

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 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, July 17, 2023.

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

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Public Hearing of Council

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Isaacs opened the public hearing for rezoning 407 High Street from Residential (R-4) to Suburban Office (SO). Ms. Gabbard, 8592 Stockholm Court, stated she was the property's new owner. She is seeking rezoning to continue using the property as it has been used as a meeting hall for the Friend’s Church and two apartments. Ms. Gabbard stated that in the future, she would like to offer it to other small groups within the community. Jannette Rockwell, 323 Christina, introduced herself to Council as the co-clerk for the Miami Monthly Meeting. She was at tonight’s meeting to support Ms. Gabbard’s request to rezone the property. This will allow the organization to continue to use the building as it has in the past for Christmas parties and covered dish get-togethers. With no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor Acknowledgements

It was a very nice weekend downtown with the Saturday Stroll. A nice crowd turned out and they looked like they all had a good time.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on June 20, 2023, and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Joanne Powell, 6507 Anvil Drive, approached Council to discuss the possibility of having a community pool. She stated she loves the community and believes a pool would benefit all of the community. Currently, the local swim team, the Blue Dolphins, must travel to Five Seasons to practice and she believes the high school team travels to the University of Dayton to practice. She is asking if a committee could be formed to research the possibilities for a community pool. Ms. Powell listed several reasons why she believes a pool would benefit the community:

- 1) Offer a place for local swim teams to have practices and meets.
- 2) Strengthen community bonds.
- 3) Add to community values.
- 4) Social cohesiveness.
- 5) Place for friends and family to come together.
- 6) Place for community members to exercise.

Mrs. Miller stated she understands the desire for a pool, but the Village is not able to fund this project. Ms. Dedden agreed with Mrs. Miller and added that not only is there the expense to build a pool, but the expense continues with maintaining and staffing a public pool. Mayor Isaacs added that there was once a public pool, but it was privately run, and the land now belongs to Harvest Baptist Church. He is not sure if there is any property within the Village that would support such a venture. Chief Copeland asked if Ms. Powell had spoken to Wayne Local Schools or the Township and got their input. Ms. Powell said that this Council meeting was her first stop to see how to get this idea of a public pool moving. Mr. Colvin stated that he believes that this would fall under the umbrella of the Parks and Recreation Committee and would be willing to place the idea on the agenda at the next meeting. Mr. Gallagher added he appreciates Ms. Powell’s efforts and believes the next step would be to speak with Wayne Local Schools and the Township to get their input.

Ms. Dedden asked Mr. Forbes if he represents any communities that have public pools. Mr. Forbes stated that he does. One community is much larger and would not be a good comparison, but the other is a similarly sized Village and it is a struggle to pay for the maintenance and staffing for the pool. He stated that membership fees do not pay for everything and either a levy will need to be passed to pay for the upkeep of the pool or it will need to come out of the general fund.

Council thanked Ms. Powell for her time and Mr. Colvin stated he will be in touch with her about the next Parks and Rec meeting.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Public Works Report

The next Public Works meeting will be on August 7 and the public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Village’s infrastructure.

Special Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee will be scheduled soon.

Village Manager Report

- The Independence Day parade on July 1 was a success. It was great to see Council members and civic groups participate. Everyone seems to have a great time. Luckily the rain stopped just in time for the parade to start.
- In 2021 applied for a BUILDS Grant. Recently the Village was approved for 500K for the Third Street repaving and water replacement project. With the OPWC and the BUILDS Grant, Village taxpayers will pay little to nothing for this project.
- Bids for the OPWC Franklin Phase I Project were opened last week and came in slightly under projection. This will repave

and replace water lines on Franklin Road from Route 42 to Old Stage. The next OPWC grant application will be for Franklin from Old Stage to Lytle.

- Due to the East Palestine train derailment, the public expressed concern about the quality of the Village's drinking water. The Village's water supply is taken from an aquifer, therefore there is little opportunity for contaminants. But to ease the minds of the public the Village conducted two tests. First was an EPA test to test for PFAS (forever chemicals) and that came back well under the acceptable limits. The second test was done at an independent lab to test for VOCs and other possible contaminants. The samples came back well under acceptable limits. The Village's water is very good, clean water.
- The Water Department repaired a valve on Main Street live, so the water was not shut off in the midafternoon.
- Greg and Brian have been using the new paint sprayer around town to paint curbs.
- Working on contacting Steve from Harvest Baptist Church to have him sign the water line easement for Well 10.
- Moody should start next week to dig Well 10. They will also be subcontracting out laying the waterline from Well 10 to connect to the waterline from Wells 7 & 8. This will go 8-10 feet under the Mill Race and will not disrupt the Mill Race. Once Well 10 is established, it should be the best-producing well as samples suggested it will produce 400 GPM.
- The meters at the water distribution station were not reading properly, therefore the Water Department changed them out.
- Recently micro-surfaced 16 streets throughout the Village. This is not a mill and fill but rather a protective, composite layer put over the streets to help preserve the life of the current street. The rough surface will smooth out over time.
- Ordinance on tonight's agenda to accept the bid for Third Street in line with Choice One Engineering's recommendation.
- Provided a letter from Jerry Hoffman on his intent to move forward with filling in the land at the corner of Route 73 and 42.
- Staff have used the HydroVac to clean out several storm drains throughout the Village. This machine is multipurpose and not just used as a valve exerciser.
- Provided a letter from Archer Energy for the gas aggregate. Residents should be receiving letters and will automatically be enrolled in the aggregate to receive the price of .5699 per CCF unless they choose to opt out of the program.

Police Report

- June Dispatch Calls for Service and the Mayor’s Court End of Month Report have been provided for review.
- The Bike Rodeo during the July Fourth festivities was a huge success. The Officers handed out over 90 bicycle helmets that were donated by Dayton Children’s Hospital.
- Sgt. Denlinger’s Code Enforcement Report has been provided.
- Officers handed out Waynesville Police Department stickers during the fireworks. Community members were happy to see the Officers walking around during the festival.
- Firearm qualifications for Officers will be on August 20th. Plan on providing lunch for the Officers.
- A huge thank you to the staff and Council for making the July Fourth events a success.

Ms. Dedden said she spoke with Village resident, Linda Hoppe. Ms. Hoppe wanted to relay her thanks to the Street Department for their prompt response to her request to remove gravel from the bottom of the High Street hill.

Financial Director Report

None

Law Report

- Council will be considering two ordinances for Charter amendments to be placed on the November ballot. This does not need to be an emergency as there is plenty of time to get this to the Board of Elections if adopted at the next meeting. Because these are issues to be placed on the ballot, they go into effect immediately.
- There is also an ordinance on the agenda to approve a water line easement with Harvest Baptist Church. Legal descriptions in the exhibits will need to be cleaned up but should be fine to have the first reading of this ordinance.

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New Business

None

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2023 - 029

Amending The Zoning Code and Zoning Map of the Village of Waynesville, Ohio to Provide for The Rezoning of Certain Property Identified as 407 High Street from Medium Density Residential (R-4) to Suburban Office (SO)

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-029 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-30

Directing the Warren County Board of Elections to Submit to the Electors of the Village of Waynesville, Ohio, at the November 7, 2023, General Election, a Charter Revision to the Village Charter (Various Provisions)

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-030 and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-031

Directing the Warren County Board of Elections to Submit to the Electors of the Village of Waynesville, Ohio, at the November 7, 2023, General Election, a Charter Amendment to Section 3.07(A) of the Village Charter (Council Meeting Frequency)

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-031 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-032

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Smithcorp, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$925,171.40 for the 3rd Street Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing Project

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-032 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-033

Accepting a Utility Easement for a Water Line on the Harvest Baptist Church Property and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to have the first-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-033 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 7 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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Mr. Colvin asked if Mr. Forbes had reviewed the letter provided by Mr. Hoffman about filling in the land at the corner of Route 73 and 42. Mr. Forbes stated that the letter basically says he does not need to obtain any special permits from the Army Corp of Engineers to fill the area. Mr. Hoffman will still have to obtain all federal, state, and local permit requirements to do this. Chief Copeland added that Mr. Hoffman had an engineer study by STANTEC, which was presented to FEMA, and they okayed filling in that area of land. Mr. Lauffer said that by filling in 2 acres, the flooding will have to go somewhere. Chief Copeland said that the research indicated that the floodplain area was so large that it would only raise the flood levels by 1/8 to 1/16 of an inch. He also added that he did not believe ODOT would approve an egress or ingress for that property onto Route 42 or 73.

All were in favor of adjourning at 8:02 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council