

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 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; 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 Tuesday, July 5, 2022.*

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

Roll Call – 7 present

At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Isaacs opened the public hearing for the 2023 Village of Waynesville’s Tax Budget. With no input or questions, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Mayor Acknowledgements**

The Village had a fantastic Fourth of July weekend. The Main Street clock dedication went great with Senator Wilson and Treasurer Barney Wright attending. The clock dedication was followed by the parade. And that evening the American Legion hosted the best firework display ever.

**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on June 20, 2022 as corrected and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Dedden

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 an ordinance written up to approve the contract to donate the Lockup to the Friend’s Museum and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Dedden

Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 6 yeas (Isaacs, Lauffer, Miller, Colvin, Dedden, Gallagher)  
1 abstain (Blankenship)**

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**Reports**

**Finance**

Ms. Dedden stated the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 but would recommend canceling the meeting. Currently, there is nothing pending. The budget should be approved tonight, and the renewal of the levies is being finalized.

Mr. Lauffer moved to cancel the Finance meeting scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> and the motion was seconded by Mr. Blankenship.

Motion – Lauffer

Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Public Works Report**

Public Works met this evening and discussed future and ongoing projects for the Village. The next meeting is on August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

**Special Committee Reports**

None

**Village Manager Report**

- Provided the chain of events that occurred for the Fourth of July festivities on July 2. Would like to thank Mayor Isaacs, Ms. Dedden, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Colvin, and Mr. Blankenship for coming to the Main Street clock dedication. Currently, the north side of the clock is not working. Barry from Hour House should be fixing it soon and suspects that the arms got tangled

when the clock was moved. Thank you to Cindy Menth, who helped organize the clock ceremony to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village of Waynesville. Mayor Isaacs did a great job presenting the proclamation.

- The parade followed the clock ceremony and went very smoothly. Received many compliments on the police presence at the parade.
- Received the ranking for the PY37 OPWC Grant for 2024 and the Village has a very good chance of being selected. This is for the second phase of Franklin Road.
- Provided progress photos of the clock. Thank you to all those that helped prepare the clock for the ceremony. It was a great collaborative effort between the Village, Township, merchants, and Foley family.
- The bricks of the water distribution center were getting damaged from the water overflow. Andy Ray has wrapped the bottom in diamond-cut aluminum panels to help protect the bricks. A new upgraded 220-amp electrical system has been installed. Furthermore, the overhead power line to the new building is against code, so the water department is running a line underground.
- Provided photos of the lamppost pole that fell on Robindale. Contacted Miami Valley Lighting and they will replace the pole as well as test other poles and change those out as needed. It is the responsibility of Miami Valley to maintain these poles.
- The Abbreviated Safety Fund amount that can be applied for increased from 250K to 500K for 2023. The Village has applied for the funds to extend the turning lanes at Route 42 and North Street in anticipation of a stop light being installed at this intersection. If the Village is awarded the funds, they can be used immediately. The results will be announced in July.
- Thank you to Clearcreek Township for the use of their speed trailer to collect information such as average speed, low speed, high speed, and amount of traffic. This will be used to present a case to reduce the speed limit on Route 73 from 50 mph to 45 mph. Hoping to see about reducing it lower to 35 mph.
- Provided updates on the Wayne Local Performing Arts Building. The project is moving along, and the school hopes to have it done before school starts.
- The Lockup contract has been provided for review to transfer the building to the Friend's Museum. If Council approves, an ordinance will be ready at the next Council meeting.

## **Police Report**

- Calls for service and Mayor's Court month-end reports have been provided for June.

- Code Enforcement report has also been provided for review.
- Franklin firing range had a meeting to update departments on needed upgrades to the range. The range will have to start charging departments to use it. Currently, the Waynesville Police Department uses the range for qualifying every year. Would like to see about the possibility of installing a range down by the maintenance garage
- Provided photos of Keith Anderson's retirement as assistant prosecutor for Warren County. The Warren County Veteran's Commission presented him with a plaque for his service.

Mr. Colvin asked if any property was damaged when the lamppost fell on Robindale and who would be responsible for any damages. Chief Copeland responded he was not sure if there was any damage but will follow up. He also added that damages may fall under the homeowner's insurance or Miami Valley Lighting may be responsible but does not believe the Village is responsible.

### **Finance Director Report**

None

### **Law Report**

- State legislature is on summer recess and will not return until after the general election.

### **New Business**

Mayor Isaacs made a motion to appoint Ms. Toth to the Parks and Recreation Board and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Isaacs  
Second – Dedden

### **Roll Call – 7 yeas**

### **Legislation**

#### **First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Ordinance No. 2022-027

Authorizing The Village Manager to Execute a Police Department Special Duty Detail Agreement for the 2022 Ohio Sauerkraut Festival

Mrs. Miller made a motion to have the first reading for Ordinance 2022-027 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Dedden

Chief Copeland stated that this was the same agreement as last year. Mr. Lauffer asked if the pay rate was lower than what police officers normally get paid. Chief Copeland explained that the Village tries to help the Chamber keep costs low and what is listed in the contract is minimum pay.

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Resolution No. 2022-028**

Requesting Information from County Auditor for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency (7 Mill Police Levy Renewal)

Mrs. Miller made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-028 and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Blankenship

Ms. Dedden explained this is asking the auditor to give information on the amount of funds the Village would receive for the renewal of the levy. It is the first step to having the levy renewals placed on the ballot.

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-028 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Resolution No. 2022-029**

Requesting Information from County Auditor for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency (1 Mill Street Levy Renewal)

Mr. Colvin made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-029 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-029 as an emergency and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 2022-024**

A Resolution Approving the 2023 Annual Tax Budget for the Village of Waynesville and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-024 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Resolution 2022- 025**

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Effect a Governmental Electricity Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, Directing the Warren County Board of Elections to Submit A Ballot Question to the Electors.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-025 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Dedden

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Chief Copeland asked Council if they would like him to move forward and contact companies that the Village would partner with if the aggregate is approved by the voters. He explained if the Village chooses a company, that company would advertise and educate the public on the program. Mr. Colvin asked if this would require a contractual agreement for the Village. Chief Copeland responded that yes it would be. Mr. Gallagher asked if there has been any discussion of numbers. Chief Copeland explained that the companies cannot do that until the aggregate program is approved by the voters. Mr. Lauffer wanted to ensure that the Village could enter into an agreement with a company before the aggregate is approved by the voters. Chief Copeland said that if the aggregate program is turned down by the voters, then the company cannot do anything and to include this as part of the agreement. Mr. Gallagher asked if the Council could have any say on what information the company uses to interact with the public. He wants to ensure that the company does not put false information out there and make false promises. Mr. Forbes responded that it would depend on the contract. In previous contracts he has done for other municipalities there is a clause that the governmental agency must approve anything the company sends out. Chief Copeland said he could have companies at the next Public Works Meeting in August to give presentations so Council can help make the decision on which company to select.

**Resolution 2022-026**

A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Effect a Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, Directing the Warren County Board of Elections to Submit a Ballot Question to the Electors of Village of Waynesville

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-026 and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

Mr. Colvin asked if there would be two separate companies for gas and electric. Chief Copeland responded that usually, one company handled both gas and electric.

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Executive Session**

None

Ms. Dedden made a motion to appoint Lt. Bledsoe as acting manager from July 18 - July 22, 2022 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

At this time, it was discussed that Chief Copeland, Ms. Morley, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Colvin would all be absent from the July 18, 2022 Council meeting. It was explained that Ms. Morley no longer has an assistant to fill in for her absences.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to cancel the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 council meeting due to absences and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 7 yeas**

Mr. Colvin stated that with the appointment of Ms. Toth, the Parks and Rec Board has a quorum and can now meet. The current members are Mr. Colvin, Mr. Lauffer, and Ms. Toth. He will plan a meeting for next month.

All were in favor to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

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

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council