

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
(It is to be noted that proper Social Distancing was observed by all present. Also, all Board members who were present wore appropriate face masks. Butts said that he had fogged the meeting room to sanitize it on January 29. The meeting was open to the public.)
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
Citizens: Craig Yeager and Tami Yeager were present.
Guests: Ron Bellaire, the proposed Electrical Inspector for Wayne Township
Beth Pompey, Office Manager of Zoning Resolutions
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge to the United States flag was led by Trustee Maley.
4. **Invocation:** Supervisor Butts gave the invocation.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were not ready for approval.
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance:** \$408,712.12; **Receipts:** \$87,135.18; **Expenditures:** \$33,360.74; **New General Fund Balance:** \$462,486.56; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** \$234,311.05; **Receipts:** \$10,059.26; **Expenditures:** \$1,578.43; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$242,791.88; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance:** \$192,543.00. **Motion by Griggs to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Butts requested that Resolution R-21-02-08 as item H. be added to the agenda.
8. **Guest Comments:** Butts announced that John Peters had submitted his resignation as Electrical Inspector and that Ron Bellaire had been recommended for the position by Peters and by the fact that Bellaire is currently Electrical Inspector for 25 municipalities. He said that Reich had met with Bellaire to go over the procedures Bellaire uses in his other units of government. Reich said that Bellaire usually gets his inspections completed in six hours and that he has not had any problems keeping up with his inspections. He said that Bellaire, 55 years of age, is trying to get municipalities that are closer to his home.
9. **Public Comments:** none
10. **Reports:**
 - A. **Building Inspector:** There was no report.
 - B. **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report.
 - C. **Electrical Inspector:** One Electrical Permit was issued for \$205.00.
 - D. **Mechanical Inspector:** Two Mechanical Permits were issued for \$365.00.
 - E. **Plumbing Inspector:** One Plumbing Permit was issued for \$200.00.
 - F. **Assessor:** Butts said that several resolutions need to be adopted to comply with changes made by the legislature.
 - G.
 - H. **Fire Board:**
 - I. **Blight Inspector:** The Blight Inspector is moving forward on some cases. Butts went over a few of the cases that Pompey is working on.
 - J. **Unsafe Building(s):** Butts asked that a letter be sent to the owners of the A-frame house on Morton St. north of big Twin.
 - K. **Zoning Violations:**
 - L. **Planning Commission:**
 - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:**
 - N. **Dowagiac District Library (DDL):** Reich said construction continues to move along very well. The library is open part time using precautions to avoid the virus.
 - O. **Emergency Services Authority (ESA):** Butts reported that there had been sixteen priority one calls last month. He said that Pride Care hopes to build an ambulance garage near Five Mile Corner similar to the one it built in Dowagiac recently. Butts said the new contract is almost done.
 - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko explained her written report. She said that her cemetery books are nearly all up to date. Fusko reported that the winter newsletter is nearly complete and will go to the printer next week.
 - Q. **Clerk:** Reich said that the two budget amendments are needed. **Motion by Reich to increase the Building Inspector's Office Supplies line item by \$260.00 and cut the Building Inspector's Publications line item by \$260.00 and raise the Zoning Administrator's Office**

Supplies line item by \$100.00 and cut the Zoning Administrator's Mileage line item by \$100.00. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.

R. Supervisor: Supervisor Butts: **(1.)** said that the Road Commission is advising people to check the condition of their mailbox before snow plowing starts so any necessary reinforcing can be done; **(2.)** reported that the meeting at Penn Township concerning off road vehicles did not allow public discussion.

S. Township Website: Reich said that Griggs has continued to work on updates as he gets them.

T. MEANDRS: Maley said there was no news.

11. **Payment of Bills: Motion by Fusko to pay the list of bills as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**

12. **Old Business:**

A. Nubour Road Drainage: Butts said that the drainage problem on the west end of Nubour Rd. continues to be a problem. He said that the City of Dowagiac wants to address it because it has to be "fixed" so often as gravel washes down the road and fills up the drain. The Road Commission says that the only cure is to pave the portion of the road that comes down from in front of the Ausra home. The paved section would have paved shoulders that are raised to guide the water into drain minus the gravel that has been washing out the road and filling the drain. The cost—shared three ways between the City, the Road Commission and Wayne Township, would be about \$16,000.00 each.

B. Siding & Roof: There was no update.

C. Rudy Road Drain: Butts said that the City, the County Road Commission and Wayne Township will split the cost to repair the drain three ways.

D. Water Grant: There was no news.

13. **New Business:** There was no New Business.

14. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

15. **Adjournment: Motion by Griggs that the meeting be adjourned. Support by Butts. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk