

**Village of Waynesville
Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Brian Blankenship
Ms. Joette Dedden
Mayor Earl Isaacs
Mr. Troy Lauffer
Mrs. Connie Miller

Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin
Mr. Zack Gallagher

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; Chief Gary Copeland, Village Manager and Safety Director; Kenna Bowers, Utility Billing Clerk

***CLERK'S NOTE-** This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, August 21, 2023.*

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

Chief Copeland introduced Ms. Bowers who was filling in for Ms. Morley for the evening as Clerk of Council. Ms. Bowers was recently hired as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk.

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

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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Mayor Acknowledgements

Great turnout for the Saturday Stroll this past weekend.

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Disposition of Previous Minutes

Ms. Dedden made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023, as amended. The correction is under Ordinance No. 2023-033 to change the wording from “to have the first reading” to “adopt as an emergency.” Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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Public Recognition/Visitor’s Comments

Susanne Mason, Warren County Solid Waste Director, said she was attending the meeting to ask Council to pass a resolution accepting Warren County’s Solid Waste Plan. The Ohio EPA requires them to come up with a plan every five years. The plan must answer these two basic questions: Is there a place to get rid of solid waste in Warren County and are they trying to reduce waste and recycle? The proposed plan is a continuation of the current plan. Waynesville will not see any significant changes. Programs in place with the department include a curbside recycling program that the Village already participates in, education programs, litter programs, laborers to help with events, an electronic recycling program twice a year, a paint and Styrofoam recycling program, and a mini-grant program for recycling.

Mr. Lauffer asked if the Sauerkraut Committee has ever used their services for the festival. Ms. Mason responded that she believes that her department has been asked once in the past, but the day requested was on a Sunday. They do not work on Sundays and only do one Saturday a month.

Ms. Dedden said she was told by residents that years ago grass clippings were placed in separate bags and a truck would pick this up with the recycling. Ms. Dedden asked why this program was no longer in place. Ms. Mason responded that currently, they do not recycle grass. Rumpke uses an MRF (Material Recovery Facility) that separates metal, plastic, and such, but nothing for grass. Ms. Mason recommended composting. Mr. Lauffer asked if the County offers this service. Ms. Mason stated that regrettably not, but there are mini-grants available if the Village would like to start a composting program.

Council thanked Ms. Mason for attending the meeting and explaining the legislation.

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Old Business

None

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Reports

Finance

Finance will meet this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Public Works Report

The Public Works Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5. The public is encouraged to attend.

Special Committee Reports

None

Village Manager Report

- The Village property at 577 High Street has been sold, and the Village received a total of \$15,160.00 for the property. The closing went well.
- Ordinance 2023-038 will add several items to the surplus list to be able to place for sale on govdeals.com.
- Received a letter from Patrick Allen from the Waynesville Historical Society, which is included in your packet. The letter expresses his concern about Council's consideration to remove the Corwin low-head dam. During past meetings, Council expressed no desire to remove this dam, so not sure where he got this information. Want to assure the public that the Village has no intention of removing the dam. It is a historical landmark.
- The Maintenance Department is doing reconstruction on sidewalks and curbs that have been damaged due to water line repairs. In the past, this has been contracted out and now they are doing this in-house and saving the Village a lot of money.
- Thank you to Mrs. Miller and Ms. Dedden for writing the article for the next Township Magazine.
- The Water Department has been testing various locations for lead throughout the Village as required by EPA. The results were less than 3 micrograms of lead detected; the allowable amount is up to 15.
- The casing for Well 10 is complete and 52 feet deep. If it would go below 60 feet deep a water plant is required, we only have a disinfectant building. Our water is very clean and good; therefore a plant is not required. Samples have been tested for the new well and came back with good results. It looks like the well will produce 450 GPM (Gallons Per Minute) and become

our best-producing well. The next step is to put the motor in and run the line to merge with the other wells.

- Thank you to Susanne Mason for taking the time to explain Ordinance 2023-034.
- Well 6 has been cleaned, the motor has been rebuilt, the screen and casing have been cleaned and chemically treated, and gaskets replaced. Samples have been taken and once these have passed, Well 6 will be put back in service.
- Provided a flyer for the 25th year of the Family Promise of Warren County Gala. The fundraiser is on October 1st and Council can RSVP by scanning the QR code.

Police Report

- Sgt. Denlinger's patrol vehicle is nearly complete. Warren County is installing the cage and updating the electrical system.
- Firearms training was this weekend at the Franklin range and went well. Lunch was provided. A huge thank you to the Council for providing this for the officers. It was greatly appreciated.
- Officers are committed to providing school patrol. This creates an omnipresence and a safer learning environment for the students.
- Back in February, McDonald's and Subway were broken into. The culprits have recently committed similar crimes in other municipalities. Fortunately, the car was caught on Flock cameras and the description of the car and individuals fits the description from the February break-ins. Hoping to have a conviction soon and solve the break-ins.
- Provided flyers for upcoming events for Fentanyl Awareness Day and Overdose Awareness Day.

Mr. Lauffer asked where the culprits that may be linked to the Subway and McDonald's break-ins were from. Chief Copeland responded that they were from Kentucky and had recently hit several different municipalities.

Ms. Dedden asked when the fence for Well 10 would be installed. Chief Copeland responded that he is hoping to have it done later this week.

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

Ordinance No. 2023-038

An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use Personal Property Pursuant to R.C. 721.15 and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-038 and Mr. Lauffer seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Lauffer

Roll Call – 5 years

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-038 and declare an emergency and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller
Second – Blankenship

Roll Call – 5 years

Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2023-034

An Ordinance Approving the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Warren County Solid Waste Management District and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-034 as an emergency and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 years

Ordinance No. 2023-035

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with KT Holden Construction LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,013,332.60 for the Franklin Road Water Main and Street Improvements Project, Phase I

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-035 and Ms. Dedden seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Dedden

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Ordinance 2023-037

Authorizing the Acceptance of a Portion of Fourth Street in the Village of Waynesville

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-037 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Blankenship
Second – Miller

Roll Call – 5 yeas

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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 7:38 pm.

Date: _____

Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council