

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR TOWN AND ROAD 2024 LEVY MINUTES
WAYNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE
27W031 NORTH AVENUE
WEST CHICAGO, IL 60185**

DATE: November 7, 2024

TIME: 6:45 P.M.

PLACE: BOARDROOM

01. CALL TO ORDER

02. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

03. ROLL CALL

Brandi Fike Ramundo, Town Clerk, called the roll.

Present: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey.

Absent: (0)

Also present: (4) Director of Finance and Administration Anna Pechous, Highway Commissioner Martin McManamon, Assessor Michael Musson and resident Kathleen Carrier of 1379 Birchbark Trail, Carol Stream (6:49 p.m.)

04. MEETING

The Town and Road levies were provided by Director of Finance and Administration Anna Pechous and reviewed by the Board. Road presented a 0% tax levy and Town proposed a 3.4% tax levy. Trustee Hempel thought we could do without an increase for Town and stated he favors a 0% levy. Trustee Waghorne asked Supervisor Ramey what the least amount was Town could levy and still be safe. The Supervisor stated 3.4% is needed to carry the Township through to June. The expansion has increased the costs for insurance and utilities. General Assistance will also need to increase personnel to effectively handle their clients.

Trustee Waghorne asked Highway Commissioner Martin McManamon why he is levying flat this year after he raise taxes the past two years. The Highway Commissioner stated it wasn't needed with upcoming projects and projected costs. He is awaiting notification next month if Road will receive the grants, he applied for the bike path on Klein Road and for the bridge.

05. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public at this time.

06. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Waghorne moved for adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

Trustee Hempel seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a voice vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Absent or Not Voting: (0)

Approved:

Harry "Randy" Ramey, Supervisor

Brandi Fike Ramundo, Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brandi Fike Ramundo, Wayne Township Clerk

Trustee Waghorne motioned to approve the 2025 Board and Annual Town Meeting schedule.

Trustee Hempel seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Absent or Not Voting: (0)

B. 2025 Holiday Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed Wayne Township observed holiday schedule for 2025.

2025 Holiday Schedule

WHEREAS, certain days will be observed in the year 2025 as holidays by the Court and other State offices; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wayne desires to coordinate the dates of holidays to be observed by the closing of Township offices with the dates observed by the County of DuPage and the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wayne desires at the same time to maximize the number of days on which the Township offices will be open to serve the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Township Board of the Township of Wayne that the dates of legal holidays be observed by the closing of Township offices in 2025 are as follows:

New Year's Day, Wednesday 01/01

MLK Day, Monday 01/20

President's Day, Monday 02/17

Memorial Day, Monday 05/26

Juneteenth, Thursday 06/19

Independence Day, Friday 07/04

Labor Day, Monday 09/01

Columbus Day, Monday 10/13

Veteran's Day, Tuesday 11/11

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday 11/27

Day after Thanksgiving, Friday 11/28

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 12/24

Christmas Day, Thursday 12/25

New Year's Eve, Wednesday 12/31

Trustee Jarmula motioned to approve the 2025 Wayne Township holiday schedule.

Trustee Parent seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Absent or Not Voting: (0)

C. 2025 Health Insurance Renewal for Town & Road

The Board reviewed the information provided about the health policy renewals for Town and Road. The 2025 health insurance rate increased by 10.44% for Town and 10.73% for the Road District with no increase for dental, vision or life. Trustee Hempel questioned why other policy options were not provided again this year for the board to compare. He would like options and stated it is hard to vote "all or nothing". Trustee Parent asked Supervisor Ramey for clarification about the summary provided by the Director Finance and Administration stating employees pay 20% of the first \$2,000 deductible and the township's responsibility of paying the remaining balance.

Trustee Waghorne motioned to approve the 2025 health insurance renewal for town and road.

Trustee Parent seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

D. Special Police Contract for FY2025-2026

DuPage County sent a notice that the cost of the special police cost would increase from \$137,656.92 to \$140,298.44 for FY2025-2026. The board discussed and will await receiving the contract from the county.

E. Resolution 2024-11-07A Setting Compensation of Township Officials for the Four-Year Term Beginning May 19, 2025

The board reviewed the proposed resolution regarding elected officials' salaries for the next 4-year term. The proposed annual compensation for elected positions: Supervisor: \$49,000.00, Clerk: \$20,000.00, Trustees: \$4,500.00, Assessor: \$130,000.00 and Highway Commissioner: \$108,000.00. Supervisor Ramey reminded all salaries are to be set based on the position and not who is the elected official. After reviewing the salaries, Trustee Hempel stated that he thought that trustees should be decreased.

Highway Commissioner Martin McManamon asked to address the board. McManamon stated he is a source of knowledge amongst fellow commissioners and the last setting of salaries was political when he did not receive a pay increase. The Highway Commissioner stated Trustee Waghorne advocated for an increase for the Commissioner and only Assessor Musson receive an increase. He went on to compare the hourly rate trustees receive based on meetings and what the payrate would increase to with the proposed salary for the next for years. The Highway Commissioner reminded the board that his position requires working holidays and weekends. Assessor Michael Musson also addressed the board. The Assessor referenced information he sent the board prior to the meeting. He provided a handout with similar sized township comparisons regarding their assessor's pay and coverage:

Similar Sized Township Comparisons

	Addison	Winfield	Wayne		
2022	\$127,980	\$126,054	\$120,000		
2023	\$127,980	\$126,054	\$120,000		
2024	\$127,980	\$126,054	\$120,000		
2025	\$127,980	\$126,054	\$120,000		
		2.5% per year	Proposed	Requested	
2026	\$140,000+	\$129,205	\$130,000	\$132,000	
2027	\$140,000+	\$132,435	\$130,000	\$134,640	
2028	\$140,000+	\$135,746	\$130,000	\$137,333	
2029	\$140,000+	\$139,140	\$130,000	\$140,079	
Population	86,737	46,447	64,335		
Parcels	31,000	17,000	23,000		
EAV (2023)	\$3,831,637,992	\$1,580,290,507	\$2,535,599,369		

Supervisor Ramey asked the Assessor about any additional income he receives. Musson responded that he received a \$3,000.00 bonus based on merit from the State in the years past but doesn't foresee receiving it for the next couple of years. Hempel asked how much Addison was planning on paying for the position. Musson responded over \$140,000.00.

Supervisor Ramey stated the board would go in to closed session to further discuss. Clerk Ramundo indicated she didn't believe this was permissible. Supervisor Ramey informed the board that it was. Clerk Ramundo asked for a 5-minute recess (time 7:22 p.m.) to get the recording equipment set up.

Recess ended at 7:30 p.m. and the board entered closed session.

At 7:58 p.m. the Board exited meeting.

Trustee Waghorne motioned to resume open session.

Trustee Parent seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a voice vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Supervisor Ramey stated no motions were made and no actions were taken in the closed session. **Trustee Waghorne motioned to approve Resolution 2024-11-07A with the adjustment of the Highway Commissioner position being increased to \$110,000.00 annually, the Assessor increased to \$132,000.00 and the trustee positions to be reduced to \$4,000.00.**

Trustee Parent seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

08. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wayne Township Cemetery

The railing was installed to assist with reaching the flag area safely.

B. Wayne Township Park

Supervisor Ramey is still waiting for the grant funds to arrive.

09. BILL PAYING

10/04/2024 to 11/07/2024

Wayne Township Road District		Wayne Township	
Total Road and Bridge	\$944.34	Total Town	\$41,807.00
Total Permanent Hard Road	\$58,295.36	Total General Assistance	\$297.36
Total Building & Equipment	\$7,278.65	Total Special Police	\$11,471.41
Total All Funds	\$66,518.35	Total All Funds	\$53,575.77

Trustee Waghorne moved to approve the bills.

Trustee Jarmula seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Absent or Not Voting: (0)

10. CLOSED MEETING

No closed meeting at this time.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public at this time.

12. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Ramey informed the Board that election day was not eventful. 180 voters utilized the township on election day. He explained the process and is hopeful word will spread and will make use of our polling location in the future. Supervisor Ramey is working on a \$600,000.00 grant for the pond. If we do not receive the grant to fix it, we may not be able to drop the aerators.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Waghorne moved for adjournment at 8:09 p.m.

Trustee Hempel seconded the motion.

The motion carried on a voice vote.

Ayes: (5) Trustees Waghorne, Hempel, Jarmula, Parent and Supervisor Ramey

Nay: (0)

Absent or Not Voting: (0)

Approved:

Harry "Randy" Ramey, Supervisor

Brandi Fike Ramundo, Wayne Township Clerk

Minutes prepared by Brandi Fike Ramundo, Wayne Township Clerk