

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
Citizens: Three members (Tammy Yeager, Craig Yeager and Thomas Kaslowski) of the public were present.
press: Liberty Nevins
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: November 10 2022 Board Meeting: *Motion by Fusko to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022 Board Meeting as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.***
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance:** \$371,778.01; **Receipts:** \$56,625.61. **Expenditures:** \$24,553.25; **New General Fund Balance:** \$403,850.37; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** \$306,763.19; **Receipts:** \$863.01; **Expenditures:** \$17,961.07; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$289,665.13; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance:** \$274,680.06. ***Motion by Reich to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
7. **Approval of Agenda: *Motion by Maley to approve the agenda as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
8. **Guest Speaker(s):** There were no guest speakers.
9. **Public Comments:** none
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 - A. **Building Inspector:** There was no report from the Building Inspector.
 - B. **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report from the Zoning Inspector.
 - C. **Electrical Inspector:** Three Electrical Permits were issued for \$572.00.
 - D/E. **Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector:** Four Mechanical Permits were issued for \$820.00. No Plumbing Permits were issued.
 - F. **Assessor:** Butts said there will be a meeting of the Board of Review on December 13.
 - G. **Cemetery Report:** Tammy Yeager said there had been one full burial and one plot sold.
 - H. **Fire Board:** Chief Butts said there had been 16 calls in November. He said the Fire Board had not met due to the lack of a quorum. Butts said that money from the Cost Recovery program is helping to pay for bills coming in to the Fire Department—such as the \$1,200.00 bill for diesel fuel.
 - I. **Blight Inspector:** The Board has received a report from Zoning Solutions on eight cases being worked on. Progress is being made on several difficult cases of blight.
 - J. **Unsafe Building(s):** There was no news on the Morton St. a-frame.
 - K. **Zoning Violations:** Davis is looking into a reported violation involving a camper being lived in by two individuals.
 - L. **Planning Commission:** The next meeting is December 15. A Short Term Rental ordinance is being worked on.
 - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No new hearings have been scheduled.
 - N. **Dowagiac District Library:** Reich said the library continues to operate well.
 - O. **Emergency Services Authority:** Butts reported on the number of runs.
 - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko had another excellent written report. She led a discussion on “pre”—principal residency exemption and the fact that the state is taking the classification away from people which raises the tax on that property considerably and why the state is doing this.
 - Q. **Clerk:** Reich said no budget amendments are needed this month.
 - R. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Butts reported as follows: (1.) asked how much the Board is willing to spend on a door closure for the meeting room exit door. After discussion on the types of closures, ***Motion by Fusko to set a limit of \$300.00 for a door closure. Support by Maley. Motion carried;*** (2.) Mark Davis is looking into the camper on O’Keefe St. that is reported to being lived in. If this is the case, it would be in violation of the Wayne Township Zoning Ordinance; (3.) MEC now has all led lights over the Township Hall/Fire Station parking lots; (4.) 40 bottles for the Fire Department Scot Packs could cost \$49,000.00; (5.) the Planning Commission’s December meeting has been moved to December 15; (6.) the County Road Commission is going to put up a “Handicapped Person Present” sign for free.
 - S. **Township Website:** Griggs said that he had added a link to the Dowagiac District Library. He added that he is working to get the entire Country Master Plan in the link to our website.
 - T. **Meanders:** Maley said there is going to be a meeting in January.

10. **Payment of Bills:** *Motion by Fusko to pay the list of bills. Support by Maley. Motion carried.*
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ARPA Funds:** There was no update/report on the list of recommendations.
 - B. **Road Commission Road Tour:** The Road Tour will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 P.M.
12. **New Business: Appointments/Reappointments:**
 - a. **Board of Review (2 year term):** *Motion by Fusko to reappoint Joseph Van Tuyle, Mike Waldschmidt and Mike Watts to the Board of Review with Brad Ruminer as the alternate member. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*
 - b. **Construction Board of Appeals (2 year term):** *Motion by Reich to reappoint Jim Griggs, Don Wolford and John Vylonis to the Construction Board of Appeals. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
 - c. **Planning Commission (3 year term):** *Motion by Griggs to reappoint Lyle Springsteen to the Planning Commission. Support by Maley. Motion carried.*
13. **Public comments:** There were no Public Comments.
14. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Griggs to adjourn the meeting. Support by Maley. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.
Kurt Reich, Clerk