

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, absent.  
**Citizens:** Four members of the public were present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge to the United States flag was led by Trustee Griggs.
4. **Invocation:** Supervisor Butts gave the invocation.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Fusko to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 Board meeting as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report:** **General Fund Balance:** \$450,985.41; **Receipts:** \$13,386.56. **Expenditures:** \$59,873.21; **New General Fund Balance:** \$404,498.76; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** \$272,870.36; **Receipts:** \$11,472.50; **Expenditures:** \$2,918.82; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$281,424.04; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance:** \$353,695.77. *Motion by Reich to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Griggs turned in a bill of \$695.48 for a computer monitor and a color printer. A bill for \$44,000.00 for road work had come in. *Motion by Butts to accept the bills added to the list of bills. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
8. **Guest Speaker(s):** There were no guests.
9. **Public Comments:** **Laura McIntyre:** McIntyre asked Butts if he had an update on the Chestnut St. road end. Butts said that he had spoken to the Road Commission about the problem and that he was told that the road end will take a major repair to prevent the erosion that has been occurring; **Brandi Crawford:** Crawford had several questions including the beach area at Twin Lakes, township/county ordinances on weeds and grass length, road sign visibility, junk along the roads, and possible income from marijuana dispensaries. Butts answered questions as time permitted.
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  - A. **Building Inspector:** Scott Saunders said that six Building Permits had been issued for \$999.40
  - B. **Zoning Administrator:** One Zoning Permit was issued for \$30.00
  - C. **Electrical Inspector:** One Electrical Permit was issued for \$486.00.
  - D. **Mechanical Inspector:** Six Mechanical Permits were issued for \$1,285.00.
  - E. **Plumbing Inspector:** No Plumbing Permits were issued.
  - F. **Assessor:** Butts said that Kays had turned in a bill for the work he had to do on the petitions turned in by The Dowagiac Mill Pond Improvement Association.
  - G. **Cemetery Report:** Craig Yeager said the month had been very quiet with no sales or burials. He said there had been some storm damage at South Wayne Cemetery.
  - H. **Fire Board:** Chief Butts said that there had been 20 runs in August.
  - I. **Blight Inspector:** There was no report.
  - J. **Unsafe Building(s):** There was no news on the Morton St. a-frame.
  - K. **Zoning Violations:** There was no update on the garage bathroom at Twin Lakes.
  - L. **Planning Commission:** There is a meeting on September 15. A large portion of the agenda will be a discussion of a proposed ordinance on short term rentals provided by Craig Schmidt.
  - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No new hearings have been scheduled.
  - N. **Dowagiac District Library:** Reich said the library continues to operate well. He went over programs the library offers during the summer.
  - O. **Emergency Services Authority:** Butts went over the monthly reports and time responses of priority one calls.
  - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko had an excellent written report as usual. She said tax collections are going well. Fusko said that the township had received the largest revenue sharing check since she has been treasurer. She added that there is plenty of money to meet the water district loan payment.
  - Q. **Clerk:** Reich reported that no budget amendments were needed.
  - R. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Butts reported on several issues he had helped some township residents with. He said that funds are coming in from the Fire Cost Recovery program and are being put into the Fire Fund.
  - S. **Township Website:** Griggs said that the website has been updated.
  - T. **Meanders:** A meeting is scheduled for next week.
10. **Payment of Bills:** *Motion by Fusko to pay the list of bills with the two additions for road work, a color printer, and a computer monitor. Support by Butts. Motion carried.*
11. **Old Business:**
  - A. **ARPA Funds:** The issue of how to spend the ARPA funds was discussed again. *Motion*

*by Fusko to set up a 3 member committee to make recommendations of how to spend the ARPA funds with one representative from the Fire Board. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.* Butts asked for volunteers from the Board. Fusko volunteered as did Butts. Butts appointed Mike Watts of the Fire Board to the committee.

- C. **Parking Lot Stripping:** Butts said that he had spoken to Shembarger about painting the lines in the parking lot and that he would do the job for \$450.00. *Motion by Butts to accept Shembarger's bid for \$450.00. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*

12. **New Business**

- A. **Setting the Ambulance Special Assessment Rate:** *Motion by Griggs to approve resolution R-22-09-01 setting the ambulance special assessment rate at \$0.00. Support by Fusko. Roll call vote: James Griggs, yes; Frank Butts, yes; Kurt Reich, yes; Judith Fusko, yes. Trustee Maley was absent. With four yes votes and zero no votes, Butts declared the resolution had passed.*
- B. **Cloud Building Permit Fees:** There was considerable discussion concerning the cost the permits would be under the proposed system. Under the new system the permit fee would be considerably higher. It was pointed out that the permit fees had not been raised since 2013. *Motion by Fusko to table setting the Building Permit fees until the October Board meeting. Support by Reich. Motion carried.*
- C. **Snow Plowing Bid:** *Motion by Reich to accept the snow plowing bid of Matt's Lawn Care for the upcoming winter. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*

13. **Public comments:** There were no new comments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk