

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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: 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, May 1, 2023.

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

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Mayor Acknowledgements

Thank you to Post #615 and the Legion Riders for cleaning up Veterans Park. Also, thanks to the Street Department for fixing the sign at Veteran's Park after the windstorm blew it over. The park looks nice.

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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 April 17, 2023, and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the Council meeting on April 17, 2023, and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

None

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Old Business

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have a Special Council meeting on May 15 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the discussion on proposed charter amendments. This motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 7 yeas

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

Public Works Report

Public Works met this evening and discussed the multitude of projects going on throughout the Village. The next meeting will be on June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Village's infrastructure.

Special Committee Reports

The Parks and Rec Board meeting scheduled for May 15, 2023 at 6 p.m. will be rescheduled as there is no new business to discuss.

Village Manager Report

- Warren County Commissioners approved legislation to allow the Village to use CVT funds on the Village's portion of the fees for the stoplight at Route 42 and North Street. The fund is currently at \$128K with a projected increase of 12K for the next three years. This should completely fund the Village's portion of the project.

- Met with George Jiménez, who is opening Mami Finas Mexican Restaurant where the Cobblestone Café used to be. They plan to open sometime in May and are hoping to place a liquor license on the ballot in November.
- The sign at Veterans Park blew over. The Street Department replaced the poles with treated lumber and got the sign back up.
- Working on getting the easement through the back of Harvest Baptist Church property for the water line for Well 10. Hired Rienke to provide the survey and maps to record the easement.
- Moody's tried to take equipment to start drilling Well 10 but got stuck. The road will need to be completed before they can start on the well.
- The ladder to the storage loft at the maintenance barn has been delivered and assembled.
- The Recycling Rally was this past weekend and was a success. The Village provided two maintenance workers to help out and an officer for the Drug Take Back Program.
- Trebel Energy has locked in a price for the Electric Aggregate at 6.83 cents per Kilowatt through Energy Harbor. They have not accepted bids for gas yet. Residents will need to opt out of the program by June 5th if they do not want to participate in the aggregate.
- Collected bids for the waterline from Well 10 to join the current line from Wells 6 and 7. There is an ordinance tonight to approve the bid from Moody for about 60K. This line will need to go under the Mill Race and includes all materials, labor, and permits. It also includes a stub for any future wells to join. Asking Council to amend this ordinance to make it an emergency to lock in the current price.
- A list has been provided of all the items listed for sale on Govdeals.com.
- Brian and Steve of the Water Department have rebuilt 16 meters by piecing together malfunctioning ones.
- There is an ordinance on tonight's agenda for the delivery of materials for the road to Well 10. The County requires a gravel road from the back of the parking lot in Bowman Park through their property. Upon inspection, it was found that the current asphalt drive through Bowman Park is compromised from all the flooding, and large semis carrying gravel would destroy it. Fed Excavating will need to dump the gravel at the wellfield and haul it in single axle dump trucks to the future road. It is estimated to take an additional 170 trips. The ordinance is for the delivery of the gravel and is for an additional 12K.
- Met with Choice One Engineering to go over the upcoming Franklin and Third Street OPWC projects. The bids should go out at the end of May and then be opened and awarded in June.

- The project start date will be dependent on when all the materials can be obtained. Many water parts are back-ordered.
- Still waiting for the cybersecurity report.

Police Report

- April Dispatch Calls for Service and Mayor's Court Month End Report will be part of the next Council report.
- April's Code Enforcement Report has been provided for review.
- The Drug Take Back Event at the Recycle Rally was a success.
- Provided a flyer for the appreciation lunch, Operation Enduring Service, for first responders on May 24.
- Attended the Chief's Conference and found it very useful.
- Hired Jim Walker for the 3rd shift on weekends after Officer Greenwood resigned. He will be a great addition to the staff.

Mrs. Miller asked if Sgt. Denlinger could remove the resolved cases from 2021 and 2022 to make the report more streamlined and easier to read. Chief Copeland stated he would relay the request. He also added that Mr. Alexander has asked for the ordinance to be changed so that he is contacted each time one of his properties is in code violation before being cited. Chief Copeland stated that Sgt. Denlinger will send out warning letters to property owners before citing them but if the property is a continuous code violator, they are cited without a warning letter.

Mayor Isaacs asked what was happening at the corner of Route 42 and North Street. Ms. Dedden explained it was to be a home inspection office with garages. She said the plans went through the Planning Commission and the owner was very receptive to making changes to have the building blend in with the aesthetics of the Village.

Financial Director Report

- There is a Public Hearing for the Planning Commission to consider a rezoning request for 407 High Street. Ms. Gabbard is requesting the property be rezoned from R-4 (Residential) to SO (Suburban Office). This property is known as the Friend's Apartments and has a large meeting hall and two apartments. Ms. Gabbard would like to continue to use the space as such and feels a SO zoning would be more appropriate for the usage. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to Council on the request. Council will then have to have a special hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation and will need to pass an ordinance for it to be rezoned.

Law Report

None

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New Business

None

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Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2023-017

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Moody’s of Dayton, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$59,997 to Connect Well #10 to the Village Water System and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to amend Ordinance 2023-017 to declare it an emergency and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-017 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-017 as an emergency and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Colvin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-018

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into Contracts the Director of Transportation which are Necessary to Develop Plans for and to Complete the US-42 and Corwin Ave/North St. Signal Project and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-018 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-018 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Resolution No. 2023 - 019

Proposing a Replacement Police Levy as Set Out in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J) to Be Submitted to the Electors

Ms. Morley explained that the current levy is based on property values from about 20 years ago when the levy was originally passed. This will bring the funding of the police with today's home values. She also added that if the replacement levy does not pass the current levy will remain in place.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to have the first reading of Resolution 2023-019 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance No. 2023-020

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Fed Excavating, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,000 for Delivery of Materials Related to the Construction of a Road to Well #10 and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-020 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-020 as an emergency and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

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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All were in favor of adjourning at 7:41 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council