

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022 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 Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

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

Roll Call – 7 present

Mayor Acknowledgements

The Streets Department did a good job on the streets this past snowstorm and would like to thank them for the good job.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on January 3, 2022 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Mayor Isaacs and Chief Copeland presented Reserve Officer, Jim Walker, the award for Officer of the Year for 2021. Officer Walker has been with the Waynesville Police Department since 2013 and served as the School Resource Officer for one year. He has been a great addition to the force.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet on January 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The Committee will have a short business meeting followed by Ms. Crockett conducting a mini training session on Village finances and how to read monthly reports. It is recommended that all Council members attend. The public is welcome to join.

Public Works Report

Public Works will meet February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to go over ongoing and future Village projects. The public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

Historic Preservation Board met this evening with Keith Alexander to review the status of three properties. The Board wanted to ensure Mr. Alexander was going to proceed with the updates and changes to the properties approved by the Board. Mr. Alexander was given deadlines and the Board will meet again soon to review the status.

MOMS met with a supplier to consider new lighting for Main Street. The initial quote was 5.4K per light post without installation. The Committee will need to look into other alternatives and get other quotes.

Village Manager Report

- Dug Rite has completed the sidewalk project on Franklin Road and will return in the spring for restoration work and plant grass.
- Provided a copy of the letter sent to the County Commissioners to thank them for the grant to pay for the Franklin sidewalk.
- One Stop Signs is moving forward with constructing the electronic sign for the Government Building. The sign will match the brick and stonework of the building.
- Should be presenting ordinances at the next meeting for OPWC PY 37 applications for both Franklin (Lytle to Route 42) and

Third Street (High Street to Franklin). Applying for both these projects for 2023 since the Village was just below the point line for 2022. Choice One will prepare the plans before applying for the grants in June. This will score an extra two points and cost about 30K.

- Provided a picture of the Streets Department taking down the Christmas wreaths.
- Cancelled the lease with Stingley Farms because of plans to put a new wellhead across the Mill Race on this parcel of land. Met with Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor, to discuss the CAUV recoupment fee of 20K and applied for an exemption.
- Met with Greg Hennecke, Risk Management Representative for Ohio Plan. He provided a letter stating everything was good and has no recommendations at this time.
- Maintenance Department cleaned out the culvert by Route 42 and the retaining wall. Spoke with Tom Bensman, part owner of Stone House and he said they would help manage maintaining the overgrowth in the spring.
- Met with Legend Web Works to go over the new website. It is looking good and should launch on March 9. Please provide a bio to Jamie if you have not done so already.
- Ordinance on tonight's agenda to approve the Village to participate in the purchasing program for salt with Warren County for next year.
- Most of the electric boxes have been removed from Main Street. The electrician forgot six and should return to take those down soon. The Chamber responded immediately to Mr. Forbes's letter.
- Provided a picture of the newly sworn in Council members. Congratulations to Ms. Dedden, Mr. Blankenship, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Lauffer.

Police Report

- Provided Dispatched Calls for Service, Mayor's Court, and Code Enforcement reports for December along with yearend reports.
- Officer Walker has been awarded Officer of the Year for 2021.
- Provided a picture of Corporal Morris driving around the Village with a light up Grinch in the back of his cruiser.

Ms. Dedden asked how Chief Copeland would like Council Members to handle code violation complaints made directly to them. Chief Copeland asked that they just email the complaints to him, and he will inform Sgt. Denlinger.

At this time, Mr. Blankenship had to leave the meeting.

Chief Copeland clarified that PY 36 was for 2022 and the Village only scored a 62. All projects scoring a 63 or better were approved. Having Choice One complete the plans will give the Village 66 points for both Franklin and Third Street. This will be two separate projects. Planning on two projects for 2023 since the Village was not approved for 2022. For both projects, the State will contribute 1.1 million and the Village will need to contribute 790K. Not only will the water lines be replaced and streets repaved; but also storm sewer lines will be repaired and replaced. When the storm water lines were originally done on Franklin Road, it did not account for all the storm water produced from Thatcher Hill or the new schools and larger parking lots or the new fire department. All that pavement and rooftops create a lot more storm water going down the hill.

Mr. Colvin asked how the new Magistrate was working out for Mayor's Court. Chief Copeland responded that he does a great job and is much better at holding defendants accountable. Mr. Colvin asked if the Magistrate's contract needed to be renewed. Chief Copeland will look at the contract.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

- Mr. Forbes stated he will not be at the next meeting as he has a conflict.

New Business

None

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-001

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Warren County Engineer's Office for Purchase of Road Salt and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-001 and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-001 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

All were in favor to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Date: 1/18/2022

Jamie Morley
Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council