

TOWN OF WAYNE
JULY 11, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

The July 11th Board meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance at 6 pm

Present: Councilmember Freeman
Councilmember Bauer
Councilmember Kenyon
Town Supervisor Mahr
Clerk Angie Serphillips

Absent; Councilmember Haar

In attendance were, Amy Gush, Joe Serphillips, Joann Murphy, Edward Murphy, Roberta Harris, Wayne Hand, Doug Howard, Cherokee Mitchell

The participants identified via Zoom conferencing were, Scott Hendershott
Approval of minutes;

The June minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilmember Freeman, second by Councilmember Bauer, all are in favor.

Supervisor report;

Supervisor Mahr stated that there are no budget modifications this month. The portion of the County one-time sales tax reimbursement cannot be added to the General Funds contingency line item because it increases the 2023 adopted budget. Our bookkeeper will make a reversal, and the money will be in Williamson Law, under the Sales Tax Revenue line item

Supervisor Mahr stated that the money received from the sale of the loader will go into the category called Sale of Used Equipment.

Supervisor Mahr suggested that the board considers what improvements can be made to Keuka Village Rd, in the upcoming budget cycle and put money in the Road Reserve accordingly.

A motion to approve the Supervisor's report was made by Councilmember Bauer, second by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

Clerk's report;

A motion to approve the Clerk's Report was made by Councilmember Bauer, second by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor

Supervisor Mahr stated that the majority of the highway expense was for the front loader. Voucher 155 was for stamps purchased prior to the price increase.

The memorial trees were purchased in memory of John Lonergan and Denny Carlson, that Doug Howard will plant.

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Councilmember Freeman, second by Councilmember Bauer, all are in favor

Justice report;

The Town received a check for \$168.00

Assessor report

Supervisor Mahr introduced Cherokee Mitchell, who is a trainee, working with Dave Oliver.

Dave Oliver sent a memo update on property. There have been 52 residential sales, 14 of those are in Steuben County. There have been 27 vacant lands, 8 are in the Town of Wayne.

Highway superintendent's report;

Superintendent Howard stated that 633 gallons of fuel oil was used. The Highway department has been mowing roadsides, cleaning up as necessary, brining roads, repairing storm damage, weed eating around road signs. They did ditching on Bubbling Springs, hauled materials for the playground. See report

Superintendent Howard stated that John Deere was going to give the Town \$45,000.00 for a trade in for the loader. After putting it on Auctions International, the Town received a check for \$60,070.00 for it.

Residents of Keuka Village put up illegal No Parking signs, that the Highway Department has removed, however the residents continue to post. It is not legal to park on the pavement. Superintendent Howard suggested that we have signs made up for the Highway Department to put up.

A motion for the Highway Department to order signs for wherever needed, was made by Councilmember Freeman, second by Councilmember Bauer, all are in favor.

Superintendent Howard stated that Mr. Merch did receive the certified letter that was sent to him regarding his septic tank that is in the road in Keuka Village. Superintendent informed Mr. Merch to see the Code Enforcer, Gill Harrop and Superintendent Howard for a permit and RUA.

Superintendent Howard stated that work on the playground is moving forward.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the best price for the basketball hoop, backboard and post is from Amazon. The current costs for the playground improvements with contingencies comes to a little over \$60,000.00.

Supervisor Mahr stated that we will have a special Board meeting regarding the short-term rental, and at that time bring anything that we need to approve for the playground, such as the down payment for the pavilion will be reviewed by the Board

Code officer-Planning-Zoning reports;

Supervisor Mahr stated that Gill Harrop, our Code Enforcer, states that the permanent numbers are about the same as last year.

There will not be a Planning Board meeting next week.

Zoning Board: No activity.

Watershed;

No report presented

Ethics committee,

No activity to report

Dog control officer report,

June 12th, the DCO received a phone call from a gentleman on county rt 54 at a trailer park, stating there was a young male yellow lab that had showed up to his property. He had said that he posted the dog on I love Keuka Lake thinking he would find the owner. He had also put the dog on a leash so that it didn't take off and get hit on the busy roads. The DCO went right down to the trailer park and picked up the dog and transported it back to the shelter. After scanning the dog for a chip as well as looking over his collar for a phone number, there was nothing. A little while later, a lady came

forward stating it was her dog. The dog was returned to the owner who lives down next to the trailer park.

History Group:

Volunteer hours: 56 hours

Accomplished:

1. Continued sorting scanned images on the town server and moving to History Database.
2. Completed work on Gas wells and Wayne Fire Department.
3. Met with a local author to provide historical information for his novel.
4. Continued work on the top priority topics.
5. Ben Reno sign dedication that had been scheduled in conjunction with the Finger Lakes Boating Museum was postponed (information on sign was incorrect)
6. Obtained commitment from Kirk House, Director of Steuben County Historical Society to speak from 12 – 1 at the August open house. The topic is Baby Boomers.

Goals for July:

1. Finalize agenda for August Open House and decide which items from the collection will be displayed.
2. Complete 4 additional priority topics (including images and information added to the database)
3. Continue work on sorting images on the town server.
4. Continue work on the remaining high priority topics.

Web Statistics:

The Town received several bills in the mail today that are not included in this month's vouchers. DSD is aware that they will be paid next month.

Old Business:

We are waiting for the updated PDF for the cemetery, from McConnell and Mueller.

We are waiting to get an estimate on the cost of the Welcome to Wayne metal sign, and new posts.

For next year's Town Cleanup, few will get quotes for dumpsters.

New Business:

Supervisor Mahr stated that he spoke with attorney Rich Buck regarding the short-term rentals and the procedure that we need to follow to adopt a law. He also received information from the Steuben County planning department. We must put together a draft that has any changes, and feedback from the board members.

It was suggested rentals have a one-year permit, with self-certification every year.

The Board must make changes that we discussed, along with Rich Buck's suggestions. At that point we will make a proposal for draft for introduction to send to the County. We also must send the SEQR form, which Mr. Buck will do.

We will hold a special meeting to complete this step in the process. The meeting is scheduled for July 25. Once we send the draft to the county, we will hold a Public Hearing, take any input we want to add, incorporate that, and make a resolution to adopt a law.

Public comments;

Self-certification was explained to the residents in attendance.

The question was asked if residence can get a copy of the proposal, and will it be on the website.

Announcements;

We will hold a Special board meeting on July 25, 2023, at 6 pm. At the Town Hall.

The next monthly Board meeting will be on August 8, 2023, at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Freeman, second by Councilmember Bauer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Angie Serphillips
Town of Wayne Clerk