TOWN OF WAYNE
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Hearing:
To adopt the Town Law, a Public Hearing will be held to increase Senior Tax Exemption to $35,000.00. That puts us on par with Urbana and Pulteney.
Close Public Hearing

Board Meeting;

Roll call;
Councilmember Haar, Councilmember Bauer, Councilmember Freeman, Councilmember Kenyon, Supervisor Mahr, Clerk Serphillips

In attendance;
Don Robbins, Marilyn Robbins, Joe Serphillips, Ron McIntyre
A moment of silence was observed for Robert Canfield, and Melinda Vondracek.

Approval of minutes;

A motion to approve January 14, 2025 minutes, subject to changes discussed, was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor

Supervisor's report;

The $100,000.00 still needs to be moved from the General fund into the Highway Equipment Reserve.
We were underpaid $38.00 on our contributions for unemployment insurance. Also, there are budget modifications needed to be made to address NYMIR'S 2025 assessment estimate.
There were seven old checks that were never cashed and have expired. They still show in the Williamson Law software and need to be deleted.
A motion was made to void the checks, by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

A motion to approve Resolution 0-5 2025 giving a fixed mileage fee of $840.00 , to be paid quarterly, for the Code Officer and Watershed Inspector was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Freeman.
Voting as follows;

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

It was discussed to purchase Code enforcement software from Williamson Law to keep track of all processes/violators, with standard permits. It also intergrates with the Town Planning, Zoning and Watershed activities. There is confidentiality within the system. A motion to approve purchasing the Williamson Law software was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon. All are in favor.

The NYMIR Property Liability insurance assessment, is split between the Highway and the General funds. There needs to be a separate resolution for the Highway.

A motion to approve Resolution -06 2025, was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Haar. Voting as follows;

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

A motion to approve Resolution 07-2025, for the Highway NYMIR assessment was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Haar voting as follows;

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

A motion to approve the Supervisor's report was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Bauer, all are in favor

Clerk's report;

Clerk's report given without discussion.

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

In the Vouchers regarding the taxes, we paid the Fire department $248,000.00. We also paid Keuka Lighting which does not require a separate voucher. We have to move money from the General account to the Tax account. The Highway and General funds tax payments will be paid in March.

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

Justice report;

The 2024 Justice audit was done by Supervisor Mahr and Justice Freeman.
Resolution 08-2025 A motion to approve Resolution 8, with the correction from #7 to #8 was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Haar. Voting as follows, Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Bauer, yes Councilmember Kenyon, Councilmember Freeman abstain, Supervisor Mahr, yes

Assessor Report

A motion to approve Resolution 09-2025 to raise the Senior Exemption Income Level, Local Law #1, made by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon. Voting as follows;
Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Bauer yes Councilmember Freeman yes, Councilmember Kenyon yes Supervisor Mahr yes.

Highway report;

Superintendent stated that roads were plowed and sanded, trucks were cleaned and greased, roads were checked for drifts, water room checked.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the final amount received from insurance for the Chevy was $57,697.00 and $62,147.501 for the Dodge. Also, the bid for the Chevy was at Elmira Chevy and the Dodge at Friendly Dodge
A motion to purchase the truck was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon. All are in favor.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the Town was accepted into the Federal Reserve, where Federal agencies post their equipment for municipalities, before it's posted for the public.

Code officer report;

Jon Serdula reviewed the monthly building deck and septic permits. There were 3-4 pluming inspections and he checked on the progress of the new building for Weis winery. Mr. Serdula stated that his training will start in March and run to July or August, with testing at the end of each session.

Planning and Zoning;

No meetings this month
Watershed;

KWIC system discussed with no action taken.

Ethics; No meeting this month

DCO;

Superintendent Starkweather rescued a dog from the ravine and turned over to the owner, who was present at the scene.

History group;

The next History open house will be on August 9, 2025.

Web Statistics;

Reviewed with no discussions.

Old Business;

A revocation letter for Short-Term Rental permit was sent to Eshon, on May Lane. The house was renovated without permits. The owner is appealing the revocation.
Issues with the new heating system were discussed.
It was brought up on getting more shared office space for the Assessor, Code and Watershed office.
It was also mentioned that residents are asking if we will have a community picnic this year.

New Business;

The next Town clean up and shredding, will be on May 10, 2025

Public Comments;

Ron McIntyre commended the Town on getting new Code Software.

Executive session;

No session needed

The next Town of Wayne Board meeting is on Tuesday March11, 2025
At 6 pm

At motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Harr, all are in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Angie Serphillips, Clerk

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