

## Wagne Township Trustees

We think that the community building needs to not be sold. It is a vibrant resource for the food bank. It is located in the central area to serve the many needed families in the area. They are serving between 150 and 200 families a week.

The property is needed to save the people of Newtonville and area where they can meet and have fellowship.

The fire department needs the area for parking when they have their fish fry and other activities.

Bob and Linda Johnson

4-12-2023

WAYNE Twp. Trustees

I wish you would reconsider selling the Administration bldg

At this time it is being used for Christmas Activities, CAR show, voting, meetings, and food pantry.

The food pantry feeds MANY families of which ample PARKING is provided. This need will only INCREASE AS the economy worsens, The twsp. should feel blessed being able to provide this facility to provide a much needed program to so many residents in WAYNE Twp.

The Lord says to TAKE CARE of the poor, elderly, widows. Lets be a Twp KNOWN for caring for our residents.

You CANT put a \$ amt on feeding and caring for the residents of WAYNE Twp.

THANK you for ALL who volunteer.

Jan Ritchey

April 12, 2023

To: WAYDE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

My name is KAREN WERDSE, and we live in WAYDE TOWNSHIP. We're writing this letter to let you know how we feel about the possibility of selling the Community Center Building that currently houses the "Food Pantry" for Newtonsville and the surrounding areas. WE AM AGAINST this — the food pantry serves BETWEEN 175-200 people/families weekly! What will happen to these families if this building is sold and the food pantry no longer exists?

The building is conveniently located, so that people in Newtonsville can walk to the pantry to obtain food, they need to help feed their family — especially if they do not have transportation. There's also plenty of parking area for the ones driving to the pantry. The Community Building is also used for the Veteran's Day Appreciation Luncheon/dinner, Christmas pictures with Santa, Trustee meetings, voting at election time. The parking lot is used for Village Yard Sale, car drive-in etc. What happens to these community activities if the building is sold?

We're aware that the building needs a new roof and other improvements. Look hard for other ways to obtain the money (through grants, etc.) for the improvements. As trustees you have been elected to help improve the lives of the people of Wayde Township — will selling this building

Help the 175-200 families being served by the food pantry?

Putting the food pantry in one of the bay areas of the old fire house shouldn't be an option. There's no way of knowing the amount of food being stored weekly or making sure this area is secure. Plus, will the health dept. deem it safe for food to be stored in the bay area. What happens when the "fish fry" during Lent comes around - where will the pantry food be stored?

Putting the food pantry up near the new fire house on 133 isn't feasible to help the people (who walk to the food pantry) obtain the food they need.

Please look at the entire picture - the food pantry provides a great & necessary community service. - please find another way to find the money for improvements to the Community Building rather than sell it.

Thanks for your consideration  
Kalen Werner  
Terry Werner

Please enter as part of the meeting minutes

April 12, 2023

I am not able to be at the meeting this evening but wanted to voice my concerns about the closure of the Municipal Building.

The biggest impact of the closure of this building would be the loss of the food pantry. I have seen first-hand the impact that this pantry has made on the community and the families that rely on the pantry for the food that they receive there. We all know that the cost of groceries, gas, rent, utilities, etc. has increased tremendously since the pandemic and especially under the current administration of this country. Not only have food costs increased, but the food stamp benefits that families and individuals receive returned to pre-pandemic amounts last month which resulted in the decrease in food stamp benefits received, some families losing more than half of the benefits that they have received for the past three years. By closing this building and the community losing the food pantry, you will be taking food from the mouths of the 200 families that the pantry serves each week. As a Social Worker who has worked with families for 36 years, I know that food insecurity is a major issue in our community. This pantry has been a God send to many people and the thought of the building closing is unconscionable. I hope and pray that those of you making the decision to close this building never have to depend on a food pantry to provide food for your families.

This building is in a central location and is within walking distance for many people. Not just for the food pantry but for individuals who vote at this building and attend the other activities that take place there. At a time in our country and in our area when a sense of community is so important, closing a building that brings a feeling of community to residents makes absolutely no sense.

I am thankful for the individuals who have volunteered their time to run the pantry and who have developed a professional yet caring and compassionate atmosphere for those who come weekly. They have truly made a difference in so many lives. Hopefully the township Trustees will allow them the opportunity to continue doing so.

Thank you,  
Tina Lytle

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Trustee's

Do you plan on selling the building, if so where will the pantry go. Considering the pantry helps about 200 family per week.

If the activity group gets three temporary permits. Can the sign set on the gravel driveway + be remove for each event.

Are you deciding tonight on the building. Will you vote on the building tonight

Is the property being sold also.

Don Wilson 4-11-23