

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 2nd, 2025
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: President Mayo,

GUESTS: Bradley Hutchinson, Chuck Jonas & Chuck Mack

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.

Vice President Newburn made an amendment to this agenda adding an adoption to Ordinance 09-2025 Emergency Boring Permits to be voted on.

Appointments Needed

- Appointments needed for the following:
 - Planning Commissions, Traffic Commissions, Town Council & BZA.Councilman Sutton suggested that we advertise this need as an insert in our next water bill to see if we would get any interested parties to apply.

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Howell to approve the minutes of September 4th, 2025 Public Hearing. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Howell to approve the minutes of September 4th, 2025 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Howell to approve the minutes of September 11th, 2025 Executive Session. 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 – Vice President Newburn reported that they will meet in November and that they are still working on replacing the bridge.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –In Fred Matuszak's absence, CT Ebert read his report. There were 3 Contractor Registrations, 2 Remodels, 2 Accessory Buildings, 1 Sign, 1 Demolition, 1 Electrical Upgrade and 1 New Construction totaling \$1,304.80.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –CT Ebert reported that she attended the Leadership meeting on September 16th, 2025 and the Executive Board meeting on September 18th, 2025.
- Other-She also reported the resignation of her Deputy Clerk, Natalie Moore. She has moved on to working in Valparaiso. CT Ebert wanted to wish her well in her future endeavors and that she would be greatly missed. Her replacement would be Gennifer Messer who previously worked at Horizon Bank.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported that Tri-Township school is asking permission to install a 4 inch well next to the Track/Soccer field. Discussion was had and Councilman Howell stated that this would benefit the whole community given these special circumstances. Motion by Councilman Howell; second by Councilman Sutton to approve this request. CT Ebert would send a letter to Tri-Township school letting them know that they had the Councils approval.
 - Chuck Mack reported that the Water department is in dire need of a new filter due to the age of it and its lack of performance. Motion by Councilman Howell; second by Councilman Sutton approved his request with a "Not to Exceed" \$30,000.
 - Chuck Mack reported that the Town Hall was in need of an Air conditioning unit. Larry Cook was assisting in this as well as he had a quote from Bernelco who gave us a quote of \$9,732.45. Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Howell to approve this request.
 - Chuck Mack let the Council know that a certified letter was submitted to Casey's regarding the request of \$16,785.75 due to the damage regarding the Man-Holes. No response as of yet.

New Business

- None

Unfinished Business

- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Howell to approve Ordinance 08-2025 Budget for 2026. Vote was taken. All Ayes.
- Motion by Councilman Howell; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve Ordinance 09-2025 Amending the Emergency Boring Permits. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

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

- None

Adjournment

President Mayo asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM

ATTEST:

Denise Ebert
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Clerk-Treasurer

