

Village of Waynesville
Public Works Meeting
August 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Committee Members Present:

Mr Gallagher, Mrs. Miller Mr Blankenship

Staff Present:

Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

Guests Present:

Mayor Isaacs, Ned Denlinger, Michael Zeiher, Jim Prickett, Taylor Bishop, Connor Davis, Jody Davis, Andy Ray

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. No minutes were available to approve.

The Waynesville Community Church is asking for a waiver of fees for a bigger meter. They do not have sufficient pressure for Sunday morning usage. They paid the original fee but will be charged the difference between the original meter and the larger meter. Chief said that the church does a lot for the community such as being a polling place and the evacuation location for the schools and should be considered. Mrs Miller stated that council must be careful not to set a precedent they cannot continue with when other organizations ask. Mr Gallagher asked what was the church's timeline. Mr Denlinger said the church has a leak they have not repaired because they are waiting on the result of this request. Mr Prickett said the church is not a new business and will not be drawing any more water than before, just at a higher pressure. Chief Copeland reminded everyone that some of the fee goes to capital improvements. Mr

Gallagher requested we table this issue until he can talk to the Law Director to see if he needs to recuse himself from the discussion due to his employment situation.

Warren County Water Department is asking for forgiveness of a large water bill. There was a very large leak discovered. They are asking for credit based on historic usage of 250,000 gallons during that period. They calculate the amount requested to be forgiven to be \$9058.32. Mr Gallagher inquired what the current water rate is. It is \$4.14 per Kgal. Chief Copeland said he talked to Warren County water staff about the situation and the staff said they were “chewed out” for the flood. However the Warren County staff present say it didn’t take long and could not have been detected. Mr Gallagher asked if there was insurance and the answer was yes, with a \$100,000 deductible. Warren County Water Department would like to work with us, however Chief Copeland pointed out that Warren County Water would not mark lines on Franklin Rd when requested and it cost the Village a lot of money in change orders. Mr. Davis explained that he is in charge of those requests and never heard anything about it. Mr. Gallagher asked about the piping and Mr Davis said it was replaced with PVC but the whole line could not be replaced because it goes under Rt 42. Mr Davis also said there have been multiple leaks before and they have never asked for forgiveness. Ms. Morley said the leak indicator always goes off in summer so it is harder to detect an actual leak. There is no alarm system in the basement of the building. They are still working on updating since the turnover of the plant from the Village to Warren County and it has been very expensive. Mr. Blankenship suggested there be a quarterly meeting to discuss issues and stay on top of them. The issue was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51.