

TOWN OF WAYNE
JULY 16, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT

The July 16, 2024, Town of Wayne Board Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

Present: Councilmember Freeman Supervisor Mahr
Councilmember Haar Deputy Clerk Gabel
Councilmember Kenyon

Absent: Councilmember Bauer

In Attendance: Bryan Starkweather, Dan and Mary Ellen Hamm, Samantha Swarthout, Tiana Crooks, Darlene Swarthout and Kelly Hoque.

The June 11, 2024, Town of Wayne Board Meeting Minutes were approved by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Kenyon, with all in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Mahr stated that there were no negatives in funds and the budget resolution proposed is to make adjustments for the upcoming 2025 budget.

Supervisor Mahr stated that Scott Deming completed a server upgrade and this should be planned for the 2025 budget.

A motion to approve the Supervisor's report was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, with all in favor.

A motion to approve **Resolution 12** was made by Councilmember Kenyon seconded by Councilmember Freeman, with voting as follows:

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

Clerk's Report:

Supervisor Mahr stated that disbursements were:

Paid to Supervisor for the General fund, \$3,298.00

Paid to NYS Animal Population Control Program. \$15.00

A motion to approve **Abstract 7** was made by Councilmember Freeman seconded by Councilmember Kenyon, with all in favor.

A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, with all in favor.

Justice Report: The Justice report was reviewed with no discussion.

Assessor's Report: No activity this month.

Highway Report:

Superintendent Starkweather stated that he is working on the CHIPS program and discussed a vehicle accident that occurred near Birdseye Hollow Road with the 2018 1-ton truck. He is waiting for insurance adjuster to get truck repaired.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that work is continuing on Keuka Village Road and wanted to install a drain tile, but discovered a 4" gas main buried with test valves on the

canal side of the road and will need to work with NYSEG or Frontier for a solution to dig around these items.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that he had been contacted by a few people going passed the Highway Department area, noticing trailers taking stones from the pile. Then Superintendent Starkweather stated he caught someone doing the same thing and told them to stop or be arrested for trespassing. After contacting the Sheriff or State Troopers, Superintendent Starkweather requested the Town put up signs in the area to discourage this from happening. The Sheriff or State Troopers suggested the Town do this because they would have more jurisdiction over the situation.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that he has tried to contact the East Lake Road Engineer, but has not heard back from him. NYSEG wants to put a gas line in the area. Superintendent Starkweather contacted Hunt Engineering to get a retainer for the projects until year end, but it would be \$10,000.00 ~ considering getting a quote for 2025 Budget.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that he had started washing the 2016 pick-up truck when he noticed several rust spots coming through the paint. After checking the truck over noticed several more locations. He also said that on a comparable truck the price has gone up and through Simmons-Rockwell it would be 15 weeks for delivery. The cost would be around \$88,000.00 without the additions for the truck.

Code Officer Report: The report was reviewed with no discussion.

Planning and Zoning Boards Report:

May Zoning minutes are not approved yet due to lack of members present at current meeting who were at the May meeting. At the July meeting, Zoning approved setback relief to allow Mr. Leid to build a small barn near his home for his horse and buggy.

Planning approved the subdivision for the Ewell property on Alderman.

Ethics Report: No report

Watershed Report:

Two pumping companies have gone out of business: Allen's and Peterson's. Both have stopped pumping because their pump trucks broke down.

DCO Report:

On 6/30/24 around 10am DCO Swarthout received a phone call from a lady stating that she had found a small dog on the intersection of County Rt. 87 and 114. She said that she first contacted Diane Davis who is Urbana's DCO and she referred her to Wayne as it was not her jurisdiction. She said that she had walked up and down the road asking people if the dog was theirs and no one recognized the dog. She stated the dog kept watching passing by cars and seem to want to stay in that area where she was found. The dog was taken in to the shelter, fed, and watered with some cool air. She was posted on Facebook describing the areas in which she was found and no one has commented or called stating it was their dog. This sweet girl will stay in the shelter for her recommended time and will be transported to a shelter or rescue once the hold is up.

On 6/30/24 around 6pm, DCO Swarthout received a phone call that a dog had been spooked by the high winds blowing down a tent and had taken off in the area of Van Fleet Rd right off of North Urbana. They already contacted Diane Davis to make her

aware and she recommended that they call DCO Swarthout to keep an eye out as well. DCO Swarthout posted the dog on Facebook and 30 minutes later the owner contacted Swarthout stating that she was found right down the road.

DCO Swarthout would like to take a minute and thank Karen Doucette for her amazing services at the Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, as well as Angie Serphillips and Heather Swarthout. This was a great turnout and everyone did a great job with keeping the cluster to a minimal and everything ran smoothly.

We would also like to thank a few residents in the area for their donations of towels and blankets that we have received over the past few weeks.

History Report: There were 47.5 volunteer hours in June.

Paul Reiser and Buddy Leech returned to volunteer with the group for the summer. Participated in the event to unveil the historical marker dedicated to Ben Reno in front of the Switz. Unveiling followed by a talk about Ben Reno by Ed Wightman at the Switz. Paul completed the organization of all of the information we have on the history of the Town of Wayne while he was in Florida over the winter.

Plan for the annual open house to be held on Saturday, August 10th from 10-12. We are planning to feature the collection of information from the Turner Family. The display will also feature the Aisle of Pines as Clay and Ada Turner were caretakers.

A special Thank You to the History Group for helping with the Wayne's Welcome mailing to residents. Also, residents have the opportunity to have the Wayne's Welcome e-mailed to them, rather than having them sent by snail-mail.

OLD BUSINESS

Short Term Rental Update: Councilmember Freeman stated that there were 67 applications received and 2 written parking complaints. Councilmember Freeman stated that there are a couple properties with maintenance violations and an open issue on Grove Springs Road due to the owner being required to install a concrete tank versus a holding tank. Renting this property without addressing this issue is a violation.

Playground Update: Supervisor Mahr stated that there were three bids for fencing to be put around pickleball court and asked to be done by end of July.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he is working with Superintendent Starkweather for a landscaper to get drainage squared away in the court area. Superintendent Starkweather stated that parking area needs attention because cars and golf carts are driving through the playground area.

CEC Grant Projects: Supervisor Mahr stated that he is working with Mike Brown, Co-op from Schuyler County, to do an energy survey assessment of the Town Hall building.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Mahr stated that with the Town Hall building, the air conditioning and heating units need to be updated.

A motion to approve **Resolution 13** to address using building Reserve Funds was made by Councilmember Kenyon, seconded by Councilmember Haar, with voting as follows:

Councilmember Freeman, yes
Councilmember Haar, yes

Councilmember Kenyon, yes
Supervisor Mahr, yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Hogue spoke on the short-term rental issue limiting the number of people to 12. Mr. Hogue stated that their property has plenty of space and land to accommodate 18 people and asked for a “variance” within the application to rent to 18 people and would be willing to pay more for the application if this was approved.

Dan and Mary Ellen Hamm also stated that they would be willing to pay more for the application if the number of people were increased.

Councilmember Kenyon stated that parking was considered when the application was put together.

The participants were told the Town Board will take their request under advisement.

At 7:15 pm Councilmember Haar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council-member Kenyon, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gabel
Deputy Clerk