WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Supervisor Butts called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.
2. **Attendance:** Frank Butts, present; Kurt Reich, present; Judith Fusko, present; James Griggs, present; Frank Maley, present.
   Citizens: Seven citizens were present: Greg Holbury, Tom Jaslowski, Michael Krager, Jr., David Stolpe, Mike Watts, Harry Wickett and Craig Yeager
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Maley led the pledge to the United States flag.
4. **Invocation:** Butts gave the invocation.
5. **Approval of Minutes*:***
   - **A.** ***Motion by Butts to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Ambulance Special Assessment Public Hearing. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
   - **B.** ***Motion by Griggs to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Township Board meeting. Support by Maley. At this time Fusko said that there needed to be a correction in the Treasurer's Written Report where it said that she was going to purchase one C.D. for $50,000.00 investing to get a better interest rate. She said it should say that she said that she hopes to purchase five $10,000.00 C.D.'s with varying maturity dates that will get the best interest rate possible on each C.D. Both Griggs and Maley accepted the correction. The motion to accept the corrected minutes was carried.***
6. **Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance**: $321,917.13; Receipts: $49,437.67; Expenditures: $47,318.98; **New General Fund Balance:** $324,035.82; **Fire Department Fund Balance (includes Sinking Funds):** $146,240.21; Receipts: $20,066.83; Expenditures: $2,826.77; **New Fire Department Fund Balance:** $163,480.27; **Trust and Agency Accounts (Property Taxes, Special Assessment, and Fire Escrow) Balance**: $44,670.44***. Motion by Reich to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***
7. **Approval of Agenda:** There were no changes requested for the agenda.
8. **Guest Comments:** There was no guest present.
10. **Public Comments:** Four residents of the township who live on the paved portion of McKenzie St. east of O'Keefe Rd. asked that the Board consider seal coating the road next year. They said the road is in poor condition and needs work before the pavement totally breaks up. Butts explained the process the Board goes through in late winter to decide what road work to do in the summer.
11. **Reports:**
    - **A.** **Building Inspector:** There was no report.
    - **B.** **Zoning Administrator:** There was no report.
    - **C.** **Electrical Inspector:** Three Electrical Permits were issued for $557.00.
    - **D.** **Mechanical Inspector:** Three Mechanical Permits were issued for $570.00.
    - **E.** **Plumbing Inspector:** No Plumbing Permit was issued.
    - **F.** **Assessor:** Butts said that Assessor Kays reported that the AMAR visit on September 24 at the County Building went well.
    - **G.** **Cemetery Manager:** Krager reported that there had been no sales of lots or plots and there had been one full burial. He said that Yeager had moved some of the extra dirt from burials to the Township Hall parking lot.
    - **H.** **Fire Board:** The minutes of the Fire Board meeting were placed on file. Butts reported that there had been nine runs in September. He said the new extrication tools work great and that some of the box lights are being replaced with LED lights.
    - **I.** **Blight Inspector**: **(1.) Coulter, David:** Mosier wrote that there are still several violations and that Coulter did not get a zoning permit to put up the fence he has erected. **(2.) Fisher, John:** Mosier wrote that there are ducks on property. ***Motion by Reich that Fisher be given a date to comply and that if he does not comply Mosier be directed to issue Fisher a citation. Support by Maley. Motion carried;*** **(3.) Harris, Sheila:** Mosier wrote that Harris has complied except for a small pile of debris at the north end of her property; **(4.) Roggow, Michael:** this case is on hold; **(5.) Thielmann, James:** Thielmann has continued to be active in cleaning up the property; **(6.) Wilds, Kurt:** Butts said that he had received a new complaint concerning junk and trash on Wild's property which is on Ridge Rd.
    - **J.** **Unsafe Building(s): Baker, Shannon and Michelle:** the Bakers have not taken out a Building Permit.
    - **K**. **Zoning Violation(s): (1.) John Fisher:** his shed is too close to the property line; **(2.) Gant, Bruce:** a Cease and Desist order from the attorney has been placed on the Gant's porch.
    - **L.** **Planning Commission:** no report

M. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** no report

N. **Dowagiac District Library (DDL):** Reich said that the new budget has been accepted and that the Director had done a very good job preparing it. Work is going on by the committee to get the millage for a library expansion approved.

O. **Emergency Services Authority (ESA):** Butts went over the reports that had come in.

P. **Treasurer:** Fusko went over her very thorough written report. She explained the Fire Department's new C.D.'s. Fusko was asked to tell Lori Burkett how good she is doing in cleaning the Township Hall.

Q. **Clerk:** Reich said that a large turnout for the November 6 election is expected across Michigan.

R. **Supervisor:** Supervisor Butts: **(1.)** explained the three proposals that will appear on the ballot; **(2.)** said that there will be an auction involving property on Morton St. on October 8; **(3.)** said that there has been a request to remove a property from its Homestead classification; **(4.)** said that No Dumping signs on Rudy Rd. have been taken down; **(5.)** reported that there is a schedule of flu shots clinics posted on the entry way; **(6.)** thanked Fusko for her help in getting addresses for the Mill Pond Association; **(7.)** said that the Township had been asked about its policy on cell towers and that the information has been sent to the firm that made the inquiry; **(8.)** reported that the old antenna north of Mary Ann Morton's property has been removed; **(9.)** reminded the Board members about the seminar being held by the Township's attorney's firm.

S. **Township Website:** Griggs had nothing to report.

T. **MEANDRS:** Maley said there has been little activity.

11. **Payment of Bills:** ***Motion by Griggs to pay the list of bills including the bill from Haas Alarms for $96.00. Support by Maley. Motion carried.***

12. **Old Business:**

A. **Township Hall/Fire Station Sign:** Butts said that the wiring for the sign needs to be put underground and that Creative Vinyl has been contacted by Maley about the sign.

B. **Culverts:** The list of culverts was discussed..

C. **Hallway Floor Covering:** the next step is to get a contractor to do the job.

13. **New Business:**

A. **Clerk's Computer:** Griggs said that Reich should shoot some compressed air into the DVD player to try to correct the issue of it not working.

B. **Caulk Failure at Door Threshold:** Butts said that he will put some caulk at the door threshold to prevent ants from getting into the door frame.

C. **Disposal of Old, Large Copier:** It was decided that Griggs would put news on the Internet about the copier to get it removed.

D. **Set Trick or Treat Hours:** There was discussion about what the Board had done in the past. It was agreed that the Township had always set the same hours as the City of Dowagiac. ***Motion by Butts to set the Township Trick or Treat hours the same as the City of Dowagiac. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***

14. **Public Comments:** There were no Public Comments

15. **Adjournment:** ***Motion by Maley that the meeting be adjourned. Support by Griggs. Motion carried.***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Kurt Reich, Clerk