

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 4th, 2025
6:30 pm

PRESENT: Councilman Howell, Councilman Sutton, Vice President Newburn,
Clerk/Treasurer Ebert & Attorney Shoffner.

ABSENT: President Mayo

GUESTS: Paul Roxdillsky, Dwayne Tate, Chuck Mack, Adison Medley, John Hutchins &
Eva Wilhelm.

Call To Order:

- Vice President Newburn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Roll Call:

- President Mayo –Absent, Councilman Howell-Here, Councilman Sutton - Here, Vice
President Newburn-Here, A quorum is present.

Appointments Needed

- Vice President Newburn asked the Council if they were able to find a replacement for
Planning Commission, Traffic Commission and BZA, and their answer was no.

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the minutes of
the Public Hearing held on August 7th, 2025. Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by
Councilman Howell to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 7th,
2025. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
- BZA – No Report
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – President Newburn reported that the DNR is now responsible for helping
the Town get a new Bridge in the Park. CT Ebert also informed the Council that there
was a large Hornets nest in the Park and lots of Bee's at the open shelter. Hatfield Pest
Control was called to get this issue taken care of.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –CT Ebert read the Building Inspectors report as follows; 1
Fence, 2 Driveway's and 4 Contractor Registrations totaling \$365.00,

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –No Report
- Other –CT Ebert reported that she attended the ILMCT Conference from August 10th-
14th. She also attended the LaPorte County Local Official Finance Company held on
August 20th, 2025 regarding the SEA 1 Property Taxes.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported the following:
 - They have started the 2026 Community Crossings Grant process, the application deadline is due at the end of October due to the change in this process per Indot. They have established 8 roads to be paved at the new local match of 20%.
 - He contracted Midwest Water Resources for the Water Well retention program that was authorized last month. He worked with Sky Shelly to help identify the Well Field and to design the Emergency Plan that is due next Spring.
 - He is trying to identify the inflow that is getting into the well system as the pump cycles have dramatically increased.
 - The Man Holes by Casey's which were cored on US #30, the repairs would be \$5,000-\$6,000 to have it done. Need to line those structures which would cost \$4,000 per structure totaling \$12,000 and including the \$6,000 it would total \$18,000-\$20,000. Chuck felt like the Town should not have to cover the cost of this and asked Attorney Shoffner if he thought we should have an Executive Session to discuss this further; Attorney Shoffner agreed. Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to have this meeting on Thursday, September 11th, 2025 at 6:30 PM. CT Ebert stated that she would send out reminders to everyone and would put the Notice on our two doors.

New Business

- Clerk Treasurer Ebert gave the 1st reading of Ordinance 08-2025-2026 Budget.
- Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the Boring Application for Nipsco
- Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve both Boring Applications for Frontier, Project #2510584 & 2510589 on a contingency that they get their Bond to the Town Hall.

Unfinished Business

- Vice President Newburn mentioned to the Council that they needed to sign the Cass Clinton Fire Department before the meeting is over.
- Clerk Treasurer Ebert gave documents to the Council per President Mayo's request showing proof that Mark Eiyssen has his utilities turned on for his Car lot.
- No replacement has been found for Councilman Higgins so it is now considered Vacant.

Financial Report and Claims Approval

- Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the claims as presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- None

Public Comment

- Paul Rosdilski addressed the Council regarding the increase to the Water bill. He requested that if he would be filling his pool or irrigating his lawn, could he not be charged for the wastewater portion since that water wasn't being treated by the Town. Councilman Howell stated that he could understand his request but had to deny him due to the fact that this is a revenue tracker for the Town and would be hard to maintenance every resident that had similar issues.

Adjournment

Vice President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

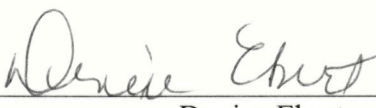
Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton. A vote was taken.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

ATTEST:




Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer