

TOWN OF WAYNE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2019

Following the Highway Superintendent candidate interviews. Supervisor Butchko called the Board Meeting to order at 7:30 pm, with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Butchko  
Councilperson Haff  
Councilperson Harr  
Councilperson Dunbar  
Councilperson Freeman  
Clerk Mahr

Also present: Kyle Dencenburg, Chris Curry, Nate Cook, Kurt Falvey and Jay Martin .

**Approval of Minutes**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance there was a moment of silence held for Emery Hough and Elizabeth Turissini. The minutes from the Town Board meeting on January 8, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve the January monthly board meeting minutes was made by Councilperson Haff, seconded by Councilperson Freeman and all in favor except Councilperson Dunbar who abstained.

**Supervisors Report**

The supervisor's report was presented and reviewed. Supervisor Butchko discussed the need to modify the 2019 budget to create a new line item (A1620.481) for \$5,100 for the hiring of a chipping machine contractor for the compost site. The motion to modify the budget was made by Councilperson Haar and seconded by Councilperson Haff with all in favor. Supervisor Butchko also reviewed the takeaway of \$4,800 in AIM Revenue by New York State and reported that the Town's AUD report was completed..

Supervisor Butchko then discussed the current cash positions in the budget for the General and Highway funds. Secondly Supervisor Butchko reviewed 2019 projected expenses for the Chipper, Solar project, Town Barn siding & roof replacement and Town Water System and well maintenance. Potential additional expenses for Keuka Hill Road repairs, town road inventory study and repairs to the water line to the Town Hall were also discussed. Supervisor Butchko recommended that a portion of the remaining cash after the known expenses be set aside in the General Fund for the highway projects. These monies when added to the remaining cash in the Highway fund would provide enough budget monies for road repair expense. Silsbee road and Coryell road will also need repair work in 2019 in addition to Keuka Hill road. A motion to approve the Supervisor's Report as written was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Dunbar, and all in favor.

**Clerks Report**

The clerk’s report was presented and reviewed. Councilperson Haff made a motion to approve, and seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Vouchers from Abstract 2 were submitted and discussed. Motion to approve vouchers was made by Councilperson Haff, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor.

Abstract 2 Vouchers were broken down by:

• General Account	Vouchers 13 – 51	\$41,488.91
• Highway Account	Vouchers 8 - 17	\$ 6,962.96
• TA Account	Vouchers 1 – 6	\$ 8,809.55
• SL Account	Voucher 2	\$ 259.32

**2018 Tax Update**

As of 2-19-29 \$2,232,335.70 has been collected on an adjusted Total Warrant of \$2,571,396.22. The collections are tracking similar to 2018. In addition \$351.94 has been collected in penalty fees. The taxes outstanding currently are \$338,790.65. The settlement meeting with Steuben County is scheduled for Monday April 15.

**Justice Report**

Justices reports were reviewed with no discussion. The \$1,400 grant for the court PA system has been approved. The 2018 audit has been completed. A motion to submit the audit was made by Councilperson Freeman and seconded by Councilperson Haar with all in favor.

**Assessor**

No report. Deadline for the assessor to assist with Star Exemption applications has been extended to March 5<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Butchko indicated that the current assessment utilization percentage of 100% is projected to drop in 2020 to a range between 97-98 per cent.

The tax grievance committee is again looking for another person to join the team.

**Highway Superintendent Report**

The highway journal was presented and discussed. Deputy Superintendent Dencenburg stated the majority of the actions taken so far this winter have been plowing which has taken longer than originally anticipated. The potential Keuka Hill Road proposal was reviewed in more detail in terms of timeframe and scope. Councilperson Haar made a motion to set aside up to \$96,000 from the General Fund to the Highway Fund for this project. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Supervisor Butchko also gave Deputy Superintendent Decenburg a First Aid kit that was provided to the Town from Comp Alliance.

**Code & Zoning Officer**

Review of the monthly report were presented with no discussion.

The Zoning Board minutes were presented with no discussion. There was no Planning Board meeting in January. Councilperson Freeman reviewed the need to get volunteers for the

Planning Board LUR sub-committee. This will be made as an announcement on the website. The Planning Board is hoping to have (10) people participate on the committee.

Supervisor Butchko discussed that Verizon will be installing a new cell phone booster in the Town Barn in April at no charge. However, there are still no definitive plans on installing a new cell phone tower in Wayne.

### **Watershed**

No report was presented.

Supervisor Butchko briefly reviewed the Lamoka -Waneta Waste Water Management program..

### **Dog Control Officer**

Dog Control Officer was submitted with no discussion.

Liz Kenyon will be deputy DCO while Megan Howard is recovering from surgery.

### **History Group**

Report was presented with no discussion.

### **Other Business**

Supervisor Butchko expressed thanks to Gary Loucks for his assistance with the water system due to the NYSDOH requirement of a Class C license.

Supervisor Butchko briefly reviewed the NYSEG outage on January 20.

The court hearing on the McKendrick vs. the Town of Wayne law suit was held on January 14<sup>th</sup> with results pending.

Supervisor Butchko reviewed the scope of the LDG Proposal to do a road inventory for the Town of Wayne. The intent of the study would be to provide input for establishing a road reserve in the Highway budget. The proposed cost would not exceed \$15,000. The Board decided to table a decision on the proposal at this time. Alternative options were discussed utilizing soil and water resources at both Steuben and Yates counties. A list will be provided at next Town Board meeting March 12.

New York state has denied the town's request to lower the speed limit on the West Waneta Lake Road to 45 MPH.

The Assessor shared services contract with Urbana for 2019 has been signed and submitted.

### **Public Comments**

Deputy Highway Superintendent Dencenburg asked about the Town providing health insurance for members of the highway department. The Board agreed to investigate potential options.

Kurt Falvey and Jay Martin asked for LUR clarification on the need for permits to install directional signs in agricultural zones. Councilperson Freeman to follow up with Code Enforcement Officer Harrop.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Mahr, Town Clerk  
March 12, 2019