

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
Citizens: Craig Yeager
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge to the United States flag was led by Trustee Maley.
4. **Invocation:** Supervisor Butts gave the invocation.
5. **Approval of Minutes: (1.) March 7, 2022 Budget Hearing: *Motion by Maley to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Budget Hearing as printed. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.***
(2.) March 7, 2022 Board meeting: *Motion by Maley to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Board meeting as printed. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance: \$487,250.13; Receipts: \$73,957.21 Expenditures: \$17,289.07; New General Fund Balance: \$543,918.27; Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds): \$257,560.97; Receipts: \$9.38; Expenditures: \$2,649.43; New Fire Department Fund Balance: \$254,920.92; Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance: \$183,933.01. *Motion by Butts to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
7. **Approval of Agenda:** No changes to the agenda were requested.
8. **Guest Speaker:** none
9. **Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments.
 - A. **Building Inspector:** There was no report.
 - B. **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report.
 - C. **Electrical Inspector:** Two Electrical Permits were issued for \$540.00.
 - D. **Mechanical Inspector:** Four Mechanical Permits were issued for \$855.00.
 - E. **Plumbing Inspector:** One Plumbing Permit was issued for \$200.00.
 - F. **Assessor:** Butts reported that the Board of Review handled seventeen petitions. He said that all the letters detailing decisions of the Board had been sent out.
 - G. **Cemetery Report:** Craig Yeager reported that ownership of four plots had been changed.
 - H. **Fire Board:** Chief Butts said that there had been 14 runs in March. He reminded the Board members that the Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 30 with social hour at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. *Motion by Griggs to accept the Fire Board Report as printed. Support by Maley. Motion carried.*
 - I. **Blight Inspector:** Beth was present and gave a report on illegal campers which prompted a lengthy discussion on the issue.
 - J. **Unsafe Building(s): Morton St. A-Frame:** Butts had no news to report.
 - K. **Zoning Violations:** See campers and trailers being lived in.
 - L. **Planning Commission:** The March meeting spent a lot of time on short term rentals. Craig Schmidt was elected Secretary.
 - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** A public hearing has been scheduled for March 24 at 7:00 P.M.
 - N. **Dowagiac District Library (DDL):** Reich said that things continue to run smoothly.
 - O. **Emergency Services Authority (ESA):** Butts had no new reports.
 - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko went over her written report.
 - Q. **Clerk:** Reich had no report.
 - R. **Supervisor:** Butts reported the following: (1.) said the County is holding Hazardous Waste Day on April 27; (2.) reviewed several inquiries he had taken from township residents; (3.) MI Works has moved its office to the County Building; (3.) the 4-H group at Red Hill has expressed its thanks for the Building Permit.
 - S. **Township Website:** Griggs had no news.
 - T. **MEANDRS:** Maley said meetings are held at the end of the month.
10. **Payment of Bills: *Motion by Fusko to pay the list of bills. Support by Maley. Motion carried.***
11. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ARPA Funds:** Butts read over some of the rules of using the funds. He said that the first report of spending is due April 1.
 - B. **2022 Roadwork:** The Board discussed the list of road work Butts had recommended. *Motion by Butts to sign the contracts for road work the Board had discussed and approved. Support by Fusko. Motion carried.*
 - C. **Cost Recovery Resolution: *Motion by Judith Fusko to approve Resolution R-22-04-01 on cost recovery. Support by Frank Maley. Roll call vote: Judith Anne Fusko, yes; Frank Maley, yes; James K. Griggs, yes; Frank L. Butts, yes; Kurt E. Reich, yes. With five yes votes and zero no voters. the resolution was approved.***

12. **New Business:**
- A. **Contract with Berrybrook Farms for using Land at Corwin St. Cemetery** *Motion by Fusko to approve the proposed contract with Berrybrook Farms. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*
 - B. **Agreement Between the City of Dowagiac, the State of Michigan (Egle) and Wayne Township:** *Motion by Griggs to approve the proposed agreement between the City of Dowagiac, the State of Michigan (Egle) and Wayne Township. Support by Maley. Motion carried.*

13. **Public comments:** none

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk