

TOWN OF WAYNE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday
JUNE 14, 2022
6:00 pm

MEETING STARTED AT 6:01PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present; Councilperson Bauer
Councilperson Haar
Supervisor Mahr

Present on Zoom; Councilperson Kenyon, Councilperson Freeman
In Attendance; Doug Howard, Lori Foster, Dave Harman, Ron McIntire, Jim Allard

Guest Speaker;
Sheriff Jim Allard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve corrected minutes for May 10, 2022, made, by Councilperson Bauer, Second by Councilperson Kenyon, all are in favor.

Sheriff Allard;
Sheriff Allard stated that he is meeting with every Town Board to report on the progress of the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department currently has 170 employees. 75 full time Correction Officers, 30 part time Corrections Officers, 20 Court Security Officers and 18 Resource Officers. The Road Patrol has 38 Sheriff's and Investigators. They cover security and road patrol services. They have created the first Forensics Unit in Steuben County, and they share that with all of the agencies in Steuben County. Another area that they entered into strongly is the Drone program, in support of Arson investigations. They are also used in Missing Persons investigations. Equipment was purchased through grants and donations.

Another area that they have invested in is the K-9 program. They have 2 Tracking and Narcotics K-9's, one Patrol and Tracking Nitrate, (bomb dogs) one Liquid Detectable K-9, used in support of arson. All supported by grants and donations.

A SWAT team is in the process of being certified by the state of New York. Each member has had extensive training, and is certified. Also supported by grants and donations.

Two programs were started in the jail. One is the Spirit program, started before Covid. They get dogs from the FLSPCA, and the Humane Society in Hornell, that have been

abandoned or abused. They train inmates in positive reinforcement behavior in animal training. They train the dogs and the dogs are then adopted out

Jail Garden: Inmates are trained on how to become food sufficient. They plan, tend and harvest the garden. Half of the harvest goes towards feeding the inmates, the other half is given to a local food pantry. This helps the inmates see themselves give back to the community.

Inmate Recovery program; They have teamed up with Steuben County Mental Health, Council of Addiction services, and also work with Catholic Family services. Inmates receive treatment, and when they are ready to be released, these services provide a half way house to continue treatment, or they work with judges to provide in house treatment.

Sheriff Allard has started working with Corning Incorporated, Mercury Corporation and Steuben County IDA, to begin more classes in the jail, to help inmates re-enter employment, upon leaving.

Several programs that are being done on the road, to bolster public safety. One of the programs started on the road and in the jail is the EMT program. Vehicles are fully equipped with lifesaving equipment to keep the person alive until help arrives. Deputies have had close to 50 saves in the community.

Sheriff Allard spoke of school safety and the Resource Officer training program, which is a pilot program.

Sheriff Allard addressed the boat patrol on Waneta and Keuka Lakes His proposal was to have a patrol boat on Waneta Lake once a week and daily on Keuka Lake. That was approved by Legislation today.

Sheriff Allard also responded to questions regarding the noise ordinance. Corning has one from 10pm-6am stemming from loud music and loud parties. Different townships have different reasons and restrictions. He stated that the District Attorney does not prosecute town ordinances. It would be up to the town to hire the town attorney should an arrest and a trial occur. The cost to prosecute would be totally on the board. Sheriff has no problem enforcing noise ordinance, they just need a copy of it once it's passed. It has to go to the County Attorney to make sure it's approved on that end. Some towns use the Code Enforcement officer, some have Constables. Any ordinance should be reviewed by our attorney to make sure there are no Constitutional issues. Zoning plays a part in the noise ordinance.

SUPERVISOR REPORT;

Supervisor Mahr addressed the budget modifications. He was cautioned by Mengel Metzger, and Barr, and by Carol Golden, that modifications should be done within the current budget, and moves should not be transferred from the Fund balance. The Contingency fund set up in the current budget has been depleted, primarily due to 2021 bills that were not paid last year.

Moving forward, we should review budget line items that will not be spent and transfer monies accordingly.

For Resolution 11 modification, there was money designated for the compost site and for the boat launch that we are not going to spend this year. This money will be moved to the Supervisors contractual, to cover the audit bills that we incurred.

Motion to accept Resolution 11 made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Kenyon. All in favor

Resolution 12. Regarding the Highway for Lower Lake Rd, the budget line item was based on estimates that were conservatively high. \$246,000.00 was budgeted along with \$105,000.00 from CHIPS. \$40,000.00 of that money for shoulder repair was not used, Suit Kote actuals came in for \$30,000.00 less. We are also getting another \$40,000.00 from CHIPS.

To build the \$246,000.00, last year, the board cut other areas in the budget, one being machinery maintenance.

Supervisor Mahr recommended this account be replenished by moving money from the Lower Lake Road.

Motion to approve Resolution 12, made by Councilperson Freeman, second made by Councilperson Kenyon. All in favor

Supervisor Mahr stated that he will review the AUD with Carol Golden.

Supervisor Mahr stated that he went over the policies recommended by Mengel, Metzer and Barr. We have the Procurement policy in place, that we need to finish.

Supervisor Mahr and Highway Supervisor Howard are signing the cash disbursement vouchers which allows for more accuracy.

The price and quality for a ton of gravel was discussed.

Clerks Report;

Included in the report were monies from the cleanup fees and the rabies clinic.

Motion to approve the Clerks report made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Bauer. All are in favor.

Motion to approve the vouchers made by Councilperson Haar, second by Councilperson Freeman. All are in favor

Justice report;

We received notice from the NYS Comptroller's office that the Town did not pay the State their share of revenues that were taken in for five months in 2020 and March of 2021,

Councilperson Haar asked who did not pay the bills. Supervisor Mahr replied, the former Town bookkeeper.

Supervisor Mahr will review in more detail at the next board meeting.

Assessor report;

There is no report this month.

Highway report;

The Highway department used 331.7gallons of fuel last month.

The second phase of the East Lake Rd project has been completed.

Highway Superintendent Howard would like to thank Wayne Hand, and Larry Albee for all of the help, and the residents for their cooperation.

Then next phase will probably start in the fall. There is not a start date yet.

Nate Cook is resigning to start his own business. We wish him well. He will be missed.

We have a new hire. Jay Ohradzanski, to handle heavy equipment and he has CDL.

Supervisor Howard thanks all who helped with clean up day, Angie and Joe Serphillips, Nancy Gabel, Shona Freeman, Amy Gush and Samantha Swarthout.

Road shoulder repair will begin tomorrow June 15,2022. See Highway Superintendents report.

Code Officer Report;
Comments were available to the board members to read.

Zoning board; There was no meeting this month. The minutes are still in draft mode. Karsten Konig has expressed an interest to join the Zoning Board, as an alternate. An ad will be put in the paper to advertise for a Zoning Board/Alternate position.

Ethics;
Ethics committee will meet June 27, 2022 at 5pm.

Watershed report;
The listings of due and past due on the report was questioned by Councilperson Bauer. Amy Gush explained that past due is based on the next inspection date.

Public comments;
Comments were made on concerns regarding the Noise Ordinance. Residents present were made aware we are working on a plan. We will advertise a Public Hearing for the Noise Ordinance. Sheriff Allard responded to questions from the audience.

Dog Control Officer;
Dog Control Officer Howard reports 7 redemption fees this month. She would like to thank the volunteers for helping at the Rabies clinic, and also thank Karen Douchette. Dog Control Officer Howard states the tickets and allocations have been handed out.

History Group;
The air conditioner has been installed. A memorial tree for Vinnie Nykel will be purchased for \$125.00.

Web Statistics;
There are issues with the new website that need to be corrected.

Health report;
There is no report this month.

New Business;
The Office of the Aging would like to set up in our parking lot, an area to pass out vouchers for fruits and vegetable. The first will be to pass out the vouchers and have farmers there to honor the vouchers. The second and third will have the farmers there and an educational team. They are focusing on areas that don't have supermarkets. That will be on 7/27,8/17 and 9/7. It will be late in the afternoon. They will do the advertising and staff the farmers. They will supply us with a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Our next Board meeting is July 12, 2022 at 6pm

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Haar, Second made by Councilperson Bauer.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm