

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs  
Mr. Brian Blankenship  
Mr. Chris Colvin  
Ms. Joette Dedden  
Mr. Zack Gallagher  
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, October 3, 2022.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

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**Mayor Acknowledgements**

The streets have been resurfaced and the light poles on Main Street have been repainted. Everything looks great. Council and the Village Manager have done a fantastic job.

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**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meetings on September 19, 2022 and September 22, 2022 as written and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 years**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments**

Scott Teeters, a representative of AES, 1900 Dryden Road, addressed Council about AES’s plans to update electric meters with smart read meters. He wanted to make Council aware of these updates as AES will be airing commercials about the program starting in November. The smart meters will help deliver better service by creating a self-healing system. The system will be able to isolate an outage by opening and closing circuits to ensure the least number of customers are affected. The meters will automatically notify AES of outages, promoting a more efficient system. Currently, AES relies on customers reporting outages, and sometimes when an issue has been resolved AES will deploy trucks; the smart meters will prevent sending crews to issues already fixed.

Mr. Colvin asked if the smart meters would create a privacy issue or provide individuals with patterned behavior, potentially aiding in break-ins. Mr. Teeter answered that the system is encrypted, and AES will offer an opt-out program with an additional fee. He also stated that the installation of the smart meters will take several years to complete. Currently, AES is concentrating on installation in more populated areas. Mr. Teeter will let Council know when the Waynesville area is scheduled to have the new meters installed.

Mr. Colvin also asked if the hardware/software for the new meters is coming from foreign sources. Mr. Teeters was not sure of the answer and would have to get back to Council with that answer. He also added that he is sure there are components in place to help safeguard the system. Mr. Gallagher stated that there is a push across all utilities to utilize smart systems.

Mrs. Miller asked if residents opt out of the smart meter will they still receive the benefit of a self-healing system? Mr. Teeters stated that yes, they will, but if they have an outage they would have to report it by calling. Mr. Gallagher asked if Mr. Teeters would provide more information about opting out of the smart meter and how much it would cost; this will allow the Village to inform the residents of the option.

Mr. Teeters added that AES is striving to improve reliability and service. On September 26, 2022 AES introduced a new electronic service plan to harden the system and provide better reliability through enhancing the distribution system, capital projects, and maintenance. He also reminded Council that AES does not produce electricity, it is only a distribution company. The increase in electric prices has nothing to do with these planned updates. AES only makes money from distribution.

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

## **Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## **Public Works Report**

Public Works met this evening and discussed ongoing projects and the next meeting is November 7 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

## **Special Committee Reports**

The Parks and Rec Committee will meet again on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. and plan to have the Village Manager look at properties that could be possible future parks.

The Personnel Committee has provided evaluations for the Village Manager and Finance Director to be completed by each Council member. The Committee asks each Council member to complete the evaluations and leave them at the Government Center or give them to Mr. Colvin. Council will have an executive session at the next meeting to discuss the evaluations.

## **Village Manager Report**

- Provided photographs of the Purple Heart Ceremony at the last meeting. The proclamation and plaque are hung in the lobby.
- Residents should be receiving a letter from Trebel about the upcoming meeting at the Government Center to explain the aggregate, which is on the November ballot.
- Continue to follow up with ODOT on the proposed light at Route 42 and North Street.
- Provided the expiring contract with Miami Valley Lighting to compare with the proposed new one.
- Provided a copy of the article to be published in the Wayne Township Magazine.
- New hires for the Village include Darren Sewell and Brian Keith. Both will be working in the water department.
- Leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin at the end of October. The schedule will be put on Facebook and the web page.
- Trick or treat is scheduled for October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## **Police Report**

- Preparing for Sauerkraut weekend. Crews will start putting up No Parking signs Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Hotbox radios will be picked from Warren County Communications. The strategic plan has been completed. Will pick up the speed

trailers to be placed on Route 42 and Route 73 to help discourage speeding during the festival.

- Thank you to Pastor John Decker and his wife Mandy from Morningstar Baptist Church for providing doughnuts.
- On September 26, Mayor Isaacs and I swore in the newest full-time officer, Michael Geyer. He will be a great addition and has already helped cover shifts and save the Village on overtime.

**Financial Director Report**

None

**Law Report**

None

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**New Business**

None

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**Legislation**

**First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance No. 2022-041**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Henry P. Thompson Company for Scada System Upgrade Services

No action was taken.

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**Executive Session**

None

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All were in favor to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

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

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council