



# WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE OFFICE

ALLEN COUNTY

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**AUSTIN R. KNOX**  
**TRUSTEE**

## **Wayne Township Monthly Board Meeting** **February 10, 2026** **Wayne Township Trustee Office**

**PRESENT:** Austin Knox, Trustee  
Dominique Dickey, Deputy Trustee  
Anthony Henry Board Chair  
Patricia Turner, Board Secretary  
Bruce Stier, Board Chair of Finance  
Patsy Brewer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Curtis Whittaker, Financial Advisor

- I. The meeting was called to order with a roll call by Chair Henry at 4:30 pm.
- II. Chair Henry made a motion to approve the Reorganization Minutes of January 6, 2026. Secretary Turner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Turner made a motion to approve the Business and Annual Minutes of January 13, 2026. Chair Henry second. All in favor, motion carried.

- III. Trustee Knox presented the Financial Reports
- IV. Resolution WTR-2602-1—Resolution approving 2026 Eligibility Standards for the Wayne Township Trustee Office, Allen County, Indiana

Trustee Knox mentioned that the income guidelines come from the Federal Government. He went over the changes to the Eligibility Standards. He read the changes that were made and the wording that was added to the following sections:

**Section 1.40.10; Section 1.40.13; Section 1.50.00; and Section 2.40.00.**

He also read the schedules that were changed:

**Schedule H. Income Guidelines.** Raised to 120% of 2026 Federal Poverty Level

**Schedule P. Assistance Memo.** Added wording regarding the option to reschedule if client cannot make it on their letter day. Also added the option to come in the day before or after their letter day if WTTO is closed.

**Schedules. Monthly Maximum Utility Allotment.** Gas was raised by \$40 in each category. All other utilities were raised by \$30 in each category.

A question was asked regarding **Section 1.40.10** which states that WTTO can ban someone from the property for violence, threats or violence and /or abusive language.

Mr. Henry asked if we take into consideration if the person is having a mental breakdown. Trustee replied that the ban timeframe is 90 days. If the person is having some type of mental issue or substance abuse and if they can show that they are receiving some professional help, the ban will be lifted.

Mr. Stier made a motion to accept Resolution WTR-2602-2. Ms. Turner second. All in favor, motion carried.

- V. Resolution WTR-2602-3—Resolution Recommending Salaries of Township Officer and Employees.

The Trustee stated that we're not asking for any more money, only to move around some classification, for example moving the clerk 4 position to clerk 2 position. He said we want to keep as many case workers in the office as possible. He mentioned that we hire two people (in-house) for the Support Services Department so that they can help in whatever department (case management, maintenance, workfare), that needs help.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve Resolution WTR-2602-3. Mr. Stier seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- VI. Chair Henry announced the next regular meeting is March 10, 2026.

Mr. Henry commented that he will not be at the next meeting because he will be out of town. Ms. Turner said that she will chair the meeting. Mr. Stier mentioned that he will be gone in the month of May.

- VII. Trustee Knox thanked the Board for approving the Resolutions. He commented that last week we received a request to put a vending machine in our lobby. He said we want to see what items they want to put in the machine before moving forward. He also made the following comments: the AEP bill is \$1,100. Last year in January we received 776 requests for assistance and the value was \$206,574. This year in January we received 833 requests for assistance and the value was \$184,674.

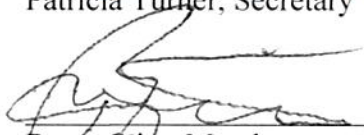
VIII. No public comments

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2026.

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Anthony Henry, Board Chair

  
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Patricia Turner, Secretary

  
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Bruce Stjer, Member