden suggested to Council that it may be a good idea to pass the ordinance after two-readings as an emergency. This way it would not encroach on the tourist season for businesses waiting for the outcome of the new ordinance.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the ordinance would address insurance which Ms. Dedden stated that it is in the proposed ordinance and can be addressed when the ordinance is presented to Council.

**Village Manager Report**

- Ashlee Fencing has completed the gates and fencing. This is working well to secure the facilities.
- Phase III has been completed and having the final inspection tomorrow at 3:00p.m. Will hold 4% of the cost of the project for 1 year.

- The Village was not approved for the Small Government Ohio Public Works Grant for Third Street. Suggesting that the Village resubmits for the 2023 OPWC PY37 Grant and increase the local participation to 41%. This would be a total of 286K. Will also see if Wayne Township will co-op with the grant to help pay for the fire hydrants. This will help get more points and increase the likelihood of being chosen to receive the grant.
- Met with Legend Webworks to work on the new website. It is going well and will look more professional and be more user friendly.
- Met with Ryan Braun of Wessler to go over updating the wellfield electric and getting Well 7 back online. Wessler specializes in water engineering and there is an ordinance to enter into an agreement with them to get a plan to upgrade the water system.
- The water distribution station looks great and is pretty much finished. The Street Department installed guardrails along the side because there was a 6" drop. These were purchased from Warren County. Also installed a picnic table that has been anchored. Plan to install no parking signs around the building.
- The Street Department has cleaned up around the storage building on South Main St. This is getting it ready for repainting and new roofing. There is an ordinance tonight to approve the building to be primed, painted, matching blue metal roof installed, and new garage doors to be done by Epanel Plus.
- Signs have been placed along Main Street in the business district stating no skateboarding allowed along with the ordinance number.
- Would like to thank the staff for cleaning up the outside of the building. It looks much nicer.
- Included a letter from the County Commissioners that the Block Grant was approved and the 35K to install sidewalks along Franklin Street should be received late June. Once the funds have been received, Ed's Concrete should begin the project. A letter to the property owners will be delivered to explain the project.
- Thank you to Council members for representing the Village at the Wayne Township Fire Department ribbon cutting.
- The American Legion will be having the Fourth of July fireworks this year and are looking for donations. It is doubtful that the parade will happen this year as the gentleman responsible for doing it has had health issues.

## **Police Report**

- April's dispatch calls for service and Mayor's Court month end have been provided.

- Would like to thank Warren County dispatchers for supplying the Police Department with treats and a card commemorating Police Memorial Week.
- Sgt. Denlinger is performing code enforcement twice a month. He will present offenders with a letter first, then a verbal warning, and finally see what enforcement is needed to resolve the violation. The goal is to clean up the town.
- In May, all full-time police officers and several reserve officers attended crowd management training.
- Would recommend that the Special Committee on Short Term Rentals takes into consideration that these rentals would have to follow County Building Codes as well as Village codes.

Mayor Isaacs affirmed the total cost of the projected PY 37 would be 697K with the Village contributing 41% or 286K. Ms. Dedden added that she spoke with the Finance Director, who stated this project is not until 2023 and would give the Village ample time to save. At this time, there was discussion of getting as many points as possible by increasing the Village's contribution and partnering with Wayne Township. Ms. Dedden stated she believes the Township would be willing to partner with the Village on this grant even though they declined last time stating that finances were stretched thin due to the new fire house. Mayor Isaacs stated that Mr. Edwards said the new building was paid in full.

It was also suggested that the Permissive funds being held by Warren County could be used for this project. Chief Copeland stated that he was hoping to use that money and license plate money for a light at the intersection of Route 42 and North Street. He believes that if the Village were to fund the entire project, ODOT may approve the light installation. Mr. Lauffer asked why ODOT may not approve the light as he feels it is a priority. Chief Copeland stated that ODOT has suggested that traffic light sometimes causes more accidents. Chief Copeland was asked to contact ODOT and see if this was a possibility.

### **Financial Director Report**

None

### **Law Report**

None

### **New Business**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve donating \$2,000 to the American Legion for the Fourth of July fireworks and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

At this time, the notice to legislative authorities to raise objections to renewal of current holders of liquor permits from the Ohio Department of Commerce was discussed. Chief Copeland stated that this is done yearly and there are no reasons that he is aware of to request a hearing. Since no objections were raised, Mr. Forbes stated that no action was required.

## **Legislation**

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

#### **Ordinance No. 2021-018**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Epanel Plus, Ltd. in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,873 for the South Main Street Maintenance Storage Facility Improvement Project and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule of Ordinance 2021-018 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-018 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Lauffer

Mr. Lauffer wanted to ensure Epanel Plus would get the funds quickly so supplies can be ordered before prices further increase. Chief Copeland explained that the company would get draws in order to purchase supplies.

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

#### **Ordinance No. 2021-019**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Wessler Engineering in an Amount not to Exceed \$10,550 for Electrical Evaluation and Ohio EPA Well Capacity Approval Plan for Wells 6 and 7 and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule of Ordinance 2021-019 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Dedden

#### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-019 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance 2021-017**

Amending the Rules of Council

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-017 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance No. 2021-015**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with PCI Services and Declaring an Emergency

There was no action taken o tabled Ordinance No. 2021-015.

**Executive Session**

None

Ms. Dedden made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. and was seconded by Mrs. Miller. All were in favor.

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council