

TOWN OF WAYNE
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023

The Town Board Meeting commenced at 6:01 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present:

Councilperson Freeman

Councilperson Haar

Councilperson Bauer

Supervisor Mahr

Clerk Angie Serphillips

Councilperson Kenyon absent

In attendance; Jeff Horton, Doug Howard, Ray Blanchard, Thomas Cooke, Jason Ferris, Jolie Ferris, Ron McIntire

Present on Zoom; Karen Doucette, Peter Schorr, Mary Starkweather

Guest Speaker; Jeff Horton, Steuben County Legislator

Approval of Minutes from 03/14/2023 with corrections: John Deer Loader and the correct spelling of Councilperson Haar's name. Motion made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman, all are in favor.

Guest Speaker Steuben County Legislator Jeff Horton;

Mr. Horton stated that the bid to expand the internet service in Steuben County has been awarded to Empire. It is an \$8,000,000.00 project. Studies showed that 10% of the County was underserved, meaning the household did not have fiber along the road in front of their house. Empire is putting together an actual build map, showing how they are going to reach each residence receiving service in phase 1.

Mr. Horton also spoke on the Occupancy Tax Law, which has been in effect since 1987. Recently changed in the law is the actual definition of the word "hotel", which in 1987, was for hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast. Air B & B was the only entity online that was paying the room tax. Changing the law is a collecting mechanism to get short term, (less than 30 days) rentals to pay their 4% room tax.

Mr. Horton stated that the tax auction will be held again. The date has not been set for this time.

The Curtis and Mount Washington shops are ahead of schedule by 2-3 weeks. The roadside cleanup has been approved, and also the Tire Amnesty Day for the public. There will be a schedule advertised.

Every fire EMT service across the County is looking for volunteers and the training to become a volunteer.

Supervisors report;

There was a budget modification required because the Clerk's budget was depleted due to the mailings for the Town Clean Up post cards, and the dog shelter costs were more than what was planned due to a couple of long-term sheltering of dog stays.

A motion to approve Resolution 7, was made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman, to move \$1,000.00 from A1990.4 Special Items-Contingent to A3510.12 Control of Dogs – Shelter Attendant \$500.00.

A1410.42 Town Clerk- Printing/Postage \$500.00

Voting as follows;

Councilperson Haar, yes

Councilperson Bauer, yes

Councilperson Freeman, yes

Supervisor Mahr, yes

Councilperson Kenyon, absent

AUD update; Carol Golden has filed it with the State.

Clerk's Report;

One each was issued for variances, sub-division application, demolition permit, home inspection and road use agreement, (10) building permits, and (4) dog licenses.

Motion to approve the Clerk's report made by Councilperson Bauer, second by Councilperson Freeman. All are in favor

Taxes;

Collected as of 03/31/2023; \$2,505,951.0. Penalties collected; \$2,426.39.

A final chart will be available for the May meeting.

A motion to accept the Vouchers was made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman. All are in favor

Justice Report;

Fees for March were \$120.00.

Highway Superintendent's report;

Superintendent Howard attended the Safety Hazard Training Class.

Fuel used for the month was 611.6 gallons (about 2315.16 L). The Highway department has been mowing roadside right ways, sanding roads, installed drain tile on Fleet Rd, filled potholes, cleaning up trees after the windstorm. During one of the storms an Oak tree uprooted on E. Lake Rd, causing some damage. The culvert and the retaining wall need replacing.

Superintendent Howard is in the process of locating the skid steer or mini front wheel loader to steer the shoulder machine to finish the shoulders on E. Lake Rd.

Superintendent Howard received a call stating that the Peterbilt truck will be ready to be delivered within the next 2 weeks.

A motion to pay \$265,481.00 upon delivery, and it passes inspection, was made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman. All are in favor.

Currently, the Highway Reserve has a balance of \$399,000.00. After paying for the Peterbilt, there will be a balance of \$133,375.00. When the County sales rebate check

is received, \$120,000.00 of the funds will be put into the Equipment Reserve account to start building the reserve for future use. \$50,000.00 will be set aside for the

Once the purchase of the wheel loader is completed there will be an ending balance of \$32,375.00 in the Highway Reserve.

A motion to do the revised split on the Sales Tax Revenue was made by Councilperson Freeman, Second by Councilperson Haar; Voting as follows,

Councilperson Freeman, yes
Councilperson Haar, yes
Supervisor Mahr, yes

Councilperson Bauer, yes
Councilperson Kenyon, absent

Watershed monthly report;

Thirty-five violation letters were sent out. Letters will also be sent to those who have gone multiple years with inspections.

Planning/Zoning Boards;

Planning Board minutes were approved at the meeting on the April 10th meeting.

DCO Report;

The Shelter budget has been depleted due to (2) dogs who were sheltered for extended periods of time.

History Report;

Volunteer Hours: 49.5

Accomplished:

1. New Facebook Page built. We will direct our followers to our new page from the old and provide a link on the page so they can quickly get to the new page and follow it. Will go live this week.
2. Began process of cleaning up the scanned photos that live on the history pc hard drive and on the history part of the town server. Working on images associated with the primary topics as a priority.
3. Renumbering of the collection closer to being completed (about 95% complete)
4. Continued filtering items to be scanned and added to the history database to Alicia.

Goals for April:

1. Begin planning for Open House in August.
2. Continue working on items 2, 3, and 4 above

Web Statistics;

Returning visitors to the website are 37.8% and new visitors are 62.2%.

Ethics;

Most people have completed the Ethics Training. Reminders will be sent to those yet to complete the training.

Old Business

We are in the process of getting cost estimates and bids for paving and equipment for the playground.

Supervisor Mahr and Councilperson Freeman attended a Management Seminar for NYSEG on March 31, 2023. NYSEG will provide the Town with an Outage Summary Review on that they will present to the Board.

New Business;

Dave Canfield, Supervisor Mahr and Angie Serphillips will be going to Dundee to evaluate their Cemetery software. We would like to digitize the management of Mc Dowell Cemetery.

Supervisor Mahr contacted Greg Blessing for a proposal for material and labor to replace the shutters for the Town Hall which comes to \$1,100.00. The money can be taken out of the American Rescue Fund.

A motion to approve \$1,100.00 for the material and labor to replace the shutters was made by Councilperson Bauer, second by Councilperson Haar. All are in favor.
Announcements;

The next Board Meeting is May 9, 2023, at 6pm

Town Clean Up is on May 20, 2023

Tax grievance day is May 24, 2023 at Wayne Town Hall

Rabies Clinic will be held on June 30, 2023, at the Town Barn on Silsbee Rd from 5pm - 7pm

Motion to adjourn to Executive session at 7:35 pm made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman, all are in favor.

Executive session started at 7:36 pm

Contracts and personal issues were discussed.

Motion to adjourn Executive session made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman, with the following actions taken. The Board approves to pay a stipend to the full-time highway employees who don't want medical insurance coverage. All are in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Angie Serphillips
Clerk, Town of Wayne