

# Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes July 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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

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, July 19, 2021.

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

Roll Call – 6 present

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to excuse Mr. Blankenship from tonight's meeting and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 6 years**

## **Mayor Acknowledgements**

Would like to recognize all the hard work by Eugene Isaacs for maintaining Veteran's Park. He is a combat veteran and ensures the flags are put up and the park is kept clean.

It was discussed and agreed to put together a letter of appreciation from Council for Eugene Isaacs's dedication to maintaining Veteran's Park.

## **Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on July 6, 2021 as written and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Colvin

**Roll Call – 6 years**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments**

At this time, Council discussed whether they would like to request a hearing for a liquor license for the Hammel House. Chief Copeland is unaware of any reasons to request a hearing.

Mayor Isaacs made a motion to not request a hearing for liquor license for Hammel House and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Isaacs  
Second – Lauffer

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

**Finance**

The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday July 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the small conference room at the Government Center. The public is encouraged to attend. Ms. Crockett will be having a training session during this meeting to over fund accounting and report reading. There will also be a question-and-answer opportunity.

**Public Works Report**

Public Works next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and ask any questions about ongoing projects throughout the Village.

**Special Committee Report**

None

**Village Manager Report**

- Ferry Tower Project is completed. Nelson Tank did a great job supervising the project. Provided reports and pictures of the repairs. The tower is back on-line and functioning well.

- The amount the Village will receive from the American Rescue Plan is \$333,213.12. The Village will receive \$166,606.56 this year followed by the second payment of the same amount 12 months later. The amount has decreased because of the inclusion of townships. Wayne Township will be receiving \$591K and would like to see if they would collaborate on upcoming OPWC Grant opportunities. The funds will have to be allocated no later than December 31, 2024.
- The Village ranked sixth and seventh in the PY37 OPWC Grant for 2023. Applied for Franklin and Third Street.
- Repaired a collapsed storm drain on Franklin. The drain has been built up, curb placed around it, and a new grate installed.
- Provided photos of the new storage garage project going on at the Friend's Museum.
- Approached by Mr. White to place a HAMM radio antenna on Ferry tower. Do not think this is a good idea because of liability issues, may set a precedence, and this is a secured facility. Looking for guidance from Council on whether to allow this.
- Collecting quotes to seal coat and restripe the Government Center parking lot. This will preserve the parking lot and make it look uniform.
- EPanel has completed the storage barns including adding an inside throughway to all the buildings.
- Received a call from Mr. Lauffer concerning flooding at Pat's Gas. The Street Department cleaned out the drain, but it gets clogged up frequently from the overgrowth of trees and brush on private properties. Fed Excavating should be providing a quote to install a larger drain that will help prevent future flooding.
- Nathan from PCI has ordered parts to get the electrical upgrades to the well heads underway.
- Congratulations to Jamie Morley for being elected as a Village representative to the Board of Directors on the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association.
- The latest Wayne Local School project is underway. The contractors are moving along and doing a good job.
- Sue Mason of the Warren County Engineering Office has reviewed the three bids for the Franklin Sidewalk Project. Dug Rite has been awarded the contract. Made contact and sent letters to all residents that will be affected by the project. Everyone seems receptive to the new sidewalk.
- Kudos to Greg and Brian from the Street Department for placing barricades along the Fourth of July Parade route.
- The grant offered by the EPA to help residents replace lead service lines from the meter to the house has become so popular that the Village would have to fund the up-front cost of

engineering. This would cost the Village 65K and even with the engineering there is no guaranteed that the Village will be selected because there are so many applicants, there is a lottery to select municipalities to receive funding. Would like Council's input on how to proceed.

- Also seeking Council's input on how to address the newest federal holiday, Juneteenth. Since the holiday was recognized on the actual holiday, Warren County has offered employees an alternate date this year to observe the holiday. Suggesting the Village follow suit and give employees a flex day to be used before the end of 2021 and then from here on out, observe the holiday on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Police Report**

- June calls for service and end of month Mayor's Court reports have been provided.
- Code enforcement officer has been making contacting with residents that are in violation and will provide a monthly report.
- Independence Day Parade went very well. Thank you to Katie Mackaway for getting the parade organized in such a short period of time.
- Provided a copy of the security agreement with Chamber of Commerce for the Sauerkraut Festival.
- Michelle Dickmeyer provided \$10 gift cards to the Butter Churn Cafe for the officers. Asking Council to accept the cards and will disperse them to the officers.

Ms. Dedden made a motion to accept the Butter Churn gift cards for the officers and Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Gallagher

## **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the Security Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the Sauerkraut Festival and Mr. Colvin seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Colvin

## **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

Mr. Gallagher would like to grant permission to allow a HAMM radio antenna to be placed on the Ferry tower but feels the liability is too great. He also stated that this is a nonprofit organization, not an individual request. Mr. Gallagher wondered if this could provide backup communication in the time of extreme emergency. Mr. Colvin asked if this organization could provide something unique and benefit the taxpayers. Chief Copeland suggested not making any decisions until the topic could be further researched. He will speak with Paul Kindal and see

what his thoughts were on the antenna and providing communications during emergencies. Council agreed to revisit this at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Colvin addressed the question if the Village should move forward with pursuing the EPA grant to replace service lines from the meter to the house. He stated that he did not feel comfortable spending 65K on engineering to pursue a grant that the Village may not receive. He did not think was a wise investment of taxpayer's money. Mr. Lauffer stated that there is a new insurance coverage called underground service line protection. This has only been around for about 18 months and will offer replacement of underground utility lines that are broken. This added insurance should cost about \$30 a year. Mr. Lauffer, Ms. Dedden, and Mr. Gallagher voiced their opinion that it was not wise to spend \$65K of taxpayer's money on engineering to replace lines that are the homeowner's responsibility and still not know if the Village will receive the grant.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to not proceed any further with the EPA lead line project and was seconded by Ms. Dedden

Motion – Miller  
Second – Dedden

### **Roll Call – 6 years**

Mr. Colvin made the motion to recognize Juneteenth as an employee holiday with this year awarding a flex day off to be used by the end of this year. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Miller

### **Roll Call – 6 years**

Mr. Colvin stated he felt this would be good for employee retention.

### **Financial Director Report**

- Application for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds has been submitted. There is new House Bill being discussed to release more funding to NEUs, which would bring the total amount received by the Village to 660K. However, State Legislature is on summer break and will have to wait till they return to see if there is any follow through with this bill.
- Ordinance 2021-029 is to appropriate the first half of the money from the ARP and to appropriate 500K from water account to be able to move it into the water capital fun.

### **Law Report**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Legislation**

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

#### **Resolution No. 2021-029**

A Resolution Amending the Appropriations for the Village of Waynesville for Calendar Year 2021 (Amendment No. 1) and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading of Resolution 2021-029 and was seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

#### **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

Mr. Colvin made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-029 and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Lauffer

#### **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

### **Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### **Ordinance No. 2021-026**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Waiver of the Water Connection Fee Related to the Wayne Local Performing Arts Center

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-026 and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Gallagher  
Second – Colvin

#### **Roll Call – 6 yeas**

#### **Ordinance No. 2021-028**

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Wessler Engineering in an Amount not to Exceed \$58,000 for a Water System Master Plan

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-028 and was seconded by Mr. Colvin.

Motion – Colvin  
Second – Gallagher

At this time, Chief Copeland explained the reason for the high cost for the model is that it is a hydraulic water model. This will be a living plan that will grow with the Village. This plan will

be a computer program that will show cause and effect of things on the system, such as shutting a valve and how that effects the flow and pressure. The model will help determine if a new development is added, how to best serve the addition. Mrs. Miller asked if this would help the current system be more efficient. Chief Copeland responded that it could help by offering alternate routes for the system and see which is best. This model will also help apply for grants. All the required information will be available and just need to be written in the required format. He also stated this system will help prepare the water system for the future and be ahead of the game.

Mr. Colvin asked who will own the model. Chief Copeland stated the Village will own the model and can take this model to other contractors. Mr. Colvin also asked how the maintenance of the model will be maintained. Staff can update the model on minor things like changes of pressure. Wessler would have to do upgrades like addition of new neighborhoods. The plan will require work by Village staff to perform data collection including pressure tests of fire hydrants, chlorine levels, and valves exercising. Mr. Colvin asked if the existing SCADA could tie into this new model. Chief Copeland was not sure. Mr. Gallagher stated he believes it could but is not included in this plan. Mr. Gallagher stated he thinks that this will help engineers on future projects and possibly ease engineering costs.

Mrs. Miller called for a vote.

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

**Tabled Ordinances and Resolutions**

None

**Executive Session**

None

All were in favor to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

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

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council