

WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30. p.m.

Attendance: David Davis, Supervisor; Judith Fusko, Treasurer; James Griggs, Trustee.

Absent: Kurt Reich

Citizens: Craig Yeager, Shane & Mandy Wallace & boys, Tom Langley, James Lawrence, Rob Hall, Allen Middaugh, Beth Pompey, Dale Michel, & Thomas Jaslowski.

Pledge of the United States of America was led by Supervisor Davis and a moment of silent prayer for our friend, Frank Maley who passed on January 26, 2025.

Invocation: Supervisor Davis led in prayer.

Fusko made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 6, 2025 meeting, as written. Second Griggs. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance: \$558,756.69; **Receipts:** \$97,975.25

Expenditures: \$35,249.86 **New General Fund Balance: \$621,482.08; Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds)** \$380,283.90; **Receipts:** \$13,710.15;

Expenditures: \$1,645.46; New Fire Department Fund Balance: \$392,348.59; **Trust & Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance**

\$157,420.81 Motion by Griggs to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Davis. Motion carried.

Agenda: Motion by Davis to approve the Agenda. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.

Appointment of Mandy Wallace to the Township Trustee position vacated by Frank Maley.

Motion by Davis; 2nd Fusko. Motion carried. Motion by Griggs to appoint John Vylonis to

Zoning Board of Appeals. 2nd Davis. Motion carried. Motion by Davis to appoint Dale Michel to the Fire Board. 2nd Griggs. Motion carried.

Oaths: Mandy Wallace-Trustee

Public Comment: Our County Commissioners, Tom Langley & James Lawrence discussed some general county happenings with attendee's.

Reports:

Building Administrator: None

Zoning Administrator: None

Electrical Inspector: Three permits - \$746.30

Mechanical Inspector: Four permits - \$424.00

Assessor Report: Board of Review - meets Tuesday -3/10/25 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and on Friday, 3/14/25 – 9 a.m. - 12 noon; & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Cemetery Mgr. Report: None

Fire Board Report: Chief Yeager reported 17 calls for January including 1-Volinia; 1-LaGrange; Dowagiac 5 auto aid. Fire trucks were being serviced this month. A "thank you letter" was received and read from a family that the Fire Volunteers adopted at Christmas time. The Volunteers furnished food, gifts for the children, and other items of need. This generosity came solely from volunteer fire personnel.

Blight Report: Beth Pompey, with Zoning Solutions, talked about the procedural process for handling blight properties. On March 31st at 6:30 p.m., an open meeting is being held, at Volinia Twp hall, discussion regarding the possible gravel pit opening in Volinia Twp.

Unsafe Building: None

Zoning Violations: None

Planning Commission: Reminder of March 13th meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None

Dowagiac District Library: None

Emergency Services Authority: Supervisor reports a meeting was held last week and a temporary contract with Wayne, Silver Creek, Volinia, Pokagon, and City of Dowagiac is being established. A scheduled meeting for 2/25 will firm up the contract and more detailed plans. Possibility of a "Quick Response" vehicle (SUV) was discussed. Possibilities of ambulances with Para-medical and EMT personnel to be determined.

Treasurer's Written Report: Mailbox in full use now. Turned in keys to post office box and received a \$27. refund. A municipal lien (Colby St) has been paid in full. Parcel in Dowagiac, assessment paid in full. No refund required for tax exempt properties, for the Ambulance Assessment, based on **Act 185**. Fusko discussed amendments needed to be made to the budget, (attached listing is added to these minutes), and a motion by Fusko to amend and increase budget accounts. 2nd by Davis. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Fusko, Aye; Davis, Aye; Griggs, Aye; Wallace, Aye. Reich: Absent Nays:None

Fusko reported 2023-2024 audit completed. The new auditor, Mr Steve Bryer, with "Siegfried CrandallPC," is a much appreciated change from the previous audit firm. Fusko brought up about moving the March Board meeting to the 11th or 12th of March, & to restate the payment of utility bills and payroll prior to the Board meeting. Discussion followed & the Board meeting in March will be on: 3/11/2025 and early payment of utility bills and payroll will be done prior to the March 11, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion by Fusko, 2nd Davis. Motion carried. Cass County Road Commission sent a Dust Control Contract for Wayne Township. The contract proposal shows 14.75 miles @50% cost share, \$12,508.00. Motion to accept by Griggs; 2nd Wallace Motion carried.

Supervisor: Supervisor Davis reported that he has updated MTA on address change.

Township Website: Trustee Griggs reports continued updating on website.

Payment of Bills: Motion to pay bills as listed by Fusko. 2nd by Griggs. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Completed Audit for 2023-2024 Done
2. Appointments: Dale Michel Fire Board
3. Mandy Wallace – Trustee Wayne Township
4. Shane Wallace -Planning & Zoning Board Appeals
5. John Vylonis – Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Barbra Jo Hartline (previously) Board of Review

New Business:

Resolution R 25-02-01 To remove a parcel from the assessment district.

Motion by Fusko. 2nd Griggs. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Fusko, Aye; Davis, Aye; Wallace, Aye. Griggs, Aye. Nays: None
Absent: Reich

Resolution 25 -02-02 Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines

Motion by Griggs. 2nd Davis. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Griggs, Aye; Davis, Aye; Fusko, Aye; Wallace, Aye. Nays: None
Absent: Reich

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Griggs, 2nd by Wallace, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Carol M Reich
Deputy Clerk