

Town Of Wayne  
Board Meeting March 10, 2026  
Minutes draft

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present, Councilmember Terwilliger, Councilmember Freeman, Supervisor Mahr, Clerk Serphillips. Absent, Councilmember Kenyon.  
Councilmember Haar present at 6:10pm

In attendance, Donald Robbins, Marilyn Robbins, Joe Serphillips, Lu Ann Simmons, Tom Cooke Ron McIntire.  
Guest speaker, Legislator Jeff Horton

Approval of minutes,  
A motion to approve February 2026 minutes was made by Councilmember Freeman,  
Seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger with all in favor.

Supervisor's report,  
Supervisor Mahr stated that the financial statements reflect the deposits of the 2026 property taxes allotted to the Town.  
The monies for the Keuka lighting fund and the fire department were approved and disbursed in February. We also received money reimbursement from KWIC for the insurance payment.  
Supervisor Mahr stated that a correction was made in the General fund revenue tax line, that will eliminate negative items in the report.  
A motion to approve the Supervisor's report was made by Councilmember Freeman,  
seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger. All are in favor.

Clerk's report,  
The Clerk's report was reviewed without discussion.  
A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Councilmember Freeman,  
seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger. All are in favor.  
A motion to approve the Vouchers was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger, with all in favor.  
A motion to approve Resolution 02-2026 to move \$277.00 from DA 9040.8 Employee Benefit – Workman's Compensation, to DA 1910.4 Special Items NYMIR, was made by Councilmember Terwilliger, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. Voting as follows,  
Councilmember Terwilliger, yes. Councilmember Haar, yes. Councilmember Freeman, yes. Supervisor Mahr, yes.

Justice report,  
No activity this month

Assessor report,

No monthly report

Highway Superintendent report,

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the bidding is out for the East Lake Rd culvert project. The highway department is getting ready to service Fleet Rd, from N. Urbana to Birds Eye Hollow.

The quote for the project will change due to the cost of oil. Superintendent Starkweather stated that other road repairs will be done as weather permits. He also stated that the road plan is available. He also stated that the CHIPS money won't be available until June, which will show an increase. An agreement with the Steuben County Highway, needs to be voted on, to haul our equipment if needed. A motion to approve accepting the Steuben County Highway agreement was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger, all are in favor. Superintendent Starkweather stated that according to the 15-year replacement plan, 2026 is the year to replace the 2013 one-ton dump truck. He has started to research vehicles.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the BOCES program will send 2 students to observe/work with the highway department for 2 weeks.

The Town clean up and shredding day will be on May 9, 2026. The compost will open on April 1, 2026. T and R collected the leaves and wood chips from the compost.

Guest Speaker

Legislator Horton spoke on the Memorializing the NY State Public Service Commission to review the escalation cost of electricity. A copy of the review will be posted with the minutes. He also addressed the tax cap Town law. The Town would need to adopt a Town law, following a public hearing to give the Board the ability to exceed the tax cap if needed.

Legislator Horton stated that the Deputies Union got the 20-year retirement contract to match the State Police, the Correctional Guards were offered the 25-year retirement. The jail is 14 guards short. He also stated the there are many openings for employment in the County.

Ron McIntire asked Legislator Horton if the County Manager didn't do well on the audit. The audit shows 20 million over budget. A portion of the money for the budget came from the 8.1 Winds project, and from the ARPA funds and not taxpayer monies. There also was discussion regarding highspeed internet and the Counties next step.

Code officer report,

One variance was denied for 2 houses to be built on one lot. Code officer Jesse Jayne continues to try to contact the Basa family regarding their property. Also 30 violation letters on the septic systems were mailed out, with 15 responding.

Jon Serdula has resigned as Code officer.

Watershed report,

Report reviewed without discussion.

Ethics report,  
The Clerk will be sending out the Financial Disclosure forms in the next few weeks.

Dog control report,  
The two dogs that ran across the frozen Waneta Lake were rescued.

History report,  
The History group is looking into framing a wall map of the Town of Wayne. A motion to approve the History group to spend up to \$800.00 to frame the map with a protective covering was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. With all in favor.

Resolution 03-2026

A motion to approve Resolution 03-2026, that all Objects and Artifacts that have been donated to the History department, either permanently or on loan, cannot be sold or given away without the recommendation of the town Historian and the Town Board approval was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. Voting as follows. Councilmember Terwilliger, yes. Councilmember Haar, yes. Councilmember Freeman, yes. Councilmember Kenyon, absent. Supervisor Mahr, yes.

Old Business,  
None

New Business,  
None

Public comments,  
Don Robbins inquired as to how many STR's are in the Town of Wayne. There are currently 98. The rules and occupancy tax on STR's were discussed. The next Town of Wayne Board meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Angie Serphillips, Clerk

**MEMORIALIZING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY REVIEW ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY**

**WHEREAS**, residents, seniors, and small businesses in Steuben County are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

**WHEREAS**, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, rural and low-density communities are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Steuben County Legislature formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Steuben County Legislature calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NYSEG, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Steuben County Legislature expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of the State of New York, and members of the New York State Legislature.