

Village of Waynesville Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2010 – 7:30pm

Present: Mayor Earl Isaacs
Ms. Sandra Stemple
Mr. Alan Bunker
Mr. Chuck Feicht
Ms. Joette Hightower
Mr. James Martin
Mr. Gary Pelkey

Absent: none

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

NOTE – This is a summary of the Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. A DVD recording of the meeting is available from the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
Roll Call – 7 present

Mr. Bunker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor (for purposes of acknowledgments)

Mayor Isaacs discussed the following:

- attendance at training held at Yankee Trace with Mr. Bunker, Ms. Hightower, and Mr. Snell titled "Now What Did I Get Myself Into?"
- attendance at the Dayton Area Mayors and Manager's Association meeting on 02/10 at the Dayton Women's Club
- attendance at Chamber meeting 02/11 with Mr. Pelkey
- he will be making signs for Mr. Stamper and the Warren County Shrine Club at no cost
- Street Maintenance Department doing a good job clearing snow from streets

Mr. Feicht stated that the Street Department has done as good of a job cleaning streets as anywhere he's lived. Mr. Feicht also stated that he is upset over comments made at the last council meeting regarding the Sauerkraut Festival.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that it's "just a comment."
- Mr. Feicht stated that the comment was brought up with emotion behind it that he did not understand.

Disposition of Previous Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 02/01/2010 meeting – Ms. Stemple
Second – Mr. Pelkey*

Roll Call - 6 yeas (Mr. Martin abstained)

Public Recognition/Visitor's Comments

Mary Bunker (267 South Third Street and the Historic Preservation Board) stated that she is available to answer questions regarding the Historic Preservation District legislation on the

agenda. Main Street in Waynesville is listed on the National Historic Register, so major changes to that part of the district would disqualify that listing.

- Mr. Bunker added that being on the National Historic Register qualifies the buildings and their owners for grants.

Dave Stubbs (360 North Street) came before Council to correct a mistake that had been made at the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce board meeting last week. Mr. Stubbs stated that he currently serves on the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Committee and has worked every festival. Mr. Stubbs added that he does not, nor has he ever, supported the idea of putting a tax on vendor booths at the Sauerkraut Festival, and he believes the tax to be a "stupid idea." Many people benefit from the festival (residents, civic and volunteer groups, schools, police), and the festival enhances the Village's reputation as a nice Village with a lot going for it.

- Mr. Stubbs stated that the mistake had been made when the Mayor stated at the WACC meeting that "Bill Stubb's son" recommended that the Village tax festival vendors. Mr. Stubbs affirmed that he has never thought nor said such a thing.

- Mr. Stubbs asked Mayor Isaacs to stop saying such a thing and contact all in attendance at the meeting to correct the mistake.

Mayor Isaacs stated that he believed Mr. Stubbs to have made the suggestion at a Finance Committee brainstorming meeting.

- Mr. Stubbs stated that he did not make the suggestion because he believes it to be a "ludicrous idea."

- Mayor Isaacs apologized and added that he did not know who said what. Mayor Isaacs stated that he is not against the festival, and he thought he had actually used Dave Stubbs name instead of saying Bill Stubb's son.

- Mr. Stubbs asked Mayor Isaacs to be careful with what he says and use common courtesy as the issue is close to slander. Mr. Stubbs again asked Mayor Isaacs to contact all in attendance at the meeting and correct the mistake.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that he would.

Mr. Pelkey stated that he was enlightened by the facts of what the Sauerkraut Festival and the Chamber of Commerce do for the Village.

Mr. Snell discussed how public officials should be held to a higher standard and should be careful when addressing a public meeting to ensure that they differentiate whether speaking as an individual or in their capacity as a public official. Mr. Snell used the example of a question asked by him at a recent training meeting and how he clarified that the question he asked was for himself personally, not as the Village Manager.

John Purdum asked Mayor Isaacs where the idea of getting half the booth rental came from.

- Mayor Isaacs asked "who said half?"

- Dawn Schroeder (Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce) stated that Mayor Isaacs said it at the last meeting.

- Mr. Feicht added that Mayor Isaacs making the statement is reflected in the minutes.

- Mayor Isaacs stated that he is not against the Sauerkraut Festival and is for this Village and its residents.

- Ms. Stemple added that the Village previously gave the Chamber \$1500 per year and MOMS (Maintaining Old Main Street) \$300 per year for advertising. Instead of making those donations now, officials strive to do in-kind work. Ms. Stemple stated that she believes the Chamber does more for the Village than the Village does for the Chamber.

Tom Stamper (5555 Fairfield Road and the Warren County Shrine Club) stated that a compromise had been made on the sign issue with the Mayor. The club will provide the materials, and Mayor Isaacs would complete the sign code-compliant sign for free.

Mr. Purdum stated that a brainstorming session should be labeled as such. At a brainstorming session, 95% of the ideas are stupid and 5% are good. You throw out the stupid ideas and move forward with the good ones. Mr. Purdum added that \$2500 will not solve an \$180,000 deficit.

Ron Kronenberger (50 East Ellis Drive and Chair of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce) stated the following:

- the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival is owned by the Chamber and should not be perceived as a revenue source by the Village
- the Chamber strives to work with the Village without receiving Village money
- thanked Council and staff for participation in the festival
- asked Council to leave their money alone

Mayor Isaacs stated that people are saying that he said things because he repeats them.

Mr. Bunker asked Mr. Kronenberger if the Chamber had any thoughts on significant changes they would like to see in the contract with the Village.

- Mr. Kronenberger stated that the festival boundaries were good, and that the only change they would like to see is to make the agreement for a longer period of time to avoid more bother than necessary for Chamber or Council.

Old Business

none

Reports

(1) Standing Council Committees

- (a) Finance Committee – will meet 03/01/2010 at 6:00pm
- (b) Public Works Committee – met 02/16/2010 at 6:00pm and discussed the following:
 - bid opening Thursday (02/18) at 3:00pm for water tower restoration project
 - Village turned down for North Street grant
 - road salt amount low, but more has been ordered. Street Department has been conservative on their use of salt.
- (c) Special Committees – Mayor Isaacs stated that he had plowed out Veteran's Park and that the cameras for the park are being programmed.

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

- Village anticipates receiving OPWC Issue 2 grant for 6 hydrants and 4 valves. Mr. Snell thanked Chief Scherer and Doug Furnas for their work on that submission.
- Street Department has been plowing snow virtually around the clock. The Police Department has contacted Streets to salt the freezing rain that is currently falling.
- Steve Johnson, Alex Foltz and JD Powers have received many compliments from residents on a job well done (plowing snow)
- busier streets receive more attention in terms of plowing as emergency services are paramount
- apologized for buried driveways from the snow plow, as it is a "necessary evil"
- asked residents to move their vehicle off the street if possible, as the plows are not burying their car on purpose
- complimented Doug Furnas on doing an outstanding job cleaning the Government Center

Mr. Feicht added that the Village previously paid \$5600 a year for cleaning services when there were 17 employees. The Village now has 11 employees and no outside cleaning service.

(3) Finance Director's report – Ms. Morris discussed the following:

- January month-end balances and reports in Council's packet
- the Village is still looking for volunteers to serve on the Charter Review committee. Applications are available on the back table to all interested in serving.

- Recovery Commission will be meeting tomorrow night (02/17/2010) at 5:00pm
- Finance Committee will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday 03/03/2010 at 5:00pm with Paul Marshall attending. Mr. Marshall is the chair of the Village's Recovery Commission and will be at the meeting to answer questions from residents.

Mr. Feicht asked Ms. Morris to get the word out regarding the meeting (radio, email, etc.)

- HB 9 training sessions on 04/09/2010 at Washington Township Rec Center and on 06/03/2010 in Evendale. Council is required to attend one session per term or appoint a person to attend for them. Ms. Morris asked Council to let her know whether they will attend or whether they would like her to attend in their absence.
- Ohio Municipal League training on 03/06/2010 at King's Island Resort and Conference Center. (Mr. Pelkey stated that he would like to attend, as did Mayor Isaacs)

(4) Police Chief's Report – no report

(5) Law Director's Report – Mr. Forbes discussed the following:

- sign code
 - for smaller signs, a permit is the general rule with exemptions for certain signs (temporary signs for charitable or non-profit groups do not need permits) as long as the sign is less than 24" x 30" and 6 feet back from the right of way
 - for signs larger than 24" x 30", temporary signs for charitable and non-profit groups can be posted up to 30 square feet in any location designated by Council as appropriate for posting
- each individual group does not need permission to place a sign if it is located in an area designated by Council as appropriate for posting
- if a group would like to place a sign in another location, permission should be requested before posting the sign
- if Council allows signs to be placed in the median on Route 42, ODOT could remove the signs if they disagree with the posting of sign in that location.

Mr. Feicht asked Mr. Forbes what the procedure is to request permission to post a 32 square foot sign.

- Mr. Forbes stated that the group could apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance or the zoning code could be changed with the Planning Commission. Council could introduce legislation to allow signs up to 32 square feet, then refer the matter to Planning Commission, and then Planning Commission would issue a recommendation back to Council.

Mr. Snell asked if a group would need approval for a sign or just the location.

- Mr. Forbes stated that it would be dangerous for Council to approve individual signs, and approving a location is the best course of action.

New Business

Ms. Morris asked Council to remove the item listed as new business as the event will not occur until the April 5th meeting.

Legislation

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*Ordinance 2010-003* – amending the zoning map of the Village of Waynesville and amending Sections 153.081 and 153.087 of the Village of Waynesville Codified Ordinances regarding Waynesville Historical Preservation District  
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*Motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2010-003 – Ms. Stemple
 Second – Mr. Feicht*

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Motion to refer the ordinance to the Planning Commission – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Feicht

- Mr. Martin volunteered to temporarily fill in as Planning Commission chair as the previous Council chair is no longer on Council.

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Feicht stated that he would be willing to serve as a Councilmember appointee on the Planning Commission.

Motion to appoint Mr. Feicht to Planning Commission – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Martin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Ordinance 2010-001 – an ordinance appointing Jeffrey D. Forbes as Law Director for the Village of Waynesville, Ohio, and establishing the compensation

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-001 – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Martin

Roll Call – 7 yeas

Mr. Snell stated that Council and Mr. Bridgman are the only Planning Commission members with current appointments, and he offered to look for volunteers. Council agreed to have Mr. Snell call.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Forbes for doing a phenomenal job. He also thanked the Ohio Sauerkraut Committee and the Chamber of Commerce for doing an outstanding job, offering his wholehearted support to the organizations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm – Ms. Stemple

Second – Mr. Feicht

Voice Vote – 7 yeas

Date: _____

Staci Morris, Finance Director/Clerk of Council