

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
August 4, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

**Attendance:** **Township Board:** David Davis, Supervisor; Kurt Reich, Clerk; Judith Fusko, Treasurer; James Griggs, Trustee (arrived at 6:40); Mandy Wallace, Trustee  
**County Commissioners:** Jim Lawrence

**Citizens:** Craig Yeager, Tammy Yeager, Tom Jaslowski, Dora Hetzel, Robert Hetzel;

**Pledge:** The pledge to the flag of the United States was led by Supervisor Davis.

**Invocation:** The invocation was said by Clerk Reich.

**Approval of July 7, 2025 Minutes:** ***Motion by Fusko to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2025 minutes as printed. Support by Wallace. Motion carried.***

**Treasurer's Report:** **Previous General Fund Balance:** \$560,866.88; **Receipts:** \$61,820.87; **Expenditures:** \$64,920.33; **New General Fund Balance:** \$557,767.42; **Previous Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$418,261.42; **Receipts:** \$13,831.39; **Expenditures:** \$4,144.51; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$427,948.30; **New Trust and Agency Balance:** \$215,298.30. ***Motion by Reich to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Davis. Motion carried.***

**Agenda Approval/Amendments:** ***Motion by Davis to approve the agenda. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.***

**County Commissioner Report:** Jim Lawrence said there was nothing that could be reported.

**Public Comment(s):** There were no comments from the public.

**Reports:**

- A. Building Inspector: 6 permits
- B. Zoning Administrator: 4 permits
- C. Electrical Inspector: 4 permits
- D. Mechanical Inspector: 3 permits
- E. Plumbing Inspector: 0 permits
- F. Assessor Report: Davis said the July Board of Review went well with the needed corrections made.
- G. Cemetery Manager Report: T. Yeager said that 9 plots had been sold and that there had been one full burial and one cremation.
- H. Fire Board Report: Jim Lawrence reported that the Board had received a bid of \$3,000.00 for truck 1222. Yeager said the truck, if the bid is accepted by the Township Board, will be going down to the Dominican Republic. ***Motion by Reich to accept the bid of \$3,000.00 for truck 1222. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.***  
Fire Chief Report: Chief Yeager said that there had been 17 calls in July. He reported that the grass rig had been outfitted with four new, heavier duty tires.
- I. Blight Report: Fusko went over the report provided by Zoning Solutions.
- J. Unsafe Buildings: There was no report.

- K. Zoning Violations: There was no report.
- L. Planning Commission: The next meeting will be held on September 11. Griggs said that Gravel Pits and their regulation will be discussed.
- M. Zoning Board of Appeals: Reich said that three variances had been approved. He said that another application has been taken and that the meeting will be August 21.
- N. Dowagiac District Library: Reich said that a new director has been chosen and that a contract will be worked on at a meeting on August 12.
- O. Emergency Services Authority: Davis said that the Northwest Cass Ambulance District has voted 4 to 1 to contract with SMCAS for ambulance coverage.
- P. Treasurer's Report: Fusko said that BS&A is supposed to allow a treasurer to get information on their township's property owners for free but that it started to charge her for that information. She said that she has taken care of that problem. She said she will be paying our Water District loan payment. Fusko said that one house in the township will be auctioned off for back taxes due to inaction by the owner.
- Q. Clerk's Report: Reich said there will be county-wide election in November for a millage increase for the Country Medical Care Facility and a millage increase for township residents in the Dowagiac School District. He asked the Board to move the November Board meeting to November 6. ***Motion by Fusko to move the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to November 6. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
- R. Supervisor's Report: Davis said that the emergency siren at Twin Lakes has been repaired. Residents of Twin Lakes were asked to notify the Board if they did not hear the siren on the first Saturday of the month—the regular test day.
- S. Website: Griggs said that the website now has information for credit card tax payments.

**Payment of Bills:** ***Motion by Fusko to pay the bills as listed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business: MEC-vs-Ferrell:** Davis reviewed all the work that has been going on between Carol and himself to get the correct Information on our account with Ferrell Gas before they send our account to collections as they had done incorrectly in the past. The cost per gallon from each supplier was given by Davis. While the cost per gallon from Ferrell was cheaper by about nine cents per gallon it was felt that all the extra time spent on the phone with Ferrell more than made up for the overall cost with Ferrell. ***Motion by Reich to approve moving our propane account to MEC. Support by Davis. Motion carried.***

**New Business: 1. Roof Repairs:** Davis had spoken to Jason Hurrle about the dire condition of the north end of the meeting room roof. Hurrle gave an estimate of \$3,200.00 to repair the roof. Griggs said he had received an estimate for a new metal roof for \$35,220.00. There was a lot of surprise over the low cost for a new metal roof with a 40 year warranty. ***Motion by Reich to accept the bid of \$3,200.00 to repair the roof. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***

**2. Emergency Siren:** Davis said that he had spoken to the siren company about repairing the siren. Surprisingly a new fuse was all that was needed to repair the siren. Davis then reported that there is a preventative maintenance program that costs \$500.00 for 4 years.

***Motion by Griggs to enter the preventative maintenance program for a cost of \$500.00 for four years. Support by Reich. Motion carried.***

**Public Comment(s):** Bill Gibson presented the Fire Department with a check for \$1,000.00 for help with an emergency at his campground. Dora Hetzel asked if the Road Commission or the Township was responsible for repairing storm damage on road ends at Twin Lakes. Davis said he would have to check out an answer to the question withj the Road Commission.

**Adjournment:** ***Motion by Davis to adjourn the meeting. Support by Wallace. Motion carried.***

***The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.***

Respectfully submitted by Kurt Reich, Wayne Township Clerk