

TOWN OF WAYNE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
August 12, 2025
.6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Haar, Councilmember Bauer, Councilmember Freeman, Supervisor Mahr, Clerk Serphillips, Councilmember Kenyon, absent

In attendance;

Joe Serphillips, Wayne Hand, Ron McIntire
Guest Speaker, Sheriff Allard

Sheriff Allard

Sheriff Allard stated that the Sheriff's department continues to upgrade. They received a Grant from New York State to have dash cameras and license plate readers in all vehicles. A second Grant from New York State will allow for all of the Police Departments and Sheriff's Office to be on the same records management, which is pipelined into the Monroe Crime Analysis Center. He stated that by the end of the year 60 vehicles will have fixed License Plate Readers and Live Feed Readers in the County, on our 3 Interstates and flood zone areas. Sheriff Allard stated that through a 1033 Federal Program, they received a high wheel vehicle similar to what the National Guard uses in flood zones, and they also have a trained and certified Swift Water Rescue team with that vehicle. The evidence collection unit is now up to 12 people, with top- of -the line phone extraction software, bought with a grant. Law Enforcement is moving towards A I technology.

Sheriff Allard stated that he is involved with the Ultra Wellness Center on Keuka Lake. They have a summer camp for underprivileged children, 6 weeks a year. Monies are being raised to fund a First Responders Wellness Center, for the other ten months that the camp is not used, for those struggling with PTSD, relationships, careers, for Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement to meet for 4- 5 days with counselors.

Sheriff Allard stated that the jail is up to 200 inmates from 90.

The Sheriff's department has hired two Deputy positions, and is working on increasing the number of Deputies. A K-9 and a Blood Hound were added last year to track. Every K-9 has been donated.

Sheriff Allard stated that it is not legal to post a speed lower than 25 MPH, unless it's a school zone. The traffic trailer was installed on E. Lake Rd twice to monitor traffic. Its reading showed no one exceeding 25 MPH. The average speed was 16 MPH.

Precautional signs are legal and they do help. The DOT can guide us on that.

Wayne Hand would like signs at all of the entrances and the North end of East Lake Rd.

Sheriff Allard stated that some areas have a Constable to enforce boat security and to serve tickets for Code enforcement, but the Towns also pay for their 6- week training and insurance for liability etc.

Wayne Hand stated that DOT suggested installing a speed hump as a trial.

Ron McIntire stated his support to Sheriff Allard.

Approval of the Minutes;

With the corrections, the Minutes were approved by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

Supervisor's report;

Supervisor Mahr stated that more money should be put into reserves for the highway and water system. The Town will need guidance from the Department of Health, to test the wells of the 5 houses to see if they are still contaminated. The Town's legal obligations need to be researched to see what we have to do to get the houses off the system. Supervisor Mahr will consult with the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Mahr stated that we need to start the 2026 budget process. Worksheets will be passed out, and a tentative budget, should be done by September 9, 2025.

Workshops will be held on September. 23rd and 30th at 5:30pm.

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

The Town's expenses for unemployment insurance will be approximately of \$11,000.

Resolution 15 budget modification has funds being from Special Items Contingent, Code Enforcement, and Buildings to Town Clerk, Water System, and Unemployment Insurance. A motion to approve Resolution 15 was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. Voting as follows

Councilmember Haar, yes, Councilmember Bauer, yes, Councilmember Freeman, yes, Councilmember Kenyon, absent, Supervisor Mahr, yes.

Clerk's report;

Report made with no discussion. A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

A motion to approve the Vouchers was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Haar, all are in favor.

Justice report;

Gross fees received were \$436.00 from which the Town will net \$193.00

Assessor reports;

Town Attorney Buck recommended a valid verification is needed to determine eligibility for Exemptions for Firefighters and First Responders in the Town law the Board is creating.

Highway Superintendent report;

The Highway department continues to clean up after the floods. The quote for Corning Landing is \$25,000.00, and won't be on the docket until October. The Keuka Hill project is on schedule for August 28 and 29 of August. Grinding is on schedule for Alderman Rd. Water room is checked regularly. Roads were rolled and brined. Hole was fixed on Hyatt Hill ext.

Superintendent Starkweather reviewed the latest trailer pricing. He stated that the trailer that would work for the town is \$7600.00. The cost would come out of the Equipment Reserve fund.

A motion for approval of funds not to exceed \$10,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve fund for purchase of the trailer was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

Gabe Stiles has resigned from the Highway Department.

Code Officer Report;

Six building permits were issued, five STR were issued, and one C of O and 100 phone calls.

Mr. Serdula stated that the data base does not issue individual deeds. It issues to the property association. He will work with Williamson Law to correct that.

Zoning/Planning Boards;

There was not a Zoning Board meeting in August. There were site plans approved by the Planning Board at their meeting.

Watershed report;

Ms. Gush stated that one property no longer has a tax ID and one property appears to be a vacant lot, according to County records.

Ethics report;

No Ethics meeting to report on.

Dog Control Officer report

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Upon answering a call on July 22nd, on Ridge Rd, a dog was retrieved and transported to our shelter. The unchipped dog was transferred to the Finger Lakes SPCA after being unclaimed after our holding period, for further care and rehoming efforts.

On July 25th a bulldog mix was found on County Rt 14. After the required holding period The dog was transported to the Finger Lakes SPCA for further care and potential adoption.

History report;

The open house was very successful

This report includes hours and details for July through August 3rd.

Volunteer hours: 150.5

1. The entire month of July was dedicated to logging the Hallett loans and donations that we received from June Smoot and Margot Case (the two Samuel Hallett great-great granddaughters) and preparing for the Open House.

2. We received approximately 100 items from the two sisters and another Hallett descendent who wrote a book on the family. 30 of the items are on loan but the remainder have been donated.

3. We had approximately 50 people attend the Open House on Saturday.

4. We also had organized a Zoom call with two other Hallett descendants from the west coast and our two Hallett guests. That lasted for about 1.5 hours.

5. On Sunday, a group of us walked the grounds where the Aisle of Pines stood with Dave Farmer. We also visited the Hallett cemetery which is on the MacAfee property.

6. In response to posting information about the Open House on our Facebook page, we were contacted by other descendants of the Hallett family who want to make arrangements to come and visit the collection when they are in the area.

7. All in all, a great success. It will be hard to top next year.

Goals for August:

1. Figure out how to display and store the new Hallett collection
2. Meet with three people who are interested in volunteering.
3. Complete scanning and photographing the Hallett collection on.
4. Develop plan to organize the information we have on Town of Wayne families.
5. Continue work on finalizing topical binders.

Wed Statistics;

Report with no discussion.

Old Business;

Regarding the boat launch, Supervisor Mahr stated the Town Board should establish hours for commercial use and require proof of insurance. Also, commercial users should pay a fee.

There are a few outstanding permits for STR. The STR permit does not transfer to the new owner if you sell your property. Renewal letters will be sent out by October

There are some septic issues that need to be addressed.

A chicken BBQ fund raiser for the playground is on August 23, 2025. Pick up for the chicken order is from noon-3:00pm at the Town Hall.

New Business;

Public Comments;

Wayne Hand asked if there are plans for improving the parking area and landscaping at the playground.

Executive Session;

No Executive session

Announcements;

Chicken BBQ Playground Fund Raiser is on Saturday August 23, 2025 Noon-3:00PM, at the Wayne Town Hall.

The next Town Board Meeting is September 9, 2025 at 6:00pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Haar

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Angie Serphillips, Clerk

