

# TOWN OF WAYNE

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### December 12, 2017

Supervisor Butchko called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:      Supervisor Butchko  
                  Councilperson Haff  
                  Councilperson Carlson  
                  Councilperson Freeman  
                  Councilperson Haar  
                  Clerk Mooney

Also present: Joe Hauryski, Stan Witkowski, Rebecca and Nate Ames, Bill Mahr, David Bauer, Christopher Mooney, Jeff Martin, Dave Harman, Tom Dunbar, Karen Doucette, Candy Dietrich, and Megan Pifer.

#### **Guest Speaker**

County Legislator Joe Hauryski updated the Board on County issues.

- The 2018 budget passed with no tax increase. 90% of the taxes are mandated by the state. The rest are primarily for the road system. PAVE NY and CHIPS money is a great asset and is relegated to be used for the road program. Currently there are only 20% "poor" roads in the county. The County Highway Department is trying to take care of these roads first.

Supervisor Butchko asked about the status of Co. Rd 97, West Waneta Lake Rd. This is one of 'entrances' to the Town of Wayne, and it needs repairs. Mr. Hauryski will look into this.

The Defense and Public Defender program will have to hire approximately 12 additional attorneys to comply with state mandates. This will have a definite impact on future budgets.

- The Town of Wayne and Supervisor Butchko are part of the County wide Mitigation Plan to plan for natural disasters. Any town not part of this plan will not be available for FEMA funds should a natural disaster occur.
- There is a county wide survey to determine the extent and availability of a high speed internet system. Mr. Hauryski encourages all to go to the Steuben County website and take the survey before the April 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. This information will be used to apply for grants.
- The County is 3-4 months ahead of schedule on the new building in Bath. This building will house Co-op Extension Program, the County Elections Board and a conference room. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be needed for court space while the new courtroom is remodeled.

The move to the storage facility at the farm will be done by January. The Veteran's Department is in the old house, like it, and want to stay.

The Hornell DMV move has been completed and the old courthouse building has been sold to Mayor Hogan.

- The County will take a more active role in the planning department, primarily infrastructure issues like sewer and water.
- Councilperson Haff asked about previously reported landfill issues. Mr. Hauryski stated that in the last 6 months there has been a great influx of garbage, and the revenue situation has greatly improved. However there will be no decrease in tipping fees.
- Supervisor Butchko asked if Steuben County has a Bed Tax on rentals. Mr. Hauryski states it has a bed tax for hotels/motels only. Rental tax has been brought up, but there is no action plan at this point.
- Mr. Hauryski added that there is National Convention of Bloggers that have chosen to meet in Corning in September of the upcoming year. Approximately 700+ bloggers will be coming, and it will bring in phenomenal revenue.
- Councilperson Carlson asked if there is a marijuana distribution center in Bath. Mr. Hauryski replied 'no'.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Town Board meeting of November 14, 2017 were reviewed and amended. Motion to approve amended meeting minutes was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor.

### **Supervisors Report**

The supervisor's report and fund transfers were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor.

### **Clerks Report**

The clerk's report was presented and reviewed. No discussion.

Vouchers of Abstract 12 of were submitted and discussed. Motion to approve vouchers was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

Abstract 12 Vouchers were broken down by:

• General Account	Vouchers 315 - 355	\$34,010.05
• Highway Account	Vouchers 139 – 156	\$97,676.54
• TA Account	Vouchers 55 - 59	\$7,382.82
• SL Account	Voucher 12	\$229.55

### **Justice Report**

Justices reports were reviewed. No discussion.

A 2017 justice audit will need to be completed prior to Justice Prawel leaving, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Butchko and Justice Prawel will work with Carol Golden to complete that.

### **Assessor**

Supervisor Butchko presented an update on the 'paper roads.' Currently, between 14 and 17 properties have been divided up. Hope to be completed with this project by March 2018.

### **Highway Superintendent Report**

The highway journal was presented and discussed.

January 1<sup>st</sup> we will welcome a new hire to the highway department, Machine Equipment Operator Cody Kenny.

The 2013 Western Star is in the shop having vibration and noise issues. At this time they are still doing tests to determine the reason for the issues. At this point it's unknown what's involved, so Superintendent Bauer does not yet know if repair will be covered under warranty.

We have not yet taken ownership of the new truck, but hope to have it next week. In the meantime, the department is still using the old truck. Once the new truck comes in, the old one will go out to bid.

### **Code & Zoning Officer**

Review of monthly reports were presented. No discussion.

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings minutes were presented. No discussion.

Larson Design Group has completed their survey of Keuka Village Road. This will be addressed in more detail at the January Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Witkowski stated that the Parking Committee for Keuka Village Road, the Fire Chief, and Highway Superintendent will be asked to attend as well.

The Zoning and Planning Boards have changed meeting dates to make a smoother transition for applicants who may need to go to one board or the other. The Zoning Board of Appeals will now meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, and the Planning Board will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Mr. Witkowski and Mr. Mooney presented the County's 239M statute. The Boards cannot act on any application until it is reviewed by the County. The county planning department meets on a Monday through Friday basis which is a great benefit. Hopefully this will not delay builders too long. The flow process will be:

Mr. Harrop receives the application.

Ms. Kurtz sends it to the county.

The County reviews it and makes comments/recommendations.

The Zoning Board reviews any variances or inconsistencies.

The Planning Board reviews and approves or disapproves.

A motion to adopt the 239M form and adopt a relationship with the County Planning Department was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

Because Councilperson Carlson's term ends on December 31, the Planning Board will need a new councilperson liaison. Councilperson Freeman agreed to accept the positon. A motion was made to appoint Councilperson Freeman was made by Superintendent Butchko, seconded by Councilperson Haff, and all in favor.

## **Watershed**

The watershed report was reviewed and discussed.

## **Dog Control Officer**

Dr. Karen Doucette presented information on Large Kennel Breeding Facilities, aka "Puppy Mills". Currently the town's LUR's require a special use permit for any breeding facility. The proposed LUR states that kennels are no longer an allowed use in any zone. The issue becomes the enforcement of the law. Per DCO Pifer, the limit of 24 dogs is allowed in a breeding facility. To enforce this, a written complaint by a resident needs to be sent to the Code Officer bringing the issue back to the Town Board.

There may be a need for a moratorium before a final decision is made. There was also discussion about educating the public about puppy mills and to dissuade them from buying dogs from a mill. The discussion of a tri-fold brochure to go in with the dog licenses mailings was brought up.

## **History Group**

Report was presented and no discussion.

## **Other Business**

A motion to approve a letter from the town board opting out of the Paid Family Leave act was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor.

Supervisor Butchko encouraged all board members to review the Organizational Packet prior to the Organizational Meeting next month, especially the objectives.

The playground committee is looking at purchasing a slide. A motion was made to appropriate up to \$7500 for a new slide was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Freeman, and all in favor. Thank you to Dave Harmon and Lori Foster for their generous donation to the playground fund for additional equipment.

The board agreed to continue the relationship with the Town of Urbana providing assessor services by renewing the contract, and with Larson Engineers by renewing the engineering contract.

## **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting was made by Councilperson Freeman, seconded by Councilperson Haar, and all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Mooney, Town Clerk  
December 12, 2017