

Wayne Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

February 5, 2025

Call to Order: Jason Ritter 7:02pm

Roll Call: Harold Grosnickle, Teresa Hinnners, Jason Ritter

Sandy absent ill, Warren absent ill, no recorder – Teresa taking minutes

Prayer & Pledge: Jason Ritter

Meeting Purpose: Regular Trustee Meeting

Public: None

2025-02-05-01 Harold Grosnickle motions to pay all bills.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

2025-02-05-02 Harold Grosnickle motions to pay Then and Nows as may be necessary.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

Township Administrator – Dave Moulden

- The Township is now set up in the Ohio STAR Program and Fiscal Officer can make ACH deposits into the account. Current yield 4.6%.

2025-02-05-03 Harold Grosnickle motions to transfer \$500,000 into the STAR Fund.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

- Annual Township Highway System Mileage Certification signed by Board and will be forwarded to ODOT. 28.1555 miles of Township Roads.
- Copier moved from maintenance building to Township Administration Building.
- Bid package for 2023 CBDG Newtonsville Building Roof Project expected to be out 2/17/25.

2025-02-05-04 Harold Grosnickle motions to hire Tony Henize for emergency road and cemetery department work at current township rate.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

2025-02-05-05 Harold Grosnickle motions to register for the Amazon Business Prime account set up by OTA Service Corp.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

- Utilities have been marked in preparation for sewer hook-up. Unsure of location of water line to the Administration building. Anticipate work to start once weather clears up.
- Repaired and painted Community Center. Maintenance painted one wall in meeting room to see if Board approves color. Painting will be completed.
- Received 3 bids for furnace replacement at Administration building. Relocating roof units to ground level doubled cost estimates. FLK was lowest bid because Maintenance will be removing old unit from roof.

2025-02-05-06 Jason Ritter motions to pull down \$10,000 from carry-over and transfer to General Fund to cover cost of new furnace.

2nd Teresa Hinnners All Aye Motion Carried

- Kansas State Bank proposal of 5.8% with \$21,000 down payment for dump truck. Board requested additional proposals from local banks.
- Salute to Leader new categories. Board will consider.
- No response from Wared Connect regarding ownership of the oil tank. Hudson Oil will have a tank available if it is removed.
- Administrator meeting with zoning complainant on 2/6/25.
- Company awarded bid to dismantle and clear Newtonsville Properties and should start work by end of this month.

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Board discussion for Clean-up date for Township cemeteries. Teresa suggested week of 3/17 – 3/21 and Board agreed.

Zoning Report – Harold Grosnickle

Zoning Commission starting on Newtonville Land Use Plan first. Would like to bring a plan to Board in a few months and have that voted on since sewer up and properties will be available to purchase and build. Zoning Commission plans on having extra meetings to fulfill that goal.

Board was given a zoning update, complaint tracking form and zoning permit form. Board discussed some of the cases.

Fire Report

- Personnel recommendations

2025-02-05-07 Jason Ritter motions hire Ryan Fisher and Cindy Fisher as Paid-on-call Firefighters in training on a one year probationary period at \$12.50 per hour effective 2/5/25.

2nd Harold Grosnickle All Aye Motion Carried

2025-02-05-08 Jason Ritter motions to accept Wyatt Fisher and Payton Fisher as Cadets with the WTF&R.

2nd Harold Grosnickle All Aye Motion Carried

- The Board of Trustees hired Robert Hess on January 28, 2025 as the Deputy Fire Chief for Wayne Township Fire and Rescue. A conditional offer of employment was extended to him on January 29, 2025. Mr. Hess accepted the position on January 31, 2025. Mr. Hess completed his Ohio Police and Fire physical on February 4, 2025 as well as his Driver Motor Vehicle License check and background check.
- Four members of WFR are in Firefighter I certification class.
- Ordered two RIT Packs and four SCBA Masks as awarded in the 2023 FEMA AFG Grant
- Requesting authorization to purchase a used emergency response vehicle from Milford Fire Department for use as the Deputy Fire Chief vehicle. The vehicle comes with all maintenance records and is fully equipped with emergency lights and siren. Cost for the vehicle is \$15,000.00 and can be paid for from our current budget for 2025.
- Fire Department and Auxiliary Fish Fry's start on March 7, 2025 at Station 55

- End of the Year Holiday Dinner was held on January 26th with twenty-two members and a guest in attendance. Following dinner awards were presented for achievements in 2024.
- Wayne Township Fire Academy training held at Jefferson Township

Board discussed contract between Wayne Township Fire Academy and Jefferson Township. Grant received by Wayne Township for Firefighter I class held at Jefferson Township.

2025-02-05-08 Harold Grosnickle motions to reimburse Jefferson Township \$14,400 for Firefighter I class.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

- 70 calls for service. Three (3) were fire related and Sixty-six (66) were EMS related and zero (0) involved Motor Vehicle Accidents.

Roads Report – Jason Ritter

- 80-90 tons of salt used.
- Repairs and maintenance on equipment including salt spreader
- Maintenance will inspect No. 5 and Jordan for pot holes.
- Maintenance updated lighting in Township Administration Building

Cemetery Report – Teresa Hanners

YTD \$2,550

0 lot sales

0 cremations

3 funerals

Board discussed the Matrix Portal. New tool available to township officers and zoning administrator, in regards to all cases the Prosecutor is working on for the township.

Board discussed Zoning Goal for 2025. Board set aside funds for this year for zoning salaries. Goal is to have a routine for road patrols, ensuring a quicker response to issues and faster resolution with the property owner.

Issue of Dumpsters on Main Street discussed. It is in violation of zoning, Prosecutor has advised course of action in relations to this business activity in a zoned residential area.

2025-02-05-09 Harold Grosnickle motions to enter executive session at 7:55pm citing ORC 121.22.G(1) for employment matters regarding Wayne Township staff.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

Board returned from executive session at 8:19pm

Overlay: Board discussed Fire, Zoning, and Administrative personnel.

Board discussed hazard issue on Wright St. with large hole in front yard next to sidewalk.

2025-02-05-10 Harold Grosnickle moved to adjourn at 8:21pm.

2nd Jason Ritter All Aye Motion Carried

Jason Ritter, Chairman

Harold Grosnickle, Trustee

Teresa Hinnners, Trustee

Sandra Borchers, Fiscal Officer