

**TOWN OF WAYNE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014**

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was held at 6:30 to discuss proposed changes in the Town Dog Law. There was no public input. A motion was made by Councilperson Carlson to close the public meeting, seconded by Councilperson Haff, and all in favor.

Supervisor Butchko called the Board Meeting to order at 6:35 pm, with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Butchko
 Town Clerk Mooney
 Councilperson Carlson
 Councilperson Wood
 Councilperson Haff
 Councilperson Haar

Also present: David Bauer
 Gill Harrop
 William Torp
 Robert Canfield
 Joni Flynn
 Marty Reasoner

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 12, 2014 Town Board Meeting were reviewed and revised. Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Councilperson Wood, seconded by Councilperson Haar, and all in favor.

Supervisors Report

Supervisor's report and fund transfers was presented and discussed. Let the minutes reflect that additional invoices were received and in the future will become part of the vouchers. These invoices are from Clark's Lawn Service, for playground, cemetery and blacktop work which will be paid out of the respective reserve fund accounts. In addition to the Hydro Appraisal fee which will also come out of a reserve account. A motion to approve both the report and fund transfers was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Carlson, and all in favor.

Clerks Report

Clerks report was presented. No discussion.

Vouchers were presented and discussed. A motion to approve vouchers as presented was made by Councilperson Haar, seconded by Councilperson Wood, and all in favor.

Justice Report

Report was reviewed. No discussion.

Highway Superintendent Report

Journal was reviewed and discussed.

Ditch management to prevent erosion was discussed.

There was discussion regarding probable new equipment; road roller machine. Discussion included how to finance it.

Property Assessor Report

For the STAR exemptions, please refer all calls to Mr. Torp.

Mr. Torp presented proposals for assessment projects for land values. There have been changes in land values in the town. This will help to realign home values and keep us at 100%. The State, ORPS, will provide Yates County Data, which will make the evaluations much more accurate. This assessment project is a major improvement for Steuben County to make land values around the lake more equitable. Time line will be by March 1st, 2015

There was a motion made by Councilperson Carlson, and seconded by Councilperson Haar to:

1. Modify the 2015 budget to for these expenses
2. Hire Appraisal Consulting for these services with a ceiling of \$2000. This is pending ORPS (Office of Real Property Services), approval.

All in favor and roll call vote as follows:

- Councilperson Wood – Aye
- Councilperson Haff – Aye
- Supervisor Butchko – Aye
- Councilperson Haar – Aye
- Councilperson Carlson - Aye

The Property Tax Cap document must be passed as a local law and in effect by March 1st.

Code & Zoning Officer 1:02:00

Review of reports as submitted.

Regarding the violation reports of dangerous and unsafe buildings, some of the people are cooperating, some are not. There is a need to look at serious legal actions against some of the uncooperative people. There will be a need for monetary support for legal services, plus the cost of demolishing/repairing dangerous and unsafe buildings. The current process is as follows:

- The first action against a person/property is a notification letter stating they are in violation. They must respond in writing.
- If no response, the next letter is an order to remedy the violation and a notification to respond within a given time frame.
- If no response, then a decision has to be made to take legal action or not.

How is the town going to recoup the costs of the legal action and the cost of demolition? The County will not support the Town with these costs in terms of putting a lien on the property for taxes.

Supervisor Butchko is looking into hiring a municipal attorney, and an attorney/firm for LUR on an as needed basis. The Board will request that the Justice come to a Board Meeting to discuss what she can do to support the Town in terms of upholding the violation consequences.

Dog Control Officer

Town Clerk Mooney presented a brief monthly report and dog enumeration update. Elizabeth Kenyon agreed to work through the month of September, or until we get a new DCO.

A possible new DCO candidate Joni Flynn was introduced.

De-Con or other vermin control should not be placed outside of a house or cottage for general safety concerns.

Watershed

Reviewed the KWIC report.

KWIC no longer has fees. Fee schedule modification was presented. Motion to reduce the KWIC fee/watershed inspection fee to \$100 made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Haar. All in favor.

History Group

Review of report as submitted.

Unfinished Business

Playground – Will send wood chip maintenance information to Darlene Swarthout. Will have the Clark family will come over and finish up the edges. One of the swings have been cut on the chains and stolen. Will follow up on the issue of a baby swing.

The question was brought up from Councilperson Carlson and a member of the public, Marty Reasoner on the status of the Land Use Regulations. Supervisor Butchko is exploring legal gaps in the document with a new attorney to be determined.

New Business

Budget Meeting Dates

- 6:30 - Thursday, September 25th – Supervisor Butchko will supply a preliminary report to Town Board Members for review prior to the meeting.
- 6:30 – Tuesday, October 7th
- 6:30 – Tuesday, October 14th final tentative budget meeting – Public Hearing – No other business planned for this Board Meeting at this time.

Adjourn Public Meeting

Motion made to adjourn Town Board Meeting and go into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Wood, seconded by Councilperson Haar, all in favor.

Resume Town Board Meeting

Motion made by Councilperson Wood, seconded by Councilperson Haar to resume Town Board Meeting. All in favor.

Action Plan following Executive Session – Supervisor Butchko will follow up with personnel to present a choice of requesting a formal letter of apology, or meet with the ethics committee.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Town Board Meeting was made by Councilperson Carlson, seconded by Councilperson Haff. All in favor.

Adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next Town Board Meeting October 14th at 6:30.

Respectively Submitted

Beth Mooney
Town Clerk
September 9, 2014