

WAYNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Minutes May 8, 2026

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Sander, also present were Supervisors Ray Wiggers and Jon Maker

Pledge to flag

Minutes approved from April 27, 2026, motion/Mark, 2nd/Ray, all in favor

ROADS AND EQUIPMENT: Mower is fully functional, ready to begin mowing second or third week in May; grader broke down, pulled hub apart and put new wheel studs in; worked on Stateline road, rained out for ditching, graded Buffalo Road; inquired about getting brine, but not ordering until cold days/rain taper off

ZONING AND BUILDING: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Land Bank ~ Supervisors received a request to join Land Bank and had a discussion with Jeremy Bloeser, executive director: if we approved Land Bank in Wayne Township, they would only seek a property if we asked for help with it; they have funds available to tear down houses that are no longer in use; Land Bank money comes mostly from gaming funds, if we join them and we do take a property over, we're responsible for maintaining the property (mowing, trimming, plowing) while they try to sell it and we lose half of the taxes for 5 years when sold; Supervisor Sander made a motion that Wayne agree to join the land bank, get a contract, have solicitor review it and vote formally at the next meeting, 2nd/Ray, all in favor
- King Road improvements ~ Supervisors tabled making improvements to King Road for 2026, will pursue plans for 2027, including applying for a grant

NEW BUSINESS:

- CDBG grant ~ tabled
- Mowing Wheelock cemetery – The township received an offer from Sinrae Goodwill to mow the Wheelock Cemetery this summer, asking \$500 for 2026 due to increased costs of fuel; After discussion, supervisors approved the offer: Motion/Mark, 2nd/Jon, all in favor
- Credit cards ~ Secretary asked supervisors about accepting credit cards for payment of zoning permits and other items; A program is available that costs the township nothing to use, any fees are charged to the user and it is currently being used and recommended by other municipalities in Erie County; supervisors approved getting the details

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Gary Dietz, Alissa Glass, Bill Slagle, Lloyd Whitman, William Wellington, Tom Hellyer (Corry Journal)

- Township resident asked about burning in the township, a homeowner is bringing garbage/trash in from out of the township and burning, wind carries the heavy smoke/odor for a distance, causing discomfort for others, asked supervisors for solution
- Guest asked if there were provisions in place for the township in the event a solar farm or other large-scale project was proposed in the township, to prevent a decision being subverted or taken away from the township and decided at the county level (referring to a similar situation in Columbus Township/Warren County); Supervisors feel Erie County could not interfere, because most municipalities in Erie County have their own zoning laws unlike Warren County, which makes the zoning laws for their municipalities

- Mr. Whitman asked who owned the Elgin fire department
- Logan was asked to explain recent repairs to the grader, involving the wheel hubs/bolts, and the bolts being loose, breaking off in the hub; he explained the process of finding the problem and repairing it

BILLS AND PAYROLL: Motion to sign checks for bills and payroll ~ Motion/Mark, 2nd/Ray, all in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 pm, Motion/Mark, 2nd/Ray, all in favor

Next meeting: 7 pm – Tuesday, May 26, 2026