

TOWN OF WAYNE
Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
January 14, 2025

The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call; Councilmember Haar, Councilmember Bauer, Councilmember Freeman, Councilmember Kenyon is absent, Supervisor Mahr, Clerk Serphillips
In attendance; County Legislature Jeff Horton, Pat Horton, Joe Serphillips, Tom Cooke, Ron McIntyre

Guest speaker; County Legislature Jeff Horton

A motion to approve the minutes for December 10, 2024, was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Bauer, all are in favor

Guest speaker Legislature Horton explained why the tax bills were mailed late. There were five towns that did not turn in their budget by the deadline. Also, the foreman exemption changes for 2025 would not communicate with the software, and could not be uploaded, which made a delay with the printing company. At this time, they are in the mail.

Legislature Horton stated that projects that the county completed in 2024, through the Harp of Funds were the Curtis Highway Shop and the Mt. Washington Shop. The Cruelty to Animal Prevention is a capital project, went up about 300% in the last 5 years. He also stated that the County continues with road side clean up projects. The county also launched an EMS service, where all are considered in network.

The County also started a CDL training class, with no charge to the Town.

Also established is the Drivers Diversion program for municipalities, with a grant to be given to five municipality applicants of up to \$10,000 for five years. He also stated that the County purchased the land across from the Steuben Sheriff's office.

Legislature Horton stated that there is now the Bridge to Hope Center in Corning, for residents in need of mental health help.

The new Commissioner of Finance is Mitch Alger, and the new County Attorney is Tim Rozzele. He also stated that the fees for 2025 Civil Service exams have been waived. Ron McIntyre asked what it cost the tax payers for the lawsuit against the sheriff. That cost is \$250,000.00. Legislature Horton stated that the lawsuit is still active pending an appeal. The appeal by Jack Wheeler and Scott VanEtten, will cost \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

Tom Cooke voiced his concerns regarding Spectrum wanting to charge \$10,000.00 to connect internet at his home. It was suggested that he call Empire.

Supervisor's report;

Supervisor Mahr stated that there are a couple of minor negatives in the General Fund. Carol Golden will be in next week to work with our bookkeeper Jannelle Mahan on closing the books for 2024. Supervisor Mahr stated that budget modifications that were signed off on, did not show. He also stated that there are no negatives in the Highway. Supervisor Mahr stated that \$105,000.00 is moving into the fund balance, from our budget that was not used, not including other revenue that we achieved. The Highway was \$182,512.00.

A motion to approve the Supervisors report was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

A motion to approve Resolution _25 2024 was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. Voting as follows;

Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Bauer, Yes

Councilmember Freeman, yes Councilmember Kenyon, absent

Supervisor Mahr, yes

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 Haar, all are in favor.

The Clerk's year end report is higher than last year due to the increase of the STR permits.

Abstract 13 and Abstract 1 were presented without discussion

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

A motion to approve Resolution 03_2025. Adopted at the January 14, 2025 Town of Wayne Board meeting, was made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Bauer. Voting as follows;

Councilmember Haar, yes Councilmember Bauer, yes

Councilmember Freeman, yes Councilmember Kenyon, absent

Supervisor Mahr, yes

Justice report; No activity this month

Highway report;

Roads were plowed and sanded, serviced trucks and equipment, water room checked, PESCH silica training, cleaned and maintained trucks.

Cleaned out the area that floods in the channels and debris hauled away.

The 284 road plans are done for 2025. Superintendent Starkweather stated that he gave Supervisor Mahr a packet for The Federal Surplus Program, which once we are in the program, we can be gifted by the government or obtain equipment at a low price, or free. He also stated that the electrician will be here tomorrow (1/16/2025) to fix the kill switch on the gas pump.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that he needs permission to start the bidding process for the pickup truck. The \$64,000.00 insurance check should cover the cost.

A motion to put an ad in the paper for the bidding was made by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Haar. All are in favor.

Update on the E. Lake Rd project; Superintendent

Starkweather stated that the engineer had drawing updates that he was going to do That will be ready to go out to bid.

Supervisor Mahr stated that there isn't a code readily available for insurance for the engineering, or highway fund, but we can create one.

Code Officer report;

Gil Harrop's final report given with no discussion.

Jon Serdula is the new Code Officer. He has been meeting with Shona Freeman, and Kolby. He also discussed the possibility of getting a program from Williamson Law, that can also be shared with the Highway.

Planning and Zoning boards;

The sub-division was approved.

A motion to approve the Planning/Zoning minutes was made by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Haar. All are in favor.

Watershed report;

KWIC met with Kolby and discussed strategy which will be enhanced.

Ethics report;

No activity

DCO officer;

No activity

History report;

Report with no discussion

Web statistics report;

Report with no discussion

New business;

Greg Blessing gave an estimate to purchase and install a water softener in the Town Hall.

A motion to install the water softener in the Town Hall was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

Old business;

There is a Zoom meeting by the State to tell what they are going to do with STR.

One STR permit was revoked.

Supervisor Marh went over changes made from last weeks charts. We are now paying NYSEG by direct deposit.

A motion to approve changes to permit fees was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman, all are in favor.

Public comments;

The next Town Board meeting will be on February 11, 2025

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Haar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

