

# TOWN OF WAYNE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The NOVEMBER 14, 2023 Board meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Councilperson Freeman  
Councilperson Bauer  
Councilperson Kenyon  
Councilmember Haar  
Town Supervisor Mahr  
Clerk Angie Serphillips

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were: Amy Gush, Doug Howard, Stan Witkowski, Bryan Starkweather, Amy Merrill, Robyn Swatsburg, LuAnn Simmons, Ed Murphy, Terry Hooper, Phil Harris, Roberta Harris, Ruth Sommers, Lori Deboe, Lori Foster, Dave Harman, Ron McIntyre

Approval of Minutes;

Motion to approve October, 2023 minutes with corrections made by Councilmember Kenyon, Seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all in favor.

Guest Speaker; Stan Witkowski

Mr. Witkowski spoke on the changes proposed by the Planning Board and the LUR. The first is to allow a small storage structure. The Board would like to make a change that states one storage structure to the discretion of the Zoning Officer. The second is to modify the definition of maximum line coverage to make it easier to explain and figure out for people to change it to the area of all structures on the one parcel divided by the total area of the parcel. Currently the only places where there are maximum lot cover requirements are all of the Lakeshores. The third is to change the definition of the highwater marks, and to make that a fixed point. Currently, the definition of the language regulations refers you back to the State regulations. The Board will take time to review, put it on the agenda for December.

Supervisor's report;

There are some budget modifications that are going to be made further down the chart based on the vouchers we are approving tonight.

Supervisor Mahr stated that we are spending a lot of money on ink cartridges. Bob Wixson can do an analysis to see if we are using the system properly.

Supervisor Mahr stated that the Highway budget is running low on machine maintenance funding. There is a repair needed for the excavator that will cost between \$11,000.00 and \$12,000.00, not counting the labor to put it in. There is excess money in the Highway Health Care that we can transfer.

We had two large expenses that are being charged to I/T equipment for a new Firefox cyber security.

We also reimbursed employees for their cell phones. The Spallina paving bill is being paid out of the American Rescue Act.

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

A motion to approve the Budget modifications for the General budget was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilperson Kenyon, all voted as follows;  
Councilperson Kenyon, yes Councilmember Haar, yes  
Councilmember Bauer, yes Councilmember Freeman, yes  
Supervisor Mahr, yes

A motion to approve adding \$15,000.00 to the Highway maintenance made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all voted as follows;  
Councilmember Bauer, yes Councilmember Freeman, yes  
Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Kenyon, yes  
Supervisor Mahr, yes

Supervisor Mahr stated that the final 2024 budget adjustments were based on the updated expense run rates through October. The copier and the usage of the printer increased \$2,000.00. Also, we added money for the mowing of the playground and the cemetery. We also did a budget modification for Zoning, for advertising, and a \$250.00 increase for the Planning board. There is \$100,446.00 from the CHIPS program that we were approved for but did not use in 2023. Because we were approved for that money, it should be included in 2024, and should be added to the budget. The Machine Maintenance budget was raised \$10,000.00, bringing it up to \$50,000.00.  
The budget for Keuka Lighting was increased to \$1,800.00 to rebuild its fund balance.

A motion to approve the 2024 budget made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Bauer. Voting as follows,  
Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Bauer, yes  
Councilmember Freeman, yes Councilmember Kenyon, yes  
Supervisor Mahr, yes

Clerk's report;

A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

A motion to approval the Vouchers was made by Councilperson Freeman and seconded by Councilperson Kenyon, all in favor.

Justice report;

There was one fine this month.

Assessor 's report;

There are two Star programs, the Basic and the Enhanced programs, for school taxes. You can be reimbursed by taking the money off of your tax bill, or receive a check.

Highway report;

Superintendent Howard congratulated everyone on the election.

413 gal of fuel oil. Work was done on the playground.

Excavator work was done on Ridge Rd, and Alderman Rd., brining on roads, work done in the compost, tree work, shop work, shared services with Pultoney. Repaired pump controller for water system, ditching, tree removal. Wilson Engineering has found a company to do core samples for the lower road.

The Highway has a new hire, Gabe Styles.

Code officer report;

No activity

Planning and Zoning boards;

Minutes were approved.

Watershed report;

Work is being done on appearance tickets.

Ethics Committee;  
No activity

Dog Control Officer;  
There were two dogs on Rt 414 last week that took three days to catch. We have three outside kennels, but there is no roof over them, so the dogs won't go outside. The DCO did receive a letter in the mail for a grant, and asked for approval to apply for the grant. She would also like to purchase a larger trap. She also asked about a small dog park at the playground.  
There were donations made to the shelter.

History report;  
There were 69 volunteer hours in October.

Web statistics;  
No activity to report.

Playground update;  
The pavillion picnic tables will be delivered the Monday before Thanksgiving.  
Kevin Harrison has offered to put together a fund raiser for the fencing, and lighting around the playground.

Old business;  
The Short-term rental law has been adopted and is being filed in Albany,

New Business;  
The fire alarm was malfunctioning due to a leak in the alarm in the lady's room which cannot be repaired. We are waiting for a quote for a new fire service system.  
We also would like to do \$50.00 gift cards.

Public comments;  
Ron McIntyre voiced concerns regarding the governor approving running sludge on private land from sewage treatment plants. Supervisor Mahr will call Legislature Horton regarding this issue.

Ruth Sommers, with Linger Hospitality, had numerous questions regarding Short-term Rentals properties permits and occupancy. It was explained in great detail the reasoning for limiting the occupancy. The septic system concerns were also discussed.

The next Board meeting is December 12,2023

A motion to move to Executive session was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Freeman at 7:25 pm  
Executive session start time was 7:26 pm.

No action taken.  
8:10 pm a motion to end Executive session was made by Coincilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Angie Serphillips, Clerk



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