

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
Citizens: Tammy Yeager
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:** (1.) **January 3, 2022 Board meeting:** *Motion by Maley to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Board meeting as printed. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
(2.) **February 7, 2022 Board meeting:** Fusko said that the New Fire Department Fund Balance had a typographical error and needed to be corrected to read \$249,921.30. *Motion by Butts to approve the proposed amended minutes of the February 7, 2022 Board meeting as amended. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
(3.) **February 21, 2022 Budget Work Session:** Maley said the minutes needed to be amended to show that he was present. *Motion by Griggs to approve the proposed amended minutes of the February 21, 2022 Budget Work Session. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance:** \$481,196.34; **Receipts:** \$26,377.34 **Expenditures:** \$20,323.55; **New General Fund Balance:** \$487,250.13; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** \$258,921.15; **Receipts:** \$10.32; **Expenditures:** \$1,370.50; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$257,560.97; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance:** \$812,045.50. *Motion by Maley to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*
7. **Approval of Agenda:** The amount of \$213.99 was added to the list of bills to pay for toner and computer accessories.
8. **Guest Speaker:** none
9. **Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments. However, Butts said that he had answered several questions concerning the proposed Mill Pond Weed Eradication project
 - A. **Building Inspector:** There was no report.
 - B. **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report.
 - C. **Electrical Inspector:** One Electrical Permit was issued for \$300.00.
 - D. **Mechanical Inspector:** Six Mechanical Permits were issued for \$1,105.00.
 - E. **Plumbing Inspector:** One Plumbing Permit was issued for \$275.00.
 - F. **Assessor:** Butts said that the Board of Review's training in Kalamazoo was successful
 - G. **Cemetery Report:** Craig Yeager reported that there had not been any burials or sales of lots.
 - H. **Fire Board:** Chief Butts said that there had been 16 runs in February. He said the Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 30 with social hour at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M.
 - I. **Blight Inspector:** The report that came with the bill was gone over. *Motion by Reich to proceed with a citation for the property at 52430 Glenwood Rd. Support by Maley. Motion carried.* There was a discussion again about campers and the big job it will take for Zoning Solutions to take on the decision by the Board to move against illegal campers and trailers at Twin Lakes and across the township.
 - J. **Unsafe Building(s): Morton St. A-Frame:** Butts said there are two individuals who are interested in purchasing the property.
 - K. **Zoning Violations:** As discussed earlier there are several campers being lived in.
 - L. **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission will be holding one of its quarterly meetings on Thursday. Election of officers is on the agenda. It will be discussed that the secretary needs to have access to a computer.
 - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** A public hearing has been scheduled for March 24 at 7:00 P.M.
 - N. **Dowagiac District Library (DDL):** Reich said that things continue to run smoothly.
 - O. **Emergency Services Authority (ESA):** Butts said there are two monthly reports.
 - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko went over several issues she has been dealing with.
 - Q. **Clerk:** Several budget amendments were needed: (1.) *Motion by Reich to reduce Township Hall Supplies line item by \$100.00 and increase the Township Hall Internet Service Subscription line item by \$100.00. Support by Fusko. Motion carried;* (2.) *Motion by Fusko to increase the Mechanical Inspector fee line item by \$1,600.00 and the Plumbing Inspector fee line item by \$100.00. Support by Maley. Motion carried unanimously;* *Motion by Fusko to increase the Mechanical Permit line item by \$1,600.00 and the Plumbing Permit line item by \$100.00. Support by Maley. Motion carried.* (3.) *Motion by Fusko to decrease the Blight Enforcement Office Supplies line item by \$200.00 and*

increase the Blight Enforcement Mileage line item by \$200.00. Support by Maley. Motion carried.

R. Supervisor: Butts reported the following: (1.) said a zoom meeting with the Treasury Dept. was a waste of time; (2.) reviewed several inquiries he had taken from township residents; (3.) went over the boat ramp on the large lake and what the Improvement Association plans on doing to improve the ramp; (4.) discussed the loss of revenue due to the new census; (5.) said he had met with Lisa Broda concerning her pier on the small lake.

S. **Township Website:** Griggs continues to update the website. Fusko noted that if a township has a website it must put in it meeting announcements.

T. **MEANDRS:** The meeting on February 8 was held by zoom.

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

11. **Old Business:**

A. **ARPA Funds:** Butts read over some of the rules of using the funds. He said that the first report of spending is April 1.

B. **2022 Roadwork:** Different projects for 2022 were discussed and contracts looked over. The Road Commission is paying for ½ of the cost of Dust Control. **Motion by Griggs to pay ½ the cost of Dust Control. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.**

C. **Cost Recovery Resolution:** After discussion it was agreed to table the Cost Recovery Resolution for further study.

12. **New Business:**

A. **North Red Hill Building:** The 4-H spokesperson said the repairs to the building will cost about \$1,000.00. **Motion by Fusko to allow the repairs to the North Red Hill Building (owned by the township) without a Building Permit. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**

B. **Reappointment of David Accoe to the Cemetery Committee (4-1-2022 – 3-31-2025): Motion by Fusko to reappoint David Accoe to the Cemetery Committee. Support by Griggs. Motion carried**

C. **Reappointment of Ned Sutherland to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term): Motion by Reich to reappoint Ned Sutherland the Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**

D. **Resolution R-22-03-01 to approve the Township Budget: Motion by Fusko to approve Resolution R-22-03-01 to approve the General Fund Budget. Support by Maley. Motion carried unanimously.**

E. **Approval of the 2022-2023 Meeting Calendar: Motion by Maley to approve the Meeting Dates calendar. Support by Fusko. Motion carried**

13. **Public comments:** none

14. **Adjournment: Motion by Griggs to adjourn. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk