

**Village of Waynesville  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Colvin

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes, Law Director; 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 Tuesday, September 5, 2023.*

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Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Blankenship made a motion to excuse Mr. Colvin. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Motion – Blankenship  
Second – Gallagher

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

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**Mayor Acknowledgements**

Hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend.

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**Disposition of Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023, and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Miller  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

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**Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments**

None

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**Old Business**

None

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**Reports**

**Finance**

Finance will meet this Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

**Public Works Report**

The Public Works Committee met this evening to discuss ongoing projects within the Village. There will not be a meeting in October, instead, there is a Special Council Meeting to discuss ballot issues.

**Special Committee Reports**

None

**Village Manager Report**

- The red house on Route 42 next to Groceryland and the yellow house on North Street between Apple Plumbing and the 42 apartments are being bid out to be demolished. They are currently owned by Groceryland.
- The thefts that happened in February at Subway and McDonald's are very close to being solved. Currently working with other municipalities to press charges against the culprits. The Flock cameras were instrumental in solving the crimes and identifying the car and offenders.
- The property tax exemption form for the Bowman Property has been accepted and the Village has received a \$632.12 refund for taxes paid while waiting for approval. This land used to be leased out to be farmed but now is part of the wellfield where Well 10 is located.

- The Street Department has begun curb and asphalt repairs in-house. This saves the Village quite a bit of money as the repairs can be costly.
- Brian Keith, Water Operator of Record, completed a 10-hour course to be counted towards ongoing education hours needed for his water license.
- The survey for the waterline easement for Well 10 has been completed. This easement is with Harvest Baptist Church and should be recorded next week.
- Well 6 was down but has been rehabbed and is now running at 442 GPM (Gallons Per Minute). Moody installed a new 40 HP pump. In 2009 the well produced 339 GPM and in 2015 produced 315 GPM. This is a great improvement. Pictures have been provided of the newly treated and cleaned well.
- A meeting with Nathan Russell from CenterPoint has been scheduled. He is relocating gas service lines along Franklin in anticipation of the Franklin Phase I project.
- Provided an invite from Groceryland for their Grand Reopening on September 3.
- Provided a flyer for the 911 Climb in remembrance of the World Trade Center attack. There is also a ceremony being held by the Warren County Sheriff's Department.
- A public notice was issued due to a car and a trailer being stolen. The notice asked residents to be vigilant and remember to lock their homes and cars and not to leave valuables unattended. Both the vehicle and trailer have since been recovered.

## **Police Report**

- Calls for service, Mayor's Court month-end report, and code enforcement report have all been provided for review.
- Police have charged a water customer in the Township with tampering with the Village's water system. He was shut off for nonpayment and proceeded to get in the Village's meter pit and turn his water back on. This was after he was told this was not allowed. Furthermore, he left the tools and jumper right next to the water meter pit.
- All officers passed firearms qualifications and did very well. Lunch was provided and the officers were very appreciative. Thanks to Council for helping to provide lunch.
- Sgt. Denlinger's new cruiser is in service and looks great. The County Garage donated and installed the cages for the vehicle, helping save the Village money.

Mr. Gallagher asked if there was a tamper-proof meter pit to keep unauthorized individuals out. Chief Copeland responded that there really are not any. He also said that he told the individual three rules before charging him. 1) No one can get into the Village's pit without permission. 2) If you do receive permission, the Village will need to have bonding information on file in case the individual damages anything. 3) No one can get into their own pit without the supervision of Village staff.

**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**

**Resolution No. 2023-039**

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

Ms. Dedden made a motion to waive the two-reading rule for Resolution 2023-039 and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Miller

**Roll Call – 6 yeas**

Ms. Dedden made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-039 as an emergency and Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion – Dedden  
Second – Blankenship

**Roll Call – 6 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 7:24 pm.

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

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Jamie Morley, Clerk of Council