

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship  
Mr. Chris Colvin  
Ms. Joette Dedden  
Mr. Zack Gallagher  
Mayor Earl Isaacs  
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, June 5, 2023.*

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

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**Mayor Acknowledgements**

There are lots of things going on in town and lots of projects getting done. July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Fourth of July Parade.

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**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Special Council meeting on May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. as corrected, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., 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 Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works met this evening to discuss ongoing projects. The next meeting will be on July 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

**Special Committee Reports**

None

**Village Manager Report**

- Fed Excavating has begun work on the 2,000-foot stone road to Well 10. Hoping this will be completed by the end of the week. Once this is completed, Moody should be able to get to work digging Well 10. The surveyor is working on getting the easement in place for the water line from Well 10.
- Staff is continuing the GIS mapping for the water system. Hoping this will be completed by the end of summer.
- At the last meeting Council approved to sell the property at 577 High Street. There is an ordinance with an offer on this property for \$15, 250.
- Council was emailed information on the signed gas aggregate. It is an opt-out program and will offer residents the cost of \$.569 CCF.

- Provided photographs of Wayne Local School's sixth-grade class time capsule celebration on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This was attended by me, Mayor Isaacs, Mr. Blankenship, and former Mayor Stubbs.
- Tonight, Council will have the second reading for the micro surfacing project for Village streets. I would like to see this amended as an emergency as the company is projecting beginning work in three weeks.
- Brian Keith and Stephen Koontz of the Water Department used a borescope to check the status of the storm drains for the OPWC projects on Third Street and Franklin. Many of them were in fairly good condition and should help save money on the project.
- The Maintenance Department poured a concrete slab for the dumpster to be placed.
- Ordinance 2023-025 on tonight's agenda allows the Village Manager to submit the final application for OPWC Franklin Phase II. The Village is committing to match 41% of the funds for the project, which is \$531,056. The State will pick up the remaining 59%.
- There is an ordinance for the 2024 Tax Budget.
- Received a complaint about the trees on Main Street being overgrown and encroaching on the sidewalks. The Maintenance Department trimmed them up.
- An application has been submitted to rezone 407 High Street, the Friend's Meeting Hall. The Planning Commission had a public hearing and has made the recommendation to Council to approve the rezoning of this property from R4 (Residential) to SO (Suburban Office).
- Rob Ramby has asked the Council for donations towards the Legion's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display.
- Provided an invite for Simple Roots ribbon cutting at 819 Corwin Ave..

## **Police Report**

- May Dispatched Calls for Service and Mayor's Court Month End Report have been provided along with the Code Enforcer's monthly report.
- Thank you notes to Dominos, Warren County Dispatch, Ed and Donna Bellman, and Smoking BBQ have been sent for their donations during Police Memorial Week.
- Attended the Police Memorial Service at Warren County on May 15. It was a very nice service.

Mrs. Miller asked what time the Simple Roots ribbon cutting will be, as she has received conflicting times for the event. Chief Copeland said he will check and get back to her on the time.

**Financial Director Report**

None

**Law Report**

None

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**New Business**

Mayor Issacs called for a Public Hearing of Council to consider an ordinance to rezone 407 High Street from R4 (residential) to SO (Suburban Office). The date was set for July 17, 2023 to ensure adequate time to advertise and send out certified letters to adjoining properties. Mr. Lauffer asked why the property owner was seeking rezoning of the property. Ms. Dedden responded that the property is currently zoned R4. The new owner would like to continue to use the property as it has always been used as a meeting hall with two apartments in the back. The SO zoning would be a more appropriate zoning for this use.

Ms. Dedden stated she has two items to be considered under New Business. First, July 3 falls on Monday followed by the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Ms. Dedden said she would like Council to consider giving the employees July 3<sup>rd</sup> off and let them have a long weekend. Second, Ms. Dedden suggested Council consider canceling the meetings scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, so Council can also enjoy a long weekend themselves.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the police would get the day off. Chief Copeland explained that those individuals required to work on the day will get a floating holiday to be used at a later date.

Mr. Colvin asked Mr. Forbes if Council could cancel a meeting or if this is in violation of the Charter. Mr. Forbes stated that canceling the meeting tonight would give the public almost thirty days notice and is Council’s prerogative.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to give Village employees Monday, July 3rd, 2023 off and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to cancel the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

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**Legislation**

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 2023-024**

A Resolution Approving the 2024 Annual Tax Budget for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading for Resolution 2023-024 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Resolution 2023-025**

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2023-025 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Dedden

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-025 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Resolution 2023-026**

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Multijurisdictional Agreement with Wayne Township Related to the Franklin Road Water Main and Street Improvements, Phase 2 and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2023-026 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-026 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance No. 2023-027**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Purchase Contract with Erich Schubert for the Sale of 577 High Street and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-027 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-027 as an emergency and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance No. 2023-022**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Buckeye Power Sales for the Maintenance of Generators at the Covey Station and Government Building

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-022 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

Mr. Lauffer asked if this was the same company the Village has used in the past. Chief Copeland stated it was.

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Ordinance No. 2023-023**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$100,000 for the 2023 Micro Surfacing Project

Ms. Dedden made a motion to amend Ordinance 2023-023 to add as an emergency and add the emergency clause language and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Lauffer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-023 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Lauffer  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

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**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

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**Executive Session**

None

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Mr. Colvin stated that Chief Copeland had asked if the Village would like to donate to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks in his Village Manager’s report.

Ms. Dedden made the motion to donate \$2,000 to the American Legion Firework Display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Colvin

Mr. Gallagher asked if Council would consider donating more towards the fireworks as prices have increased. Mr. Lauffer added that he would be inclined as he believes the whole Village benefits from the festivities. Chief Copeland stated that when he spoke with Mr. Ramby, he seemed happy with the \$2K donation and maybe Council would like to consider donating to the entertainment at the festival.

**Ms. Dedden rescinded her motion and Mr. Colvin rescinded his second.**

Ms. Dedden made the motion to donate \$2,500 to the American Legion Firework Display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

All were in favor of adjourning at 7:45 pm.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council