

# **WAYNE TOWNSHIP**

## **TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**

Monday	December 2, 2024	7:30 pm
Monday	January 6, 2025	7:30 pm
Monday	February 3, 2025	7:30 pm
Monday	March 3, 2025	7:30 pm

### **FIRE BOARD MEETINGS**

Thursday	January 2, 2025	7:30 pm
Thursday	January 30, 2025	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 27, 2025	7:30 pm

## **WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Supervisor	David Davis	269-876-1182
Clerk	Kurt Reich	269-782-6555
Treasurer	Judith Fusko	269-423-8357
Trustee	Jim Griggs	574-215-4400
Trustee	Frank Maley	269-462-0802

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

Zoning	Mark Davis	269-414-3159
Building	Scott Saunders	269-999-6475
Electrical	Ron Bellaire	269-663-3429
Plumbing	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567
Mech'cal	Dobberteen Insp.	269-651-4567

### **OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS**

Assessor	Bill Kays	269-621-3604
Cnty Treas.	Hope Anderson	269-445-4468
Bd Comm1	Tom Langley	269-462-1155
Bd. Comm2	James Lawrence	269-782-6201
Cemet'y Mgr	Tammy Yeager	269-357-4710

## **BAD WEATHER? – CALL AHEAD!**

If the weather is bad – please call to see if the Treasurer's Office is open before you venture out – I don't open on nasty days!

# IF YOU NEED TAX INFORMATION

Contact the Township Treasurer at 269-782-7017

# WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

# **NEW MAILING ADDRESS**

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53950 Glenwood Road Dowagiac, MI 49047

# TOWNSHIP HALL HOURS

# **Treasurer**

**December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025** 

Monday -3-5 p.m. Tuesday -1-4 p.m.

Taxes will be accepted during any of the hours listed above and also during these additional hours:

From 1 – 4 p.m. on the following Fridays: December 6 & 20; February 7 & 21; and Friday, December 27 – 9 am – 5 pm Friday, February 28 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

March 1 – June 30, 2025

Tuesday -1-4 p.m.

# <u>Clerk</u>

Wednesday -1-4 p.m.

# **Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector**

Thursday - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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#### A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

If you have attended a Wayne Township board meeting lately or recall your August and November election ballot choices for Wayne Township Supervisor, you may have noticed a new name and face. Please allow me to introduce myself if I am not already known to you. My name is Dave Davis and I am your new township supervisor. How and when did this happen you may ask.

Several months ago I was appointed as the deputy township supervisor to assist Dr Frank Butts, our supervisor of many years. In July of this year Dr Butts notified myself and the board that he was stepping down so that he could spend more time with family. It was only fitting as he had served our community for 40 years in the position of supervisor. Dr Butts recommended that I be appointed to carry out his remaining term. The board agreed and the appointment was made.

How am I qualified to be your township supervisor? In order to answer that question there are several pieces to put together. Let me start with the fact that I consider myself an almost lifelong member of this community. My family moved to Wayne Township in 1967 when I was a year old. I grew up here and remained in the immediate area until I was in my early twenties. I returned to the township and purchased a house on Glenwood road with my wife, Beth and son, Zach in 1999. My wife and I continue to live at that location. I served a 30 year career in law enforcement with the last 25 years as a Dowagiac Police officer. After retiring from law enforcement I tried a couple of other things and then discovered my current career. I am now working as a teaching assistant at the Elkhart Area Career Center. I work with approximately 110 students and three instructors including my wife. This keeps us very busy.

Because I have grown up and lived within the township I have come to know many of you. Our son, like myself, is a graduate of Dowagiac Union High School. All three of us have attended classes at Southwestern Michigan College. Zach was a longtime 4-H exhibitor through 4W-4H at the Cass County Fair as well. We have made many friends and connections through the years that we cherish greatly.

Because of my knowledge of the community and its people as well as my experience working within government I am a good candidate to be your township supervisor. I am looking forward to serving my community and leading us into the future for the next generation of our residents.

Going forward I am trying to learn my job and the behind the scene things that we don't often consider. As I stated before Dr Butts was with us for 40 years. Those are very big shoes to fill and there will be a big learning curve. Most importantly I want you to know that I intend to keep moving in the direction that the board has been going for the last several years. I look forward to continuing our focus on blight and zoning issues that will make us a more desirable place to live, more so than we already are. I also want you to know that my wife's family is an agricultural family. Because of that, I understand the significant role that farming has within our community. I want to do everything possible to continue that quality of life and give our township agriculture all the support that I can. I look forward to serving our community. Please visit our township board meetings and see what your township is trying to do for you. Dave Davis, Wayne Twp Supervisor.