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Wayne Township Monthly Board Meeting October 14, 2025 Wayne Township Trustee Office

PRESENT: Austin Knox, Trustee
Dominique Dickey, Deputy Trustee
Patricia Turner, Board Chair
Anthony Henry, Board Chair of Finance
Bruce Stier, Board Secretary
Curtis Whittaker, Financial Advisor (Video Conference Teams)
Patsy Brewer, Recording Secretary

- I. The meeting was called to order with a roll call by Chair Turner at 4:30 pm.
- II. Secretary Stier made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of September 9, 2025. Chair of Finance Henry second. All in favor, motion carried.

Chair of Finance Henry made a motion to approve the Business Minutes of September 9, 2025. Secretary Stier second. All in favor, motion carried.

- III. Trustee Knox presented the Financial Reports.
- IV. Resolution WTR-2509-11 2026 Budget Resolution

Trustee Knox mentioned that the 2026 Budget was presented at the September 9th Public Hearing. He stated that the appropriations for the Direct Township Assistance Fund 0840.2 have increased due to requesting additional spending for shelter and utility assistance.

Financial Advisor Whittaker mentioned that the 2026 budget has been severely impacted by Senate Bill 1. In the past, we have had significant cash balances over the years and this is causing us to make some decisions to restrict the fund and ultimately spend dollars from our cash position. He said over the next year our cash position will shift downward as we get in compliance with Senate Bill 1. The other Bill (1461) is for road funding. We're getting hit from left and right so it is causing us to reevaluate and rethink some things.

Mr. Whittaker stated that the things the Trustee continues to value are people. This is the reason for the 5% increase for the employees and an increase in direct assistance to the clients we serve. He also mentioned that things are getting worse and we are looking to serve more clients because some people will be kicked off SNAP and Medicaid as a result of government issues and shutdown. Mr. Whittaker stated that he believes there will be an increase in clients seeking medical and food assistance.

Mr. Whittaker said that we are going to continue to meet the needs of the people as best as we can.

Mr. Henry made a motion to approve Resolution WTR-2509-11. Mr. Stier second. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution WTR-2509-11(a) 2025 Salary Resolution

Trustee Knox mentioned that this Resolution is regarding the 5% raise to the employees and an additional 2 hours per week for caseworkers to allow them to see more clients.

Mr. Henry made a motion to approve Resolution WTR-2509-11(a). Ms. Stier second. All in favor, motion carried.

V. Resolution WTR-2510-13—Retroactively Approving the Establishment of the Township Roads and Infrastructure Fund

Trustee Knox mentioned this is a Resolution for us to set up a roads and infrastructure fund required by the State. If we do not have funds restricted by the CIP (capital improvement plan), they will go into this fund.

Mr. Stier made a motion to approve Resolution WTR-2510-13. Mr. Henry second. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. Resolution WTR-2510-14 Retroactively approving Transfer of 2024 pay 2025 Budget Appropriation Outside of Classification

Trustee Knox stated that this Resolution is moving money from fund 0101 Capital Outlays for 4B Buildings to Personal Services 1BD Insurance in the amount of \$12,000.

Chair of Finance Henry made a motion to approve Resolution WTR-2510-14. Secretary Stier second. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. Chair Turner announced the next regular business meeting is November 18, 2025, instead of November 11th, which is Veterans Day, the Township is closed.

VIII. The Trustee gave a “shout-out” to the Staff; he thanked Dorothy Tinker, Director of Support for helping in the case management department; he mentioned we filled the IT

position; the person will be starting next week. On Wednesday, October 22nd from 5-7 we will be having a Harvest Fest for the children. There will be a maze, costume contest and a photo booth. It will be a safe trick-or treat, also there will be candy, cookies, cupcakes, candy and popcorn.

Trustee Knox also mentioned that we will be having spirit week to help boost morale of the Staff and on November 5th from 12-2 pm., we will be having a Family Reunion Luncheon, former staff is invited to come.

The Trustee stated that our parking lot is being repaved and he gave a “shout-out” to Halls Gas House Restaurant for allowing us to use their parking lot for 2 days.

He gave a statistical report regarding township assistance. He mentioned that last year in the month of September there were 876 requests and the total value of assistance was \$164,911. This year in September there were 867 requests and the total value of assistance was \$218,890. He mentioned that the AEP bill was \$372.00

There was a discussion regarding increases in utility bills.

There was a discussion regarding changes townships will have to make because of Senate Bill 1.

Mr. Stier asked the Trustee when was the last time board members received raises? The Trustee responded 2006.

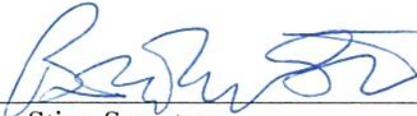
IX. No public comments.

X. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED ON THE 18th DAY OF November, 2025.



Patricia Turner, Board Chair



Bruce Stier, Secretary



Anthony Henry, Member