

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:35 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.)
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
Citizens: Craig Yeager and Nancy Tabbert were present.
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:**
 - A. **Motion by Fusko to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Board meeting as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**
 - B. **Motion by Butts to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Budget Hearing as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**
6. **Treasurer's Report:** General Fund Balance: \$482,112.74; Receipts: \$60,479.11; Expenditures: \$16,328.48; New General Fund Balance: \$526,263.37; Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds): \$242,481.01; Receipts: \$56.37; Expenditures: \$3,744.35; New Fire Department Fund Balance: \$238,793.03; Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance: \$48,328.36. **Motion by Reich to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.**
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Butts asked that a bill from Moses Fire Equipment for \$206.80 be added to the Bills to Pay portion of the agenda.
8. **Public Comments:** none
10. **Reports:**
 - A. **Building Inspector:** There was no report.
 - B. **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report.
 - C. **Electrical Inspector:** Four Electrical Permits were issued in February for \$890.00; Seven Electrical Permits were issued in March for \$1,187.00.
 - D. **Mechanical Inspector:** Two Mechanical Permits were issued for \$376.00.
 - E. **Plumbing Inspector:** One Plumbing Permit was issued for \$124.00.
 - F. **Assessor:** Butts said that the Board of Review had completed its work on time. He said that twenty petitions had been turned in.
 - G. **Cemetery Report:** Craig Yeager said that there had been two full burials in March and that one plot had been sold. He said that the new "Rules and Regulations" sign for South Wayne Cemetery had been completed and delivered and awaits installation.
 - H. **Fire Board:** Chief Butts said that there had been 23 runs in March three of which were structure fires—two of which were in Dowagiac and one in Wayne Township.
 - I. **Blight Inspector:** Using the information in the invoice sent by the Blight Inspector, the Board discussed the cases that Pompey is working on. Butts had spoken to Beth Pompey about the cases and the progress being made with the citations that have gone/or will be going soon to court.
 - J. **Unsafe Building(s):** The only open case is about the A-frame on Morton St. Butts said that he has not had any new contact with the owner.
 - K. **Zoning Violations:** Butts keeps watching the operators of the parts business and said more vehicles are showing up outside in violation of the agreement with the managers.
 - L. **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to regulate industrial solar panels on April 8. There was a discussion about getting the Zoning Ordinance on line.
 - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** A public hearing has been set for April 15 to discuss an application for a variance to allow a larger pole barn than the ordinance allows.
 - 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. Board members who have been in the library say it is beautiful. Reich said that the Library Board will be setting the date for a "Grand Opening" at its April 13 meeting.
 - O. **Emergency Services Authority (ESA):** Butts went over the latest ambulance run report.
 - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko explained her written report. She said that she was finally able to settle with

the County. Fusko said that she is capitalizing some of the CD's because of the extremely low interest rates.

Q. Clerk: Reich said he had nothing to report.

R. Supervisor: Butts reported the following: **(1.)** he had attended the 911 meeting. He said that the most important item covered was the arrival of the new high tech work stations; **(2.)** David Smith (emergency preparedness) is retiring which creates a job opening; **(3.)** Wolverine Power is getting a Land Division for a substation; **(4.)** BW Solar is interested in our new industrial solar power amendment to our Zoning Ordinance; **(5.)** the P.A. 116 application turned in by Joe Hassle was discussed. ***Motion by Frank Maley to accept the P.A. 116 application turned in by Joe Hassle. Support by James Griggs. Motion carried;*** **(6.)** the County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste collection on May 15 from 9 A.M. to 12:00 noon; **(7.)** there is a Drug Take Back at different locations in the county on April 24; **(8.)** the township may get \$260,000.00 as its share of federal dollars given out for COVID relief.

S. Township Website: Griggs said that he would like to add more pictures to the website.

T. MEANDRS: Maley said there was no news.

11. **Payment of Bills:** ***Motion by Fusko to pay the list of bills with the addition of the bill for the Fire Department from Moses Fire Equipment. Support by Maley. Motion carried.***

12. **Old Business:**

A. 2021 Road Work: (The contracts were signed by the Board members.)

B. Siding & Roof: There was no update.

C. Rudy Road Drain: Waiting on work by the Drain Commissioner.

D. Barking Dogs on Flanders St.—Renewed Complaint: Butts said that he had received new complaints concerning barking by the dogs owned by Timothy J. La Violette. He reported that the dogs are all vaccinated and licensed. There was consensus that a second letter be sent informing Mr. La Violette of the new complaints and asking for a meeting to discuss the problem.

13. **New Business:** none

14. **Public Comments:** Nancy Tabbert asked how many weather sirens are in the township. Butts said that there is one located at Voas Park at Twin Lakes. She said that a large amount of old carpet had been dumped off on Hatch St.

15. **Adjournment:** ***Motion by Griggs that the meeting be adjourned. Support by Maley. Motion carried.***
The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk