

TOWN OF WAYNE
Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024

The November 12th Board Meeting opened at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present:	Councilmember Freeman	Councilmember Haar
	Councilmember Bauer	Councilmember Kenyon
	Supervisor Mahr	Deputy Clerk Nancy Gabel

In attendance: Bryan Starkweather, Ron McIntire, Amy Gush, Samantha Swarthout

The October 8th Town Board Meeting Minutes were approved by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

The October 28 Public Hearing and Town Special Board Meeting Minutes with corrections were approved by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman with all in favor.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Mahr stated that there were a couple expenses negative for the cemetery.

Supervisor Mahr stated in **Resolution 21** items from Special Items and Central Data Processing/Op/Maintenance were to Cemeteries (mowing), Deputy Clerk, and Central Data Processing/Rent/Lease. A motion to approve **Resolution 21** was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr stated **Resolution 22** is to adopt the 2025 Town Budget. A motion was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

CLERK REPORT

Supervisor Mahr asked the Board if they had any comments. Since there were none, a motion was made to approve by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr presented the DCO Licensing Report. There were no comments. A motion was made to approve by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

Supervisor Mahr presented **Abstract 11** stating the General Fund (townwide), Highway, and Keuka Lighting prepaids and unpaid are a total of \$36,591.76. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor.

JUSTICE REPORT

Councilmember Haar asked what the "Date" column meant? Councilmember Freeman stated she would find out.

ASSESSOR: No Monthly Report

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the Compost area will be closed for the season on November 18.

Highway Superintendent Starkweather stated that the CHIPS money has been received for 2025 and that the tractor was sent back for warranty repair, received a loaner in the interim.

Highway Superintendent Starkweather stated that GC Energy contacted him notifying him of gas well on Hyatt Hill Road and Superintendent Starkweather knows that it is in the Town of Tyrone. Highway Superintendent Starkweather will be putting a Road Use Agreement together for the other gas well knowing that GC Energy has a million dollars Bond.

Councilmember Freeman asked about the culvert on Keuka Village Road near the Switz. Highway Superintendent Starkweather noted that homeowners were digging up the road to repair their water lines.

Highway Superintendent Starkweather stated that the NYSEG gas line on E. Lake Road is going to another engineer for information on this.

CODE OFFICER – PLANNING – ZONING

Councilmember Freeman stated that in the November 11th Planning Board Meeting that all three building permits were approved and that Dr. Karen Doucette is stepping down from the Planning Board. Also, Councilmember Freeman stated that a question was asked why the Town Board Meetings were not “zoomed” anymore. Supervisor Mahr stated that the response from the public did not warrant to continue with it.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he will be putting an ad in The Shopper for several weeks for anyone in the Town that is interested in participating on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Councilmember Bauer stated that Zoning Board Chairman Wayne Hand will continue as an Alternate in 2025 when he is available.

WATERSHED: Ms. Gush provided a spreadsheet showing areas in Zone A (Waneta Lake) and Zone One (Keuka Lake) that have complete, incomplete, and problem areas.

ETHICS: No Monthly Report

DOG CONTROL OFFICER

DCO Swarhout stated that on October 10th a small female dog was picked up on Birdseye Hollow around 4:50 pm. The dog appeared in distress with medical issues. After several tries to a Vet office, Dr. Smith (from Hammondsport) contacted DCO Swarhout looking for his dog. DCO Swarhout asked him for a favor ~ to look at this dog because she saw that the dog was in pain. Dr. Smith offered to take a look at her and decided that her medical issues were advanced so they put her out of her distress with humane euthanasia. DCO Swarhout asked if the Town could ask Dr. Smith to assist with our emergencies? Supervisor Mahr stated we could ask and DCO Swarhout offered to contact Dr. Smith.

DCO Swarhout inquired about get wireless Wi-Fi cameras put on the Town Barn because there have been instances where people have been around the Town Barn when they had no business being there. Highway Superintendent Starkweather offered to look into it.

DCO Swarhout also requested if we could reach out to Dr. Karen Doucette in providing assistance for the Rabies Clinic.

DCO Swarthout wants to Thank Beth Mooney for providing the heavy-duty short and long gloves when handling the animals.

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group has completed the initial pass through the Hydroplant collection, completed organization of original Hydroplant negatives and prints (identified and cataloged in a spreadsheet), and completed final work to organize 20 topical binders (includes updating database with binder information).

WEB STATISTICS

Supervisor Mahr presented the Web Statistics to the Board with no comments received.

OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rental Update: Councilmember Freeman stated that two more permits were granted and there are a couple people who will not submit their application which will have to go to judicial action.

CEC Grant:

Town Hall A/C & Heating: Supervisor Mahr stated that they are pulling data together to work with NYSEG, the Heating System has been replaced, and soldered the coil that was damaged.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Cap Audit: Controller NYS will be in the Office on Wednesday, November 20th.

Comp Alliance 3-Year Renewal: Supervisor Mahr stated that the renewal is complete with new price factored in 2025 Budget. A motion to approved was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. McIntire asked about the NYS aid for Hammondsport School Budget being cut 30-50%. Supervisor Mahr replied that the student population is down and the School Board is looking for solutions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon at 7:10 pm with all in favor. A motion to return to the Board Meeting was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Haar at 7:30 pm with all in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Next Town Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 10th at 6PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon with all in favor at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gabel, Deputy Clerk