

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship
Mr. Chris Colvin
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mayor Earl Isaacs

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, March 20, 2023.

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to excuse Mayor Isaacs from tonight’s Council meeting and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 years

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Mayor Acknowledgements

None

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mr. Colvin asked that the word elaboration in the last paragraph on page five be changed to clarification.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the Council meeting on March 6, 2023, and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

None

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Old Business

Ms. Dedden asked members of Council if they have had time to review the “Rules of Council” and if anyone had any suggested changes or updates. There was some discussion on updating how meetings are publicized, but because the Charter dictates this, no action was taken. To change where and how meetings are publized, the Charter would need to be amended.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to accept the current “Rules of Council” and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

Public Works Report

Public Works will meet on April 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

The Parks and Rec Board meet this evening and discussed the Village-owned property at 577 High Street. There is an interested party wanting to purchase this property. The Board recommends having Mr. Forbes draw up the necessary paperwork to sell the property. The

Board is also considering purchasing a section of the Michener property for a future park. The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- The Water Department conducted two tests on the Village's water. This is in addition to the monthly testing. The results from the first independent test from ETR show the Village's water has no traces of vinyl chloride which was the contaminate at the East Palestine, Ohio spill. Still waiting for the results from the EPA test.
- The concrete pad for the permanent fuel tanks was poured. Plan to purchase 1,000-gallon, double-lined tanks to be able to competitively bid fuel prices. Currently, the staff is using about 450 gallons of gasoline and 100 gallons of diesel a month. The pad was pre-plumbed for electricity and an emergency shut-off.
- Continuing clean up at the Government Center by spraying weeds, tearing out bushes, and replacing rocks.
- Sent a letter to the Ohio Tax Examiner to apply for property tax exemption for the Bowman Property. This used to be leased out and was taxed because the Village was earning money on this property. Now that the land will be used for a new well, the lease was canceled to keep fertilizers from seeping into the aquifer.
- Provided a copy of the City of Piqua's water and sewer rate analysis. The Village rates were well below average. Not only does the Village provide great water, but it does so at a lower cost.
- Water Department is continuing improvements to the water system by painting the disinfectant facility.
- Provided the cyber liability options from Karie Novesl of Hylant Insurance.
- The Waynesville High School Career Fair will be on April 6th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wayne Township will be hosting a tire recycling rally on April 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Wayne Township Street Department.

Police Report

- Northern Southern is providing training on emergency response for a train derailment. A flyer has been provided for review.
- An ordinance has been provided for more class action opioid settlements. Also, had to reregister the Village for the One Ohio settlement. The original company hired to handle the settlement decided it was too much, so Brown Greer PLC is now in charge of disbursements.

Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure there will be a fuel filter after the pump. Chief Copeland responded that everything will be up to code including an emergency kill switch.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

- There is a resolution to add to the agenda tonight for the Village to join another opioid settlement. This resolution is a blanket, so if there are other opioid settlements, the Village Manager has Council’s permission to enter the settlement. This resolution will cover this settlement and any future opioid settlement opportunities for the Village.

Mr. Lauffer asked how long the resolution grants this permission to the Village Manager. Mr. Forbes responded it is good until Council revokes the permission. Chief Copeland stated he believes the settlements will not go beyond a couple years. Mr. Lauffer asked how Council will ensure that the Village Manager is following through. Mr. Forbes explained that this ordinance does not ensure anything, it only gives the Village Manager permission to enter into this settlement and any future settlements.

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New Business

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-013 as an emergency and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 2023-013

A Resolution to Accept the Terms of National Opioid Settlements and Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute Any and All Related Documents and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2023-013 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-013 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

None

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All were in favor to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council