

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 5, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Having cancelled the December 2 meeting due to inclement weather, Supervisor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 5.
2. **Attendance:** David Davis, present; Kurt Reich, absent; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.  
**Citizens:** Fire Chief Craig Yeager; County Commissioner James Lawrence; and County Commissioner Elect Tom Langley.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge to the United States flag was led by Supervisor Davis.
4. **Invocation:** Trustee Maley gave the invocation.
5. **Approval of Minutes** It was moved to approve the minutes of the Ambulance Hearing and the regular Board Meeting both held on November 7, 2024. (Motion: Fusko; Second: Griggs; Motion: Carried).
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance:** \$546,250.39; **Receipts:** \$59,728.02 **Expenditures:** \$52,846.34; **New General Fund Balance:** \$553,132.07; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** \$389,444.29; **Receipts:** \$13,727.99; **Expenditures:** \$17,824.28; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** \$385,348.00; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance:** \$89,911.72. **Motion by Griggs to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Davis. Motion carried.**
7. **Agenda: Motion by Fusko to approve the agenda. Support by Maley. Motion carried.**
8. **Guest Speaker(s):** Commissioner Lawrence wished everyone a good and safe holiday season.
9. **Public Comments:** none
10. **Reports:**
  - A. **Administrator:** No report.
  - B. **Zoning Report:** No report.
  - C. **Electrical Inspector:** Four Electrical Permits - \$430.95.
  - D/E. **Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector:** - 2 Mechanical Permits - \$316.00; and 4 Plumbing permits - \$679.00
  - F. **Assessor:** Davis said that the December Board of Review meeting will be held on December 10, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. in the Township Hall.
  - G. **Cemetery Manager report:** Sexton Yeager reported that there were two full burials in November.
  - H. **Fire Board Report:** Chief Yeager reported 198 runs to date for 2024. The pumper truck 1223 will be worked on Monday. A discussion followed concerning the lack of need for the Fire Department fax line. Trustee Griggs will work with Midwest Energy to port the extraneous line.
  - I. **Blight Inspector:** Fusko reviewed the report sent by Zoning Solutions.
  - J. **Unsafe Building(s):** Building Inspector Saunders is working on locations on Dewey Lake Street and on Colby.
  - K. **Zoning Violations:** No report..
  - L. **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission will meet on December 12.
  - M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** No report.
  - N. **Dowagiac District Library:** No report.
  - O. **Emergency Services Authority:** Will be addresses later.
  - P. **Treasurer:** Fusko went over highlights in her written report.
  - Q. **Clerk:** It was moved to amend the budget: Cemeteries: 276-725.4 (-\$500) and 276-725.62 (+\$500). (Motion: Fusko; Second: Griggs; Motion: Carried).
  - R. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Davis said he met with the insurance agent; the City Manager, and the Road Commission. It was moved to approve payment for the Supervisor to attend an online MTA workshop for newly elected officials and to order current instructional materials for a cost not to exceed \$450. (Motion: Maley; Second: Fusko; Motion: Carried).
  - S. **Township Website:** Trustee Griggs is investigating the speed issue for the Internet. He will also attempt to sell some extra equipment on E-Bay.
  - T. **MEANDRS:** No report.
10. **Payment of Bills:** It was moved to pay the listed bills with the addition of: Cass County Equalization - \$200 (Designated Assessor for 2024); and City of Dowagiac - \$16,915.09 (Ambulance Services for December, 2024 - February, 2025). (Motion: Fusko; Second: Maley; Motion: carried),.
11. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Mailbox** Almost completed.

- B. **Road Commission:** The Road Commission will provide us with possible road contracts for the 2025 construction year. The Atwood Road Drain will be redesigned during the summer of 2025, at an estimated cost to the township of less than \$50,000.00.
- C. **Ambulance Update:** After some discussion, it was moved to authorize Supervisor Davis to continue with the agreement provided by the Ambulance Committee. (Motion: Maley; Second: Fusko; Motion: Carried)

12. **New Business:**

- A. **Snow Plowing:** Supervisor Davis confirmed our continuance for this contract.
- B. **Groundkeeper Contract:** This contract will expire in March. The Groundkeeper was requested to present a proposal for next year.
- C. **Committee Appointments:** It was moved to approve the following people who have agreed to serve another term on these committees: (Motion: Davis; Second: Maley; Motion: Carried).  
**ZBA:** Bethany Hall and Dave Accoe  
**Planning:** Judy Cushing-Clarke, Floyd Groner, Craig Schmidt, Lori Schoff, and Lyle Springsteen.  
**Board of Review:** Joe VanTuyle and Mike Waldschmidt; and then Brad Ruminier as a substitute.
- D. As Commissioner-Elect Tom Langley does not live in Wayne Township he is not eligible to serve on the Wayne Township Fire Board.

13. **Public Comment:** Commissioner Lawrence requested a show of support for his County-wide ambulance proposal that he intends to present to the Board of Commissioners at the January meeting. It was moved to offer this support. (Motion: Maley; Second: Davis; Motion: carried).

14. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Maley to adjourn the meeting. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.*  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.