

WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBR 7, 2024

Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

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

Absent: Frank Maley; Kurt Reich

Citizens: Craig Yeager, Mandy Wallace, James Lawrence, Tom Langley, Cory Collins, Heather Vaughn.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of the United States of America was led by Supervisor Davis

Invocation: Supervisor Davis led in prayer

Fusko made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting, as written; second by Griggs. Motion carried.

Agenda was approved.

James Lawrence, our guest speaker, spoke about the creation of Cass County Amulance Service (CCAS). The committee would be comprised of previous board members and commissioners and a place would be decided for housing the vehicle, or to build a building. Funding would be through the county and not interrupt township funding that is in place. Mr Lawrence hopes to have a presentation in early 2025. Secondly, Mr Tom Langley is appointed to the Fire Board in the place of Mr. Watts who has expressed a desire to resign. An Oath of Office needs to administrated but was delayed until next meeting.

**Treasurers' Report:** General Fund Balance: \$563,855.56; Receipts: \$6,119.06; Expenditures \$33,724.23; New GF: \$564,250.39; Fire Dept. Fund balance (includes sinking) \$381,406.16; Receipts: \$10,662.82; Expenditures: \$2,624.69; New Fund balance \$389,444.29; New T & A balance: \$94,729.70. Motion by Griggs to accept treasurer's report. Second: Fusko. Motion carried.

No reports from Building and Zoning

**Electrical Inspector:** Ron Bellaire issued (8) electrical permits for September, 2024. He is also revising his permit application due to code changes and better readability, & adding a post office box number to have a more secure location for the permits to be delivered to, as previously they were mailed to his home.

**Mechanical /Plumbing Inspector:** (2) mechanical permits issued, \$276.00; (1) plumbing permit issued for \$210.40.

**No Assessor report.**

**Fire Board:** Chief Yeager said that there had been 29 calls, no storms. Calls: 18 Wayne Twp; 5 Volinia Twp.; 3 LaGrange Twp; 11 EMS assist. All bills were paid current. The Fire Board recommends the replacement of the '1222' Truck, primarily because of age and the truck would not pass a pump test. Chief Yeager will be meeting with officers and start searching for a replacement truck.

**Blight:** Judy gave the report and furnished a hand-out detailing properties which are being actively cleaned and others on the list of blight actions. The Board has decided, because of large expenditures

already in place, to slow down on #5; #6; and #7 properties on the listing, until the present expenditures are paid.

**Planning Commission:** Jim Griggs indicated that a heated discussion took place regarding the placement of storage buildings in the front yard of lake-front properties. Further discussion with legal input will be ongoing until this issue is resolved by the Planning Commission.

A scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was canceled by the individuals who had submitted the request for variance. The residents indicated it was not for any reasons other than their personal request for cancellation of the scheduled meeting in September.

**Emergency Services Authority:** SMCAS is still working to get the other townships in agreement as to whether Wayne Twp can be a part of the contract group for ambulance service with SMCAS. The Cass Van Burn Emergency Service Authority (CVBESA) met on October 7, and nothing definite was decided as they are awaiting updated information from the an intergovernmental agreement attorney. Their next meeting will be held on October 28, 2024.

**Ambulance Assessment:** The Ambulance Assessment notice failed to be published in the Leader and so discussion regarding application of assessment was tabled until the November Twp Board meeting. In general discussion, it was shared that for years there was not an assessment, but when Pride Care pulled out in 2023, an assessment of \$50. was assessed on properties with a building. After discussion, a motion by Davis to increase the assessment to \$85. on each property with a building, and to think about it until a hearing could be scheduled and the assessment could be published. Second: Fusko. Motion: Carried.

Motion by Griggs based on Resolution #24-10-01, to add sewer bill onto the Winter 2024 tax bills. Second: Davis. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Griggs-Aye; Davis-Aye; Fusko-Aye. Absent: Maley and Reich

Motion by Griggs to place a Municipal Lien on Parcel 14-150-007-012-10 for delinquent sewer expense. Second: Davis. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Griggs-Aye; Davis-Aye; Fusko-Aye. Absent: Maley and Reich

Motion by Fusko to authorize employing Audrey Salesberry, on a monthly basis, to assist with Quick Books transactions and to be a liaison with the auditor. Second: Griggs. Motion carried.

A request was submitted to move our mail delivery to the 53950 Glenwood Rd address (general delivery), and to install a locked mailbox. Jim Griggs had suggestions for the safety of the box and will be included in the meeting with the post office representative, when placement and mounting are decided. Motion to moved mail to general delivery by Griggs. Second: Davis. Motion carried.

Judy discussed “textmygov” which is an efficient communication system for residents. It was decided to defer now, but ask their representative to reach out in 2025.

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Davis said Ron Bellaire was updating his electrical application to bring it up to code requirement. Davis attended the Volinia Twp Board meeting for the purpose of presenting an opposition speech on the opening of a gravel pit in Volinia Twp. He handed out copies of his presentation to the attendees. The discussion was long with a positive side presented. He was told that 24 tandem trucks would travel on Wayne Twp roads, 6 days/week, round trips. The contract was

for 37 years, with 5 year renewal intervals.

Motion by Fusko to approve the bill listing and pay bills. Second by Griggs. Motion carried.

**Website Report:** Griggs reported the Zoning Ordinance for the Township is online now and he has a few more options he'd like to add. Site Sessions: 319. Visitor: 240 (up 36%).

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None

Motion by Davis to adjourn. Second by Griggs. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M Reich  
Deputy Clerk  
Wayne Township