

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Brian Blankenship
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mr. Zack Gallagher
Mrs. Connie Miller
Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin
Mr. Troy Lauffer

Village Staff Present: 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 6, 2022.*

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

Roll Call – 5 present

Ms. Dedden made a motion to excuse Mr. Lauffer and Mr. Colvin. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 years

Mayor Acknowledgements

Made a visit to the Veteran’s Park in Lebanon and highly recommend visiting. A huge thank you to those who helped beautify Veteran’s Park in Waynesville. New flag poles have been installed, hedges trimmed, and the gazebo power washed and painted. Recommend checking it out as it looks very nice.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on May 16, 2022 as written and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 5 years

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

David Nation, 120 Victoria Place, asked for the status of the contract to transfer the Lockup to the Friend’s Museum. Mr. Forbes stated his office is working on it. It is proving to be a little more in-depth than thought as the deed goes back to 1891 and is handwritten.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The public is welcome to join.

Public Works Report

Public Works will meet on July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ongoing and future projects. The public is welcome to join.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- Tammy Campbell, ODOT District #8 Director, arranged a meeting with Bree Hetzel and Scott Brown to discuss the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Route 42 and North Street on May 31st. ODOT did not seem to have any issues with a light being placed there but stated the Village would have to fund the project. They laid out the steps needed to get the project moving and how to present designs and obtain permits. There was also a discussion to extend the turn lanes. There is a possibility the Village may qualify for funding for that portion of the project by applying for abbreviated safety funds. The total project will most likely cost between 400K – 500K. The Village will be able to get the state bid for the lights and poles through ODOT, but that will still cost about 250K. The lane extension will cost between 200K to 250K. The next

step will be to contact Choice One and have them draw up the engineering plans and have ODOT approve the plans.

- Met with Kyle from Strawser Construction and received a quote to micro-surface all the Victoria Place neighborhood and around the water distribution station. The total for this is 29K. There is an emergency ordinance on tonight's agenda to accept this quote. This will allow both projects to be done at the same time.
- There have been many improvements to Veteran's Park, including six new flag poles installed which include the American flag and each branch of service. This was all done for \$2,100. LED lights have also been installed to illuminate the flags at night. On May 26, a flag-raising ceremony was held. Bricks can be purchased for Veterans and businesses can purchase larger bricks as a donation to the upkeep of the park. Contact Mayor Isaacs or Leroy Sandy for more information.
- 2K has been donated to the American Legion for the July 4th fireworks display to be held on July 2.
- ODOT plans to place a blinking light at the intersection of Route 73 and Old 73 as a petition has been filed. Also, at the May 31st meeting with ODOT, we discussed the possibility of dropping the speed limit to 45 MPH on Route 73 between the doctor's office and the bridge on the other side of Route 42. This will be discussed further with Choice One and Mr. Forbes.
- Met with Vic from Brown Paving and he will have crews out to fix the issues on Adamsmoor.
- Replaced two water valves on Fourth Street.
- The project to rehabilitate the lampposts on Main Street is underway. Nathan has installed four different ambers of brightness to choose from. Asking Council members to let me know which one they prefer. The painting of the posts should begin on the 13th of June.
- A big thank you to the staff for helping clean up the landscaping around the government building.
- Met with Barry from Hour House to get a status for the clock to be donated at the gazebo. He has completed the electronics for one side and should be completed soon. The staff has painted the clock and it looks nice. Will need to confer with the township on how to secure the clock to the base at the gazebo. Mike Foley would like to donate \$250 towards the repair of the clock.
- Provided photos of the new Performing Arts Building at the school. Work is coming along and looks very nice.
- The Community-Wide Garage Sale Days are June 23-26.
- Provided a flyer on the leadership float on the Miami Valley River happening on July 8 from 8:30 to 1.

- Thank you to the Council members for participating in the Public Work facility tour.

Police Report

- May's dispatch calls for service and Mayor's Court month-end reports have been provided for review.
- The Village hosted the bi-monthly Southwest Ohio Association of Mayor's Court Clerks on May 20th.
- The monthly code enforcer's report has been provided for review.
- Attended Lt. Bledsoe's STEP graduation with Mayor Isaacs in Columbus.
- Wayne Local Schools had their annual D.A.R.E. Graduation on May 18th.
- A huge thank you to all that gave treats to the police officers during Police Memorial week.

Ms. Dedden wanted to thank Sgt. Denlinger for sending letters to property owners to have the sidewalks repaired around town. Chief Copeland stated that this was in response to a letter of complaint from a resident. He also wanted to remind everyone that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mrs. Miller asked about the status of the grant application from Chabot's office for funding the stoplight at Route 42 and North Street. Chief Copeland responded that he just received notice today that the Village was not selected to receive any funds. Chief Copeland also stated he received an email from Choice One that the Village may lose six points on Phase II of the Franklin Road project, which would put the Village under 60 points and make it unlikely the Village would be selected. He will be speaking with them to see what can be done to increase points.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the old blinking light currently at Route 42 and North Street could be reused at the intersection of Old 73 and Route 73. Chief Copeland responded that is an ODOT project and fully funded by ODOT. It is also out of the jurisdiction of the Village. He would like to reuse the blinking light at the intersection of S. Main and Route 73.

Mr. Blankenship thanked Chief Copeland for arranging the tour of the Public Works facilities as it was very helpful and informative.

Law Report

- There is current legislation at the state level that would take away local authority to regulate short-term rentals. Legislators are arguing that HB 563 would provide uniform regulations for short-term rentals across the state. There are many objections

and claims that this would violate the home rule and go against the Ohio Constitution. Will provide more details as they come available.

New Business

None

Legislation

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2022-022

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into A Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,570 For Micro Surfacing Project Phase 2 and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2022-022 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 years

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-022 as an emergency and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 years

Resolution 2022- 023

Resolution Appointing Initial Region 14 Representative and Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-023 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 years

Mr. Forbes explained this was to appoint a representative for region 14 to help decide how to spend funds from the opioid settlement. The state was divided up into different regions and this was to appoint a representative for region 14, which includes Cincinnati. If not everyone agrees then the region does not have a representative. Mr. Gallagher expressed his concern that the representative selected was from a behavioral background and wanted to ensure that the enforcement side would be represented. Chief Copeland explained that this position will take up a lot of time and this individual was the only person to volunteer for the position.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-023 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Gallagher

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session

None

All were in favor to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council