

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin

Village Staff Present: Jeff 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, August 4, 2025.*

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mayor Isaacs motioned to excuse Mr. Colvin from tonight’s meeting, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Isaacs
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

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Mayor Acknowledgements

Mayor Isaacs said the Village is looking good. He said that the Franklin project is a bit slower than expected, but the residents' patience will pay off when the new road is finished and looks great.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller motioned to approve the July 7, 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/Visitor's Comments

Diane Colvin, 4337 Wayne Township Road, stated she is a Wayne Township Trustee and is addressing the Council about the old Michener property. She requested that the Council not pursue annexation of the property that way; if developed, it would be divided into two-acre lots as per Wayne Township zoning codes. She mentioned that residents do not want new houses, and the school is at capacity. Additionally, she added that she is running for re-election and would appreciate the Council's support. Mrs. Miller asked if Ms. Colvin had a stronger reason for opposing growth beyond her personal preference. Ms. Colvin clarified that she is not anti-growth but prefers fewer houses and believes this reflects the opinion of most residents. Mrs. Miller stated that she believes growth is inevitable and would like to see it develop on the Village's terms. She also said it would be beneficial to consider the proposals being presented. Mr. Lauffer added that he wants the Village to control growth. While they cannot stop growth, he favors developing property with lots no smaller than half an acre. Ms. Colvin noted studies showing that households contribute \$1.00 in taxes for every \$1.20 spent on services. Mrs. Miller invited Ms. Colvin to attend any meetings where the property is discussed to see what ideas are being proposed.

Jeff Patton, 1064 Camp Creek, stated he is a long-time resident. He explained that he believes everyone has the right to their investments, and he does not think the gentleman paid \$18K an acre to farm the Michner property. He added that Clearcreek Township did not consider Wayne Local Schools when they approved the Winding Creek Development, which brought the school district to capacity. He would like to see a development that reduces the tax burden on all the other residents. He also mentioned that he believes no one wants to see growth once their house is built, but it is inevitable. He added that he disagreed with the Township when they eliminated the PUD District.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet August 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Report

Public Works Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Special Committee Report

MOMS Committee will meet on August 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Village Manager Report

- Chief Copeland thanked Ms. Colvin for Wayne Township's collaboration on the OPWC grant projects. This collaboration provides the Village with much-needed points to secure the grants.
- The bid process for PY 39 occurred on July 8th. This project will replace the storm sewer, waterlines, and repave Fourth Street. SmithCorp submitted the lowest bid, which was below the estimate. They did a good job on Franklin Phase II. An ordinance to award the project to them is on tonight's agenda as an emergency. If adopted as an emergency, they can begin ordering materials and may start right away, as they already have their equipment on site.
- There is also an ordinance to apply for OPWC PY 40. This project aims to replace the waterlines and storm sewers and to repave Fifth and Sixth Streets, along with part of Chapman. It should replace all the older waterlines in the Village, and potential lead lines should no longer be a concern. An ordinance to enter into a contract with Choice One to complete the preconstruction plans is also included. This will help the Village earn additional points to qualify for the grant.
- Well 8 was producing less than 300 GPM (Gallons Per Minute). Moody's replaced the screen, cleaned the motor, and performed a sonic blast to open up the well. The well is now producing 496 GPM. This is a 60% increase. Well 10 is still under construction.
- Chief Copeland submitted the Village to participate in another class action opioid lawsuit.
- SmithCorp is progressing on OPWC Franklin Phase II. Several full-depth repairs were necessary on the street before repaving. The vault door has been replaced from aluminum to cast iron. This was an engineering mistake, as an aluminum door should never have been ordered for the roadway. Choice One has agreed to pay the difference since their engineering plans specified the wrong material.
- The Village is responsible for maintaining the area in front of the retaining wall on Route 42. Mr. Purdum used to handle this, but since

he stepped back from the business, it has been neglected. The Village used state Highway funds to have MBI clean up the area, and the Maintenance Department will now be able to keep it maintained.

- Chief Copeland met with a couple of representatives from Kelchner to get a quote to put in the bollards downtown. These would be used during festivals to block the streets and protect individuals. Chief Copeland stated he would like to research possible safety grants to help offset the cost.
- Public Works Department helped clean up the streets from all the candy during the parade. He suggested that next year, running the street vacuum right after the parade could help avoid the sticky mess, or possibly hiring a commercial street sweeper.
- Chief Copeland congratulated Mayor Isaacs for being selected as Grand Marshall for the 4th of July Parade.

Police Report

- July's Calls for Service and Mayor's Court month-end reports have been submitted for review. The Code enforcement report has also been provided for review.
- Range qualification has been scheduled, and Stubbs Conner has kindly agreed to provide lunch for the officers during the qualification.
- Photographs of the 4th of July parade and fireworks celebration have been provided for review.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to accept the luncheon gift provided to the officers by Stubbs Conner during range qualifications, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller

Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Financial Director Report

- The month of June has been reconciled, and reports have been submitted for review.
- Ms. Morley mentioned that one of the ODWA loans has been fully paid off. There is still another loan that will be paid in full by 2029. There is a remaining balance of \$40,000. She explained that paying it off early isn't worth it because the Village would still need to pay all the interest, so there's no benefit to paying it off now.
- The Village's website has been updated to include WMA's new brochure and map.

- Ms. Morley stated that the audit is wrapping up, and she hopes to report at the next meeting that it has been completed.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the Village has received an invoice from the Township for the tire recycling event. Ms. Morley responded that she had not heard or received anything. She stated that Ms. Colvin might have more information. Ms. Colvin stated that Rumpke has misbilled the Township, and they are working on rectifying the issue.

Law Report

None

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New Business

Consideration of a hearing for the transfer of the liquor license to the new owners of Hometown Market. There was no request for a hearing, as Chief Copeland stated there have been no issues.

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2025-021

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Smithcorp, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,158,630 for the Fourth Street Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing Project and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-021, and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Miller

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-021 as an emergency, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher

Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2025-022

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

Mrs. Miller motioned for the first reading of Ordinance 2025-022, and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Ordinance No. 2025-023

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Choice One Engineering for Professional Services Related to the Fifth Street & Sixth Street Water Main Replacement & Resurfacing Project and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Anthony made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-023, and Mrs. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Anthony
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-023 as an emergency, and Mr. Anthony seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Anthony

Roll Call – 6 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

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Executive Session

None

All were in favor of adjournment at 7:37 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council