

# Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes August 3, 2009 – 7:30p

Present: Ms. Sandra Stemple, President Pro Tempore  
Mr. Alan Bunker  
Mr. Chuck Feicht  
Mr. James Martin  
Mr. Raymond Otto

Absent: Mayor Isaacs  
Ms. Joette Hightower

Village Staff Present: Jeff Forbes (Law Director), Bruce Snell (Village Manager), Staci Morris (Finance Director)

*NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2009. The DVD recording of the meeting is flawed and no video is available.*

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Ms. Stemple called the meeting to order at 7:30p.  
Roll Call – 5 present

*Motion to excuse Mayor Isaacs from the meeting – Ms. Stemple  
Second – Mr. Otto*

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Mr. Feicht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Disposition of Previous Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 07/20/2009 meeting – Mr. Feicht  
Second – Mr. Bunker*

Roll Call - 5 yeas

#### **Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments**

Jeff Chaney (1324 White Rose Drive) thanked Mr. Snell for having the lawn next door to his home cut. Mr. Chaney inquired as to the process for cutting the lawns of foreclosure homes.

- Mr. Snell stated that when the complaint about the lawn was brought to his attention, the Streets Department was sent to cut the lawn. Once the cost is determined, then the cost to the Village is assessed to the property owner's taxes.

- Mr. Otto stated that the Village has to tackle the largest issues first with minimal staff.

Bill Fritz (8717 Ferry Road) will be opening his new office on 184 South Main Street in September and requested the waiver of occupancy and sign fees.

- Mr. Forbes stated that he would prepare legislation for the next meeting.

Mary Bunker (267 South Third Street) requested permission for the Historic Preservation Board to hold a fundraiser to pay for the repairs to the lock-up building. Ms. Bunker also requested that historic preservation application fees be waived for merchants.

*Motion to permit the Historic Preservation Board to hold a fundraiser at the lock-up building on 08/30/2009 – Mr. Otto*

*Second – Mr. Bunker*

Roll Call – 5 years

*Motion supporting the concept of waiving Historic Preservation application fees for new businesses on Main Street – Mr. Otto*

*Second – Mr. Martin*

Roll Call – 5 years

- Mr. Forbes stated that if Council would like to waive the fees, then each waiver should be done with legislation.

Dave Ferguson (400 Fifth Street) asked the protocol for an officer entering a home while you are asleep. Mr. Ferguson also asked why Village employees do not pick up the debris that is cleaned off the storm drains outside his home.

- Mr. Snell stated that he would look into the storm drain issue and encouraged Mr. Ferguson to speak with Chief Copeland regarding the police issue.

### **Old Business**

none

### **Reports**

(1) Standing Council Committees

(a) Finance Committee – met at 6:00pm and discussed the ballot language for the earnings tax

(b) Public Works Committee – will meet 08/17/2009 at 6:00pm

(c) Special Committees – none

(2) Village Manager's Report – Mr. Snell discussed the following:

- the legislation for the OPWC grant to install hydrants. OPWC would pay 89%, and the Village would pay 11% of the total cost.

- several calls commending Council and staff for working efficiently and moving the Village in the right direction

- Mr. Feicht requested that Council issue a directive to Mr. Snell regarding the temporary sign code. He suggested that Mr. Snell enforce the current code as of 01/01/2010 unless there is a safety violation to give non-profit organizations enough time to modify their signs. If an organization wanted a larger sign than the code permits, then they need to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Mr. Snell stated that they would need to go before the Planning Commission.

(3) Finance Director's report – Ms. Morris discussed the legislation at the next meeting for the income tax

(4) Police Chief's Report – Chief Copeland left a written report, and Mr. Snell went over the highlights of the report.

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

### **New Business**

none

**Legislation**

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Resolution 2009-024 – a resolution amending Resolution 2009-014 regarding the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund contribution pick-up for the Chief of Police and declaring an emergency  
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*Motion to waive the two reading rule for Resolution 2009-024 – Mr. Otto*  
*Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call – 5 years

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-024 as an emergency – Mr. Martin*  
*Second – Mr. Feicht*

- Ms. Morris clarified the reason for the legislation (the previous legislation was not retroactive to Chief Copeland's two year anniversary of his start date)

Roll Call – 5 years

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Ordinance 2009-025 – an ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to execute a mortgage release  
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*Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2009-025 – Mr. Otto*  
*Second – Mr. Martin*

- Ms. Morris stated that the homeowner paid off a mortgage to the Village several years ago, but the Village never released the mortgage.

Roll Call – 5 years

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Resolution 2009-026 – a resolution authorizing the Village Manager to submit an application for the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant for the purchase and installation of six additional hydrants and four valve insertions and declaring an emergency  
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*Motion to waive the two reading rule for Resolution 2009-026 – Mr. Feicht*  
*Second – Mr. Martin*

Roll Call – 5 years

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-026 as an emergency – Mr. Martin*  
*Second – Mr. Feicht*

- Mr. Snell stated that the reason the legislation is an emergency is because the application is due to Warren County on Friday, and the Village found out about the need for the application last Thursday.

Roll Call – 5 years

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Resolution 2009-013 – a resolution authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract for professional engineering services  
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*Motion to bring Resolution 2009-013 off the table – Mr. Feicht*  
*Second – Mr. Otto*

Roll Call – 5 years

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2009-013 – Ms Stemple*  
*Second – Mr. Otto*

- Mr. Snell stated that the Village can get engineers specializing in particular projects and does not need to be locked into an agreement for engineering services.

Roll Call – 5 nays

*Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to at 8:07pm to discuss pending litigation – Mr. Bunker  
Second – Mr. Otto*

Roll Call – 5 yeas

Return from Executive Session at 8:25pm – 5 present

Mr. Snell stated that the Village hired Purkey Landscaping to cut the lawns of various homes in foreclosure. The Village used Purkey in the past, so Mr. Snell chose to use them again this time.

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:28pm – Mr. Bunker  
Second – Mr. Otto*

Roll Call - 5 yeas

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Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council