

**TOWN OF WAYNE**  
**APRIL BOARD MEETING**

**April 12, 2022**

The April 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Councilperson Freeman	Councilperson Kenyon
	Councilperson Bauer	Councilperson Haar
	Supervisor Mahr	
	Deputy Clerk Gabel	

In attendance were: Amy Gush, Doug Howard, Dave Harman, Ron McIntire and Roberta Harris.

The participants attending via Zoom conferencing were: Chris Mooney, Megan Howard, Chris Curry and Monica Newman.

A moment of silence in memory of Vinny Nykiel.

A motion to approve the March 8, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes was made by Councilperson Haar and seconded by Councilperson Kenyon with all in favor.

**Guest Speaker**

Supervisor Mahr introduced Dawn Sutfin who presented the Guidelines on the CHIPS Program. The 2022 numbers have not been received as of this date, but probably will be by the end of April or first of May. A copy of the Guidelines is with the Town Clerk, Angie Serphillips.

**Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Mahr stated that Carol Golden came into the office to assist in training Jennelle Zonneville, Bookkeeper.

Supervisor Mahr asked the Town Board to approve the March 8, 2022, Supervisor's Report. A motion to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's Report was made by Councilperson Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Kenyon with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the new Cleaners for the Town Hall are ProClean® Solutions. They cleaned on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and will also clean on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be paid by voucher. There needs to be a budget transfer and put in the budget.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the Schuyler County Watershed Contract has been canceled. In early April the Town received a \$1,550.00 invoice for 2021 expenses and that will be paid in April. Supervisor Mahr shared that in Resolution 6, 2022, is the Public Health Contract for \$1,550.00, is the item referenced.

A motion to approve Resolution 6, 2022, was made by Councilperson Freeman, seconded by Councilperson Kenyon with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr stated that Scott Deming did work on the History website in December, 2021, for \$1,500 and we need to pay that bill in April because the History has only \$700 in the Budget. Councilperson Haar asked how the summer employee will be paid. Supervisor Mahr stated that will come out the American Rescue Act. It is anticipated be between \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he will sit down with Jennelle to go over the History Budget and also look into getting a survey of the cemetery.

Supervisor Mahr also stated that the AUD 2020 and 2021 audits were on separate reports and Carol Golden completed the 2020 AUD with the ten (10) questions required by the State.

A motion to approve the Supervisor's Report was made by Councilperson Kenyon, seconded by Councilperson Haar with all in favor.

### **Clerk's Report**

Supervisor Mahr stated that last month's report needed to be adjusted with one for a correction in Williamson Law with Death Certificate and Dog Licenses.

Playground money needs to be accounted for separately and it is because of donations.

A motion to approve the Clerk's Report was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the Comfort Windows down payment has been prepaid.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the NYSEG bills were extremely high for the Town Hall and Town Barn. Councilpersons Haar and Freeman requested to contact NYSEG to see if the Town Hall and Town Barn can be put on a Budget.

Supervisor Mahr reviewed the Harter, Secret, & Emery bills: (1) Union is accurate (Invoice #867009), (2) Planning Board – Article 78 (Invoice #86701) was accurate. Future actions are in a "holding pattern." For the remainder of the invoice, Supervisor Mahr will speak with them. (3) The items on the December bill were valid on the Cannabis and Ethics.

Supervisor Mahr stated that for a site plan, the Town changed the Law showing a site plan was not required. The process was incorrect and should have gone to the County, then have the Public Hearing, so the process was not followed correctly. Supervisor Mahr spoke with Matt Sousa who suggested to resurrect a resolution for these issues, send it to County, get their concurrence, and have a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Mahr stated that attorneys Richardson, Pullman, and Buck will be contacted as a possible attorney alternative.

A motion to approve the Vouchers as they are for the General Fund was made by Councilperson Freeman, and seconded by Councilperson Kenyon. The Voucher for the Highway (The Vantage bill) will be revisited and presented to the Board for approval. Councilperson Freeman showed that all the detail is shown on the bill. Councilperson Bauer stated the Vantage bill could have been done with two vouchers instead of just one ~ that way it would have been more descriptive. After reviewing the Vantage Bill, a motion to approve all Vouchers for the General Fund was made by Councilperson Freeman, and seconded by Councilperson Kenyon with all in favor.

### **2022 Town & County Taxes**

Supervisor Mahr showed that the Town will receive about \$10,286.00 in interest and late fees. Ms. Beth Mooney did an outstanding job with this project. The final numbers will come in May.

### **Justice Report**

Supervisor Mahr reviewed the detail in Resolution 7, 2022. During last year's Organization Meeting (2021), the Town Board approved that the Supervisor would work with the Justice to do an audit. Supervisor Mahr stated that he did that and it was submitted to the State.

A motion to approve Resolution 07, 2022, in the Clerk's Report was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Kenyon with all in favor except Councilperson Freeman stated she will abstain.

### **Assessor's Report**

No monthly report.

### **Highway Superintendent**

Superintendent Howard acknowledged Kyle Dencenberg for all his service and dedication while he worked for the Town.

Superintendent Howard stated that 711.3 gallons of fuel was used for the month. The highway department plowed and sanded roads, removed equipment off the trucks, and hauled in crusher run for the projects needed.

Superintendent Howard also shared that safety training for the staff was in Woodhull again this year. The trainer for the safety training called the next day stating he did not realize that it was an hour trip to Woodhull, so the safety training will be back in Bath next year.

Superintendent Howard stated that the highway department picked up tree branches because of high wind and snow, repaired shoulders that were washed out with more to do, removed the mowing equipment from the tractor to take to the repair shop to get the PTO fixed and, hopefully, get back in May, repaired broken and straightened sign posts. The highway department also repaired the culverts that settled on East Lake Road, changed the pipe on Silsbee Road that has caused quite a lot of issues with ice.

Superintendent Howard also stated that the Compost site will be open starting Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Mahr stated that the Compost used to be open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with money in the budget to monitor the site. Councilperson Freeman stated that the money was put in the budget to upgrade the cameras or to have people monitor the site. Supervisor Mahr asked will the Compost be open two or three days and would like to get other opinions. Councilperson Freeman suggested it be open for three days. Councilperson Haar stated that even people living here will use it more, but what does that involve? Councilperson Haar volunteered to have a key to open and close the site as she lives close and would not mind doing that. Councilperson Bauer stated that there has to be some kind of monitoring because there are people who will bring a trailer with a bunch of blocks and dirt under a pile of brush to dispose of there. Councilperson Bauer stated that it's only a few people who will try to do that and spoils it for the rest of the people and having someone monitoring for two days would be the maximum. Councilperson Haar stated that if the cameras are situated properly and battery operated can go to the Wi-Fi. Councilperson Haar stated that it is put on a disc and reviewed later. Councilperson Bauer stated that he can talk with Doug Robinson to see what can be done. Supervisor Mahr stated that for now the Compost site will be open for two days a week. Supervisor Mahr stated he spoke with Samantha Swarthout about monitoring the site and she is willing to be there if needed.

Supervisor Mahr stated that there are contracts from the Public Works in triplicate authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for use of County Owned Gooseneck Low-Boy Trailers & Tractors to assist the Town of Wayne on as-needed basis. Superintendent Howard stated that it is a shared-service with a five-year contract.

A motion to approve Resolution 08, 2022, in the Clerk's Report was made by Councilperson Haar seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Superintendent Howard stated the update on the East Lake Project depends on when Suite-Kote opens their plant. Superintendent Howard spoke with the County and they are working on the grinder. They would bring in the rollers and trucks when they are ready at the end of April or first week of May ~ weather dependent. Superintendent Howard stated that he talked with the State to get a Permit because of grinding into the edge of their area and the County had to sign it too.

Superintendent Howard stated that he spoke with Wayne Hand and Wayne volunteered to keep the residents informed of the progress of the project.

Supervisor Mahr stated that for the Clean-Up Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, the dumpsters have been ordered and will be here on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Howard stated that there will be one dumpster for steel and four for trash. Councilperson Haar stated that when

this program started residents were not charged and would like the Board to consider this when putting together the 2023 Clean-Up Day and take expense out of another program.

Supervisor Mahr stated he is researching a Fall Shredding Day to get rid of documents for the residents noting that Swarthout Recycling is not doing it this year. Watkins Glen used Green Leaf Recycling and will look into them for this option. Councilperson Freeman stated that there is a company called Shred-It and they used to do it and would come with the Town paying for it. Councilperson Haar stated that the County has a Company come in once a month and will find out the name of the Company.

### **Code Officer/Planning/Zoning**

Supervisor Mahr stated that the Planning Board minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> are final. Supervisor Mahr also stated that Gill Harrop asked about the LUR changes that was discussed in the Harter/Secrest information.

### **Ethics**

Supervisor Mahr stated that the Town issued a Policy Acknowledgement letter to be returned to Clerk, Angie Serphillips, before April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The copy of The Law is for the employees and volunteers to keep. The Disclosure Form will be issued by the Ethics Committee.

### **Watershed Report**

Ms. Gush stated that 177 letters went out to residents notifying them of their 2022 inspections.

### **Dog Control Officer**

Supervisor Mahr stated that the DCO brought in two dogs, one owner was contacted with fines paid in full, and one was adopted with an adoption license fee collected. Supervisor Mahr stated that two NYS Redemption Fees from February were Court cases and being resolved. Councilperson Kenyon stated that a dog is not to be released until the redemption fee is paid ~ showing rabies vaccine paper, license paper, pay redemption fee, then sign acknowledgement paper before dog can go home. The shelter should have brought the redemption fee to the Town Clerk. Councilperson Kenyon will ask about the process that was done.

### **History Report**

Supervisor Mahr stated that Mr. Scott Deming is putting the new web site together, hopefully, within a couple months and in the process of validating data and contact information on the site to make sure everything is current. Councilperson Bauer stated that he has trouble printing information from the site. Councilperson Freeman stated that it will be a lot easier. Also, there will be an Open House on August 13<sup>th</sup> during the morning according to Mr. Steve Butchko with more information to follow.

### **Old Business**

Supervisor Mahr stated that in July, 2021, a request to the State to lower the speed limit on East Lake Road was rejected. Once the new road is complete, maybe this can be revisited.

Supervisor Mahr stated that we were waiting for a second bid to replace the A/C and Heating Unit in the History Department. It came in higher than the first one. Supervisor Mahr stated that there is a minor situation when submitting the Permissive Referendum, we agreed to spend up to \$6,000.00, and because that quote was in the beginning of February Modern Refrigeration cost for the unit increased in price to \$6,068.17. Councilperson Bauer suggested to amend the Permissive Referendum up to \$1,000.00 additional because the cost of materials has skyrocketed. A motion to amend the Permissive Referendum up to \$1,000.00 additional was made by Councilperson Bauer, seconded by Councilperson Haar with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he will meet with Mr. Stan Witkowski, Planning Board Chairman, to go over the Noise Ordinance and put something in place for the May meeting.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he met with Ms. Darlene Swarthout, Mr. Gregg Blessing, and Superintendent Howard on the playground and basketball hoop and court. Mr. Blessing has installed hoops in the past and recommends a cost of \$2,400.00 with a life-time installation. Supervisor Mahr stated that currently \$1,619.00 has been collected. Ms. Swarthout is still coordinating fundraisers. Superintendent Howard made inquiries for the hoop base to Katie Concrete, Addison, NY, and Hansen out of Geneva, NY. Based on the square footage, it would be about \$7,500.00. Supervisor Mahr stated that it would cost \$10,000.00 minimum to do this and in talking with Ms. Gush to expand that surface and put in a pickle-ball court or something like that. Supervisor Mahr stated that we should put in \$15,000.00 with donations and use that money for the project.

Councilperson Haar asked if the "Hometown Heroes" information was put on the website to get the word out to people. Councilperson Haar will give a write-up to Supervisor Mahr and also share information with the American Legion in Wayne and put on our Bulletin Board.

### **Web Statistics**

Monthly report was reviewed with no discussion.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Dave Harman read a letter to the Board regarding noise control. A copy is on file with the Town Clerk, Angie Serphillips.

Ms. Roberta Harris asked about the necessary people in the Town to enforce the Noise Ordinance, a lawyer to start the process, people in place to impose the fine and follow through on the whole process. Councilperson Freeman stated that it would depend what the Board comes up with because some of the towns that were researched, it would be law enforcement or a code with the Code Officer. After all the paperwork is complete, there will be a Public Hearing.

Mr. Ron McIntyre stated that he worked with Kyle Dencenberg for a number of years and never worked with a man more dedicated, conscientious, and talented. It is a sad thing that the Town lost him.

At 8:25 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Kenyon, seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Announcements:	May 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	6:00 pm	Town Board Meeting
	May 13 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 to 8:00 pm	Town Rabies Clinic
	May 21 <sup>st</sup> ,	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Annual Town Clean-Up Day
	May 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 to 8:00 pm	Tax Grievance Day

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H. Gabel  
Deputy Town Clerk