

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes April 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Mr. Troy Lauffer

Village Staff Present: Jeffery Forbes, 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, April 7, 2025.*

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Colvin motioned to excuse Mr. Lauffer from tonight's meeting, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion - Colvin
Second - Gallagher

Roll Call - 6 yeas

Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs said the Franklin Road Phase II project looks good. He added that with all the rain, Waynesville has a new water park, but the water is finally starting to recede. He likes how the community is coming to get things done.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitors Comments

None

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee's next meeting will be April 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening to review the status of ongoing projects. The committee will next meet on May 5th, 2025, at 6 p.m. to discuss the Village's infrastructure and projects. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Village's ongoing and future projects.

Special Committee Report

MOMS Committee met this evening and focused on replacing the trees on Main Street. The importance of selecting the proper trees that will not harm the infrastructure was stressed. The Committee also discussed the Village setting aside funds for new lampposts, electrical work, and concrete work to be done in the future. The Committee will have a follow-up meeting on April 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- The change order for the traffic light project at Route 42 and Corwin has been approved. The Village has received the first check for \$128,215 from the County CVT funds and has been approved for an additional 91K towards the project. The project should begin in May.
- SmithCorp has been placing new valves at the intersection of Franklin and Lytle. This will help during water breaks to limit the number of residents affected. The work at the intersection should be completed next week, and then SmithCorp will begin working on the storm drains.
- Chief Copeland has entered the Village into a PFAS class action lawsuit. He said he was not sure if the Village would receive a settlement since only Well 10 is affected and is not officially part of the system.
- The Maintenance Department is painting the Police Department side of the building during the rainy season.

- The Piqua Annual Rate Comparison has been provided for review. The survey shows that the village's rates are very competitive.
- A new street compactor has been received. The old one was not working correctly.
- Photos of Mayor Isaacs and Chief Copeland attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Clearcreek Fire Department have been provided.
- A flyer providing information on the Lost Survivor Support Group has been provided.
- The MOMS Committee meeting went well.
- Chief Copeland and Mayor Isaacs attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new shop downtown, the Lewis Community Mercantile. This is a great addition to the community.

Police Report

- The March dispatched calls for service, Mayor's Court end of month, and code enforcement reports have been provided for review. There are several pending citations concerning code violations for the Hammel House.
- The Ford Taurus sold on govdeals.com for \$3,900.
- The Police Department qualified for the bulletproof vest grant, which covers 75% of the price. The grant will pay \$11,337, and the Village will need to match \$3,709.
- First Baptist Church donated Law Enforcement Bibles to the officers. It was appreciated.

Mrs. Miller expressed her appreciation for Chief Copeland's care of the officers and the purchase of new vests, stressing their importance for their safety. Chief Copeland agreed with her and is hoping to use the leftover funds appropriated to purchase new tasers, which are important pieces of equipment for officers to use to de-escalate situations.

Financial Director Report

- Representative Adam Mathews has agreed to attend the May 5th Council meeting to discuss HB 28.
- Ms. Morley asked for Council to approve her to put the 19 AES accounts on autopay. She explained that there have been problems receiving the invoices in a timely manner due to AES's new billing system and with the postal system not being as reliable.
- Ms. Morley stated she has enrolled in a free Fiscal Officer Bootcamp that will help her better understand and set utility rates by creating a financial proforma.

Mrs. Miller moved that the Finance Director put the AES bills on autopay, and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Law Report

None

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New Business

None

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2025-009

Authorizing a Health Insurance Plan for Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin moved to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance No. 2025-009, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Colvin stated that Mr. Hough of Wade Insurance proposed several employee insurance options. There were slightly less expensive options, but the Finance Committee decided to remain with the current insurance plan to help further with employee retention. He asked the Finance Director if she had anything else to add. Ms. Morley agreed with Mr. Colvin that the savings to go with another plan were minimal and not worth the upheaval for employees to change policies.

Mr. Colvin moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-009 as an emergency, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

None

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council