

# TOWN OF WAYNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2017

Supervisor Butchko called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Butchko  
Councilperson Carlson  
Councilperson Haar  
Councilperson Haff  
Councilperson Freeman  
Clerk Mooney

Also present: David Bauer, Stan Witkowski, Megan Pifer, Les and Marianne Reimsnyder

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Town Board meetings of December 13, 2016, December 29, 2016, and January 10, 2017, were reviewed. Motion to approve all meetings minutes was made by Councilperson Haff, seconded by Councilperson Haar, all in favor.

## **Supervisors Report**

Supervisor's report for Town Board meetings of December 13, 2016, and January 10, 2017 were presented and reviewed. Motion to approve both supervisors report was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Haff, and all in favor.

The 2016 Annual AUD has been completed and accepted.

## **Clerks Report**

The clerk's reports for Town Board meetings of December 13, 2016, and January 10, 2017 were presented and reviewed. No discussion.

Vouchers of Abstract 12 and 13 from December 13, 2016, December 29, 2016 were submitted and discussed. Motion to approve both sets of vouchers was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

Vouchers of Abstract 1 were presented. A discussion regarding the process of pre-paid vouchers followed. Vouchers of taxes, utilities, comptroller, payroll and assessor contract/payroll will be the only pre-pays. All others vouchers will wait to be paid until approved by the board at the subsequent board meetings. A motion to accept the vouchers of Abstract 1 was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

Abstract 1 Vouchers were broken down by:

- General Account
  - Vouchers 19 - 49
  - Total \$209,764.95

- Highway Account
  - Vouchers 1- 19
  - Total \$12,229.84
- TA Account
  - Vouchers 2 - 6
  - Total \$7,665.82
- SL Account
  - Voucher 2
  - Total \$216.22

The board was updated on the progress of the 2017 property tax collection.

### **Justice Report**

Justices reports were reviewed. No discussion.

The Justice/TOW received \$2100 as part of the JCAP grant. Justice Prawel intends to use the money for a new desk for Court Clerk Candice King, and rope and stanchions.

### **Assessor**

Two residents of the Town have taken advantage of the new income values of the Real Property Tax Exemption and seen a reduction in their taxes.

Supervisor Butchko presented Local Law #1 regarding taxation of commercial solar sites and bill was discussed. A public meeting will be held prior to the next board meeting to further discuss the proposed law.

The court issued action on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ellis. The Ellis's received a reduction in their property tax.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

Journals were presented and discussed.

The brine used on the dirt roads is contracted to not be fracking waste brine.

Superintendent Bauer and Supervisor Butchko have explored options for a group health plan for the highway workers. They will stay with what they have as there are no real advantages for a group plan.

The new truck is in, but is still being worked on. It probably won't be available for a month or more.

There will be a BOCES student following the highway guys in the field for a week or so.

### **Code & Zoning Officer**

Review of monthly reports were presented. No discussion.

## **Planning Board**

Planning Board co-chair Mr. Stan Witkowski presented updates on Planning Board activities.

- Verizon Cell Tower – There has been a lot of public comment and input regarding the 195 foot tower. The planning board must do a full SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) and the board will need assistance with this. The town is allowed to bill Verizon for any consultant hired to assist them with the SEQR and the visual impact such a tower might have. This is related to Part II, Question 9 of a full Environmental Assessment Form. Attorney fees will be reimbursable as well. A motion to hire a consultant to write this section of the SEQR, and to spend up to \$1000 for such person was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Haar, and all in favor.
- LUR – There will be a need for a public hearing prior to the next board meeting to establish an enhancement to local law. This is section 4.6 of the LUR. A motion to write such a law was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and 4 in favor, and 1 opposed. The motion passed. A public hearing of the new LUR is planned for June or July of this year.
- Solar Committee – A solar committee is being established to propose new solar regulations into the new LUR. Planning Board hopes to have this set up by the next Planning Board meeting in March.
- Scenic Corridor – There has been discussion of a designated scenic corridor or scenic highway along Silsbee Road and Keuka Hill Road.

## **Watershed**

Report was presented and no discussion.

Councilperson Carlson, who is the President of the Keuka Lake Association, presented information on an aggressive new invasive species found in Keuka Lake called the Starry Stonewort. See the white paper attached

A motion that the Town of Wayne supports the KWIC initiative in the pursuit of efforts to eliminate the evil starry stonewort was made by Councilperson Haar, and seconded by Councilperson Haff, and all in favor.

## **Dog Control Officer**

Dog License Report reviewed. No discussion.

DCO Pifer presented a draft of an updated town dog law. This will presented in the March board meeting, with a discussion and vote to make it a resolution.

## **History Group**

Report Reviewed. No discussion.

### **Other Business**

A budget modification for fees from 2016 was made:

- Debit 599 - Unappropriated fund
- Credit
  - A1420.4                      \$11,054.50
  - A4050.4                      1,276.50
  - A8020.48                    7,020.00

Mr. John Ervin of Keuka Village Road has cost the TOW \$9500.00 in legal fees pursuing his FOIL requests. All requests for specific FOIL documents have been met.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Les Reimsnyder of Keuka Village Road asked if there is an opening on the planning board, and if so, his friend Jeff Martin would like to sit on the board. There is no opening for a permanent member at this time, but Mr. Martin will be named an alternate for the board.

Mr. Reimsnyder also asked about the status of the 'park' regarding the hydro plant and lake to lake trail. There is no news or update on any of this at this time.

He also asked what the NYSEG Thank You letters were in reference to on the agenda last month. It was explained that many people support the Town in requesting the grant for the Hydro project. These were simply letters thanking them for their support, even if we didn't receive the grant.

### **Executive Session**

A motion to temporarily adjourn the Town Board meeting and move into executive session was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Haff, and all in favor.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Councilperson Haff, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

There is no action plan from this executive session.

### **Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Mooney, Town Clerk  
February 14, 2017