TOWN OF WAYNE
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Draft)
June 9, 2026

Present:

- Supervisor Mahr
- Councilmember Terwilliger
- Councilmember Haar
- Councilmember Freeman
- Councilmember Kenyon
- Clerk Serphillips

Also Present: County Legislator Jeff Horton, Town Attorney Richard Buck, Joe Serphillips, Karol Palmer, Jay Palmer, Jeff Horton, Ron McIntyre, Don Robbins, Marilyn Robbins, Geof Terwilliger, Jesse Jayne, Bryan Starkweather, and others.

The meeting was called to order following the completion of the Public Hearing.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Steven Jones.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Kenyon and seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger to approve the April 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes. Councilmembers Kenyon and Terwilliger voted in favor. Councilmembers Freeman and Haar abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haar and seconded by Councilmember Kenyon,to approve the May 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes. Councilmembers Haar, Freeman, and Kenyon voted in favor. Councilmember Terwilliger abstained. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Mahr discussed CHIPS reimbursement funding and the need for a future budget amendment to appropriately account for reimbursement funds when received.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kenyon and seconded by Councilmember Freeman to approve the Supervisor's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 08 – Tax Cap Override Local Law

A motion was made by Councilmember Haar and seconded by Councilmember Kenyon to approve Resolution No. 08, Tax Cap Override Local Law.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Terwilliger – Yes
- Councilmember Haar – Yes
- Councilmember Freeman – Yes
- Councilmember Kenyon – Yes
- Supervisor Mahr – Yes

Resolution No. 08 was adopted.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported:

- Disbursements totaling $6,202.25
- 10 tax certificates issued
- 2 real property transfers
- 1 septic replacement permit
- 13 short-term rental permits
- 2 town cleanup fees
- 2 cemetery service transactions
- 7 dog licenses
- 1 building permit
- 1 photocopy/site plan request

A motion was made by Councilmember Haar and seconded by Councilmember Freeman to approve the Clerk's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk advised the Board that postage rates will increase to $0.80 effective July 12, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haar and seconded by Councilmember Kenyon to authorize the pre-purchase of postage stamps prior to the rate increase. All in favor. Motion carried.

ABSTRACTS AND VOUCHERS

The Board reviewed vouchers contained in Abstract No. 6.

A motion was made by Councilmember Freeman and seconded by Councilmember Kenyon to approve payment of the vouchers as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Mahr and Councilmember Freeman provided an update regarding the 2027 Assessor Reevaluation Data mailers and inventory review work will begin in July 2026. Property reviews and assessment updates will be completed in preparation for the 2027 Assessment Roll.

Complete revaluation data mailers will be distributed beginning in April 2027.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highway Superintendent Bryan Starkweather reported:

- The East Lake Road project is substantially complete.
- Final work includes settling and restoration around culvert replacement areas.
- CHIPS reimbursement paperwork is being prepared.
- Ditching and routine road maintenance continue throughout the Town.
- Assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation District is being sought for Fleet Road stabilization work.
- A student intern completed several weeks of service through the BOCES program.

Road Warning Signs

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of black-and-yellow advisory speed signs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Freeman and seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger to authorize the purchase of approximately ten signs at an estimated cost of $49 each. All in favor. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING REPORT

Discussion was held regarding:

- Ongoing efforts to address the fire-damaged property at the corner of Waneta Lake Road and Bubbling Springs Road.
- Existing local laws allowing cleanup costs to be assessed against property taxes.
- Property maintenance violations.
- Cleanup progress at several locations.
- Foreclosure proceedings involving the Basa property and ongoing discussions with the bank regarding repairs and cleanup.

Additional report items included:

- Two building permit violations were corrected.
- One area variance was approved.
- Two subdivision applications were approved by the Planning Board.
- Approval was granted for the conversion of a garage into a residence.

Watershed Report

Reviewed without discussion.

Ethics Report

No activity reported.

Dog Control Officer Report

No activity reported.

Historian's Report

Volunteer Hours for May: 59

Accomplishments: 1. Completed painting of the History Room. 2. Paul Reiser returned to the group for the summer season. A return date for Buddy Leech has not yet been established. 3. Began work on the Keuka Village display for the Open House. 4. Received an invitation to participate in a Steuben County-wide 250th Anniversary event in Bath during Labor Day weekend. 5. Completed organization of available information regarding Wayne Old Home Days and Wayne Community Days, which were held over a span of 38 years. 6. Received payment and an additional donation from an author contact in Florida for the third packet of Hallett family information. 7. Candy Dietrich returned part-time and is assisting with sorting Town of Wayne historical records. 8. Began organizing materials

related to the Keukauna Club, a social and fundraising organization active from 1958 through 2011.

Goals for June: 1. Obtain bookcases for the History Room. 2. Continue preparations for the August Open House. 3. Contact June Smoot and Margo Case regarding renewal of loans of Hallett family items received in 2025. 4. Make a decision regarding participation in the Labor Day event. 5. Follow up with Marbles regarding the protective case for the Steuben County map. 6. Begin setting up new displays in the History Room.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Picnic

Discussion was held regarding plans for the Town Picnic scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026, from Noon to 2:00 p.m., including:

- Catering arrangements
- Pickleball activities
- Possible softball game
- Facility setup and logistics

Playground Grant

An update was provided regarding playground equipment grant opportunities. Additional information and cost estimates are being gathered for Board review.

ELECTION NOTICE

Supervisor Mahr announced that the Primary Election at the Wayne Town Hall will be held on June 23, 2026, will be for the Democratic Party.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received regarding property maintenance concerns and ongoing cleanup efforts within the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Kenyon and seconded by Councilmember Haar to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.