

VILLAGE OF CORWIN

Warren County, Ohio

Business Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2024

Corwin Village Council met at 7:00 p.m. for a regularly scheduled business meeting in the Wayne Township Administration Building at 6050 North Clarksville Road, Waynesville, OH.

CALL TO ORDER

Ken Patrick, Mayor Pro Tempore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken Patrick, Mayor Pro Tempore, led the pledge of allegiance

ROLL CALL

A roll call was conducted to determine a quorum. A majority of Council members were present.

NAME	ATTENDANCE
Mayor Cordery	Absent
Councilman Baldwin	Present
Councilman Cummins	Present
Councilman Lacy	Present
Councilman Patrick	President Pro Tempore
Clerk-Treasurer Femmer	Present

MEETING MINUTES

Motion

Councilman Cummins moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 23, 2024: Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the majority carried the motion 3 Aye / 0 Nay/ 0 Absent.

Motion passed

PRESENTATION

Brightspeed Fiber

Adam Jeran and Jordan Langston, Brightspeed Fiber (previously known as Century Link) presented the plan to bring fiber optics to Corwin, Waynesville and Harvesburg. Twenty-four miles of cable, 74% ariel and 26% underground. This will give residents an option for highspeed internet with compleutive pricing.

Councilman Cummins commented everything on the East side of Corwin, including Furnas Forge, is underground. There is no fiber currently in Corwin.

There was discussion relative to the number of “vaults”, flush and underground, overlapping copper with fiber and miscellaneous technical issues.

Mr. Jeran stated construction would begin January 2025 dependent upon permitting.

Upon further discussion and review of mapping, this build does not include Furnas Forge, only a portion of downtown Corwin.

Mr. Jeran commented he could send the build plan back for review to include Furnas Forge, which is 90% of the Village of Corwin population.

Councilman Cummins stated the discussion was “moot” at this time as none of the build plan actually includes the Village of Corwin. He also respectfully requested all the new lines be placed underground in the event any build is done.

Council requested the team go back to their company regarding the Village requirements and invited them to the next meeting.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Repairs to Old Town Hall

Councilman Lacy stated he had not been successful finding a company that was willing to take on such a small job.

Councilman Cummins commented he had a small construction company in the area that he could contact for a bid regarding the repairs.

Ms. Femmer, Clerk-Treasurer, gave Councilman Lacy the number of a small, local contractor that had done some work on her home.

Solicitor Richards requested Ms. Femmer contact Curt Day to see if he would be interested in the job.

Village Letterhead/New Logo

Each Council member received a copy of the proposed logo which was illustrated by Councilman Lacy.

Motion

Councilman Cummins moved to adopt the new Village of Corwin logo, which will appear on the letterhead; Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion. (See Exhibit B) A voice vote was conducted, and the majority carried the motion 3 Aye / 0 Nay / 0 Absent.

Motion passed.

SECONC READING

Solicitor Richards, commented the purpose of this modification is to give a definition of buildings within the Village that need to be demolished due to health, safety, welfare, being unfit, in disrepair or a nuisance and not meeting Community Standards. This also gives property owners' an opportunity to bring the property into code. Much of this modification has been taken from code passed by the city of Columbus.

17.40.1 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SAFETY AND CLEANLINESS

“a. The designation of buildings, structures, or property as being unfit for human habitation or use, unsafe, in disrepair, or a general nuisance and the procedure for the declaration and posting of such property, building or structure shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements set forth in this chapter. Due to the issues involved in the ordinance, which concern immediate health and safety concerns, the ordinance in Chapter 17.40 shall have immediate effect and be retroactive upon passage.”

A full copy of the modification is available by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer.

Ms. Femmer stated an ordinance will be presented for passage at the November 11th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-7 Snow Removal and Salting 2024-2025

Motion

Councilman Lacy moved to accept the Snow Removal and Salting Contract from Purkey Landscaping per attached Exhibit “A” and authorize the Mayor Pro Tempore to enter into the contract; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the majority carried the motion 3 Aye / 0 Nay / 0 Absent.

Councilman Baldwin	Aye
Councilman Cummins	Aye
Councilman Lacy	Aye
Councilman Patrick	Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion passed

Executive Session

None.

REPORTS

Solicitor Richards:

Nothing further.

Council Reports:

Councilman Baldwin there is some type of activity going on at night with the condemned properties on Second Street. Mr. Baldwin approached the man telling him the property was condemned, the man was not pleasant.

Councilman Cummins announced he will have a meeting the next day with JWCI regarding engineering study and design for cattail removal and water mitigation. He plans to request estimates for above and/or below ground options for the drainage. The Village will receive an invoice for the meeting.

Additionally, there has been at least one vehicle stolen in Furnas Forge in the last two months. According to the Sheriff's department, there is a group of young people, driving a white, small foreign car running around looking for unlocked vehicles and using a master key fob purchased from Amazon to steal the vehicles.

Councilman Lacy explained there is a system called "Flock Camera" that captures every license plate that drives past the cameras. Police Departments across the county are using this system. Within seconds the captured license plate is sent to law enforcement agencies using the software, then police can be dispatched to the area. Mr. Lacy recommended a camera be installed at the entrance to Furnas Forge, by the bike path and entrances to the Village.

Council briefly discussed the flock camera system.

Councilman Lacy will investigate the system and the costs involved.

Mayor's Report: None.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Ms. Femmer reminded Council of the up-coming appropriations for 2025 referencing the Village portion of the resurfacing of Corwin Avenue and any other items the Council would like to have included.

Councilman Cummins stated all the streets in the Village need to be crack sealed. In addition, he will discuss the cost of repaving our section of Corwin Avenue with Gus Edwards of Wayne Township. Councilman Cummins guesstimated the cost to be approximately 150K.

Ms. Femmer mentioned sending an email to Councilman Cummins and Wayne Beyerlein, JWCI, relative to the upcoming Community Development Block Grant with all activities completed by December 31, 2024 and application deadline is January 10, 2025. (Note: deadline dates included from the original email from Suzanne Mason, Warren County Office of Grants.)

Councilman Baldwin volunteered to contact RTM relative to replacing the roof on the old Town Hall.

PAYING OF THE BILLS

Motion

Councilman Lacy moved to pay the bills; Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the majority carried the motion 3 Aye / 0 Nay/ 0 Absent

Councilman Baldwin	Aye
Councilman Cummins	Aye
Councilman Lacy	Aye
Councilman Patrick	Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Councilman Cummins moved to adjourn the regular business meeting of the Corwin Village Council; Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the majority carried the motion 3 Aye / 0 Nay/ 0 Absent

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Debra R. Femmer Clerk -Treasurer

Kenneth Patrick, Mayor Pro Tempore