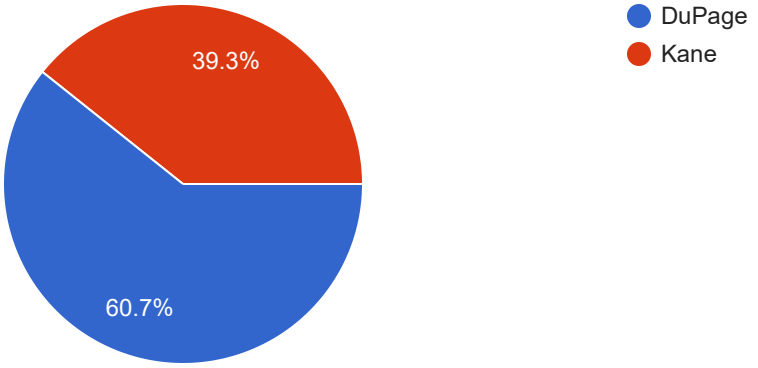
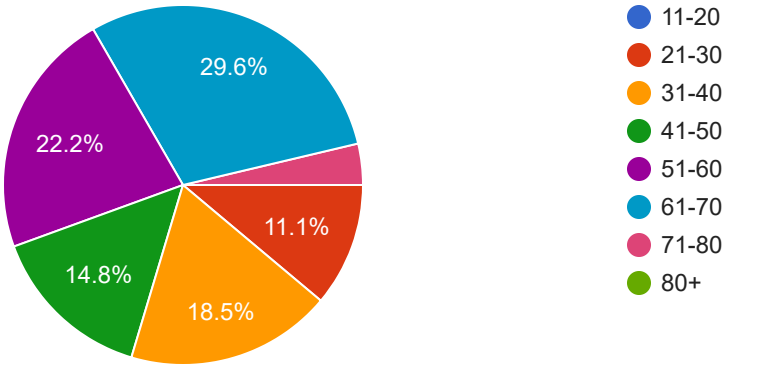
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28 responses



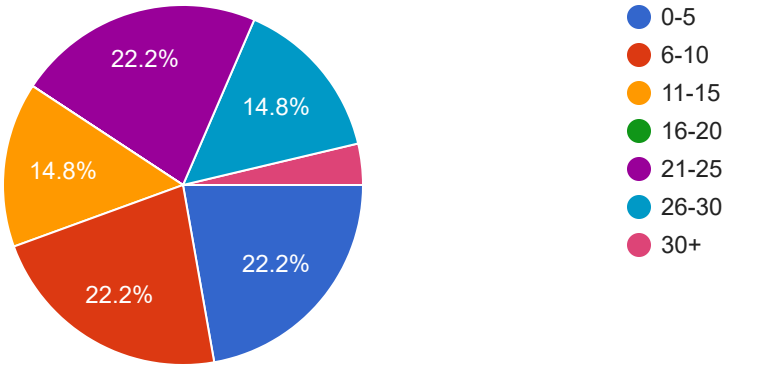
What is your age?

27 responses



How many years have you lived in Wayne?

27 responses



There are four positions in the Village of Wayne up for election in 2027. Petitions will be turned in to get on the April 2027 ballot the week of November 16th. Three out of the four incumbents will be seeking a 9th four year term if they run. The only requirements to run for office in Wayne are to be a Wayne resident for 12 months and be a registered voter. Should we enact consecutive term limits and why does our community struggle to elect new candidates?

22 responses

Yes

Yes we should! I have no idea.

Yes, three x 4-year terms should be the max. Wayne Village officials don't encourage or motivate resident involvement. They like to pick their own to fill open seats at the table for long terms, resembling seven elected officials with only one thought.

We should have consecutive term limits in order to keep new ideas flowing and to make sure we do not have a complacent government. I think our community struggles to elect new candidates because so many people in our town don't want to be involved. They just want government to do what government does and don't bother them with the details.

Yes. The same people have been in the office forever. It is time for new blood.

I believe term limits are appropriate given the fact that times change, but people do not always change with the times.

Our community struggles to elect new candidates because I do not believe the village is well run overall. People do not want to be involved with the already established lack of sensible management when so many of the current board members, including the mayor/president, are legacy people only interested in keeping the status quo. The problem is that their status quo is circa 2000, and we are approaching 3 decades later and times have changed.

No term limits

Voting is your term limits. If people don't like the candidates, they should pull a packet and run for office.

I remember talking to to an old timer who lived in the Wayne historic district who was the last one to own a horse in the area because he was grandfathered in by how long he had lived here. The village board sought him out because they needed more DuPage County representation so he agreed to fill a trustee position. He said that he quit a short while later because the group was a complete set odiots who never listened to his ideas for improving conditions in Wayne and didn't accomplish anything. Heard this about 25 years ago and still remember it.

Term limits should be enacted. Those who have been in office choose who they want to be the replacements, and then unfairly and possibly illegally assist and influence the election.

yes on term limits, people are lazy

I’m ok with not but I do agree people stick with what they are used to

Consider sending notices out to residents about the opportunity to run. I would not have known but for this survey link! Consecutive term limits are a great idea for larger government - but there is something to be said about years of experience driving the boat on a smaller community like Wayne.

I like term limits, if nothing else it allows for new people and new ideas. Personally, because I’m old, I have fought so many political wars that I am no longer interested. And unfortunately, the people I agree with almost consistently are so angry and hostile in their comments I’m uncomfortable supporting them.

Enact consecutive term limits if we can meet the requirements for that in the future. We lack communication of processes and transparency in the application and campaign/debate process. Just as important to remedy, there seems to be a fear of being targeted of marginalized by entrenched incumbents. If there's any reality to that perception, that would be toxic in a small village like Wayne, where each candidate may live walking distance from each other.

Yes we should

Yes, there should be term limits. But term limits will not be helpful if there are no new candidates willing to come forward. The last several elections have been so contentious with quite a bit of hostility, and I think that alone deters people from being willing to throw their hat in the ring. There have been some candidates with great ideas, but if they cannot deliver them in a well reason, respectful, clearheaded way, the voters will have little faith in their ability to also negotiate on behalf of the village with those outside of it.

Not sure. I think Village volunteer opportunities and involvement opportunities need to be more accessible and more widely disseminated and promoted among the village to encourage more folks to get involved.

Term limits are good and neccesary for a healthy government.

Term limits would be great but it's a pipedream. Our career politicians have a voting block and would never consider. Too many in this village are ok with our non working board,

Term limits would be great. However with a small community like Wayne it might be a struggle to find new people to volunteer for a board position, especially if they don’t know anything about it. It might help to cultivate new board members early. Our entire current VB seems to be on sleep mode.

Eileen Phipps is getting ready to run for a 9th term as Village President. Should she run again and what successes or failures has she had that will affect how you vote?

23 responses

She should not run. We need new people who have new ideas and want to work for all residents, not just the wealthy.

If Wayne codified term limits, Eileen would not be on the ballot. Eileen may have been a positive influence in Wayne early on, but lack of genuine leadership over the last decade no longer benefits the residents. The village needs a leader with a clear vision for the short- and long-term future of Wayne especially as bordering communities are rapidly growing, and one that appoints qualified commissioners that support all residents in Wayne, not just select special interest groups.

She absolutely should not run again. She has been an embarrassment to our community and an extremely poor leader. I cannot name one accomplishment of hers. She said no Red Gate Bridge, and it was built. She has not worked to stem the increasing traffic cutting through town. We continue to have subpar internet and cell phone service in one of the most affluent communities in this area. She needs to go.

I would prefer to vote for someone new due to lack of change

She should be put out to pasture.

I think it is time for Phipps to step down. I felt that way only 2 years after we moved to Wayne in 2004. Phipps lives in the St.Charles school and park district area of Wayne, and does not seem concerned with those of us who live in the U46/no park district area of Wayne…I have always felt it is a big disparity to not have someone in tune with the East side of Wayne sitting in a position of village leadership, especially since she does not take an active interest in the DuPage side of town. If she did, I'd feel differently.

She should run again if she sees fit. Her choice.

She has every right to run, and if there are people who think they can do better, they should also run. The biggest failure is lack of resident engagement and that is on residents. They only show up after something they disagree with.

No. Justice For Ludwig.

No, need some new ideas to keep Wayne the beautiful town it is. We can stay beautiful while changing, can't stay stuck

Justice for Ludwig. Shame on you and your husband.

No one should be in one position that long

I don't know much about everyone is Wayne politics but I sure as hell don't want her elected agaib

Not enough knowledge to answer. There's no information about the board members on the website. It would be nice to have bios of our local officials with photographs to know the backgrounds of who is serving / who they are.

Well, there’s no reason to say she shouldn’t run, except our government is so entrenched in doing things their own way that nothing will change for the better.

Recent grants awarded to Wayne are successes, but in general no one should remain in the same government position for decades at a time. Fresh energy and ideas every couple of terms or so is beneficial. Nine terms is ludicrous. No one should stay in an elected position that long! It is a recipe for complacency and stagnation.

I don’t know who she is

The only failure I can think of is the fact that she appears to be rather in Siler, mostly interacting with those that she knows already support her. I don’t see her out in the community talking with every day villagers. She might be a very nice thoughtful person, but I’ve lived here 15 years and I’ve only heard her voice one time. That’s odd.

I am curious if Mayor Phipps would be interested in doing an annual State of the Village Speech similar to other municipalities. I think it could be a great way to showcase what the village has been up to, encourage people to get involved, and celebrate our community. Maybe at Flag Day or another annual village event. Or it could be its own thing.

No comment

She has every right to run.. I'm amazed Wayne is ok with this person with zero charisma and and no desire to serve anyone beyond her friends and voting block. Her husband killed his neighbor's dog and her behavior afterwards was disgusting.

No

No, She should not run again.

Ed Hull is getting ready to run for a 9th term as Village Trustee. Should he run for again and what successes or failures has he had that will affect how you vote?

20 responses

He should not run. We need new people to run our community!

If Wayne codified term limits, Ed would not be on the ballot. Ed ran for trustee over two decades ago specifically to stop a subdivision development directly across from his house. While that did benefit Wayne, he's done nothing since. He's also in charge of historic preservation while one registered historic building was demolished and the current historic Village Hall has fallen under disrepair. After five years of Ed's board meeting "updates," we're still waiting for the hideous Depot Trail Porta-Potty to be concealed.

Ed should not run. He makes maybe 2/3rds of the meetings and reports on nothing. He has been working on shielding the Port-a-Potty for five years. He is in charge of Historic and Rural Preservation. What has he done in the past 25 years to preserve anything but his seat. He is useless.

I would prefer to vote for someone new due to lack of change

He should be put out to pasture.

9 terms is too long. Time to retire. People who currently have young families and/or adult children who still live at home with them have not been well served by the current leadership. Hull is past his prime as a leader.

Ed should run if that is what he wants

He should run if he wishes to and can obtain the required signatures to appear on the ballot.

No, too long in office, too old to bring any new ideas to the table and too arrogant to listen to others.

No. Need some fresh new ideas

Lame duck yes man for Eileen. He has done nothing.

ditto

Same answer.

Same as above

Nine terms is ludicrous. No one should stay in an elected position that long! It is a recipe for complacency and stagnation.

I never heard of him

No answer

Ed Hull is very phony and the biggest bullshitter on the board. Very often misses meetings. Very much a non working board member.

No

No he should not run.

Pete Connolly is getting ready to run for a 9th term as Village Trustee. Should he run again and what successes or failures has he had that will affect how you vote?

19 responses

No he should not! Don’t trust him

If Wayne codified term limits, Pete would not be on the ballot. As chair of Finance and Public Safety, Pete has put in the time, however, there has been poor disclosure of financials and apathy for concerning traffic issues on his watch over his last two terms. He may better serve the community as part of a municipal focus group.

Pete should not run again. He is so incredibly incompetent and cannot accomplish anything. He has allowed Village Hall to fall into such disrepair that the village had to rent and then purchase another building to house the police department. He allowed out police department to fall to a part time status and lied about it to the public. He now wants to spend $2,000,000 either constructing a new Village Hall or now he wants to renovate the police department. This has been going on since 2018. It is time for him to go and let someone else take over the management of building maintenance because he has no idea what he is doing.

I would prefer to vote for someone new due to lack of change

He should be put out to pasture.

See answer above for Ed Hull. What happened 9 terms ago that all these people got locked into village leadership?

Pete should run again should he want to

He should run if he wishes to and can obtain the required signatures to appear on the ballot.

DuPage County trustee who does nothing for DuPage County Wayne residents.

Nope! Still need new ideas and energy!

ditto

Same answer.

Same as above

Nine terms is ludicrous. No one should stay in an elected position that long! It is a recipe for complacency and stagnation.

I don’t know who he is

No answer

Pete should retire from the board. Pete is in charge of everything important yet he spends much of time out of town, He has made a mess of the new police department project.. Pete had no idea what he was doing when he hired the Williams architect, wasting public money and having to hire a second architect. He's also too involved with his church creating conflicts of interest.

Absolutely No

No he should no run.

Guy Bevente is getting ready to run for a second term as Village Trustee. Should he run again and what successes or failures has he had that will affect how you vote?

19 responses

Yes, if he so chooses. Guy sparked the discussion of improved internet and cell coverage, a topic long ignored by other Board members. He will abstain from voting when not in agreement with Board initiatives, but he needs to be more vocal at the table as to why he's abstaining. Guy sometimes seems like he's had a shot of the Board Kool-Aid instead of genuinely engaging with constituents not otherwise his family and friends. I thought he would do more of this after being elected in 2023.

Guy should either run for a second term or he should run to be Village President. He is the only member of this board in the last decade who actually works to improve the lives of Wayne residents. He came into a mess and he struggles to walk a fine line with Pete's corrupt behaviors on financial issues. I think he does listen to resident feedback, but without new trustees, he will never get the support he needs to move this village forward.

No preference

I'm okay with him running again. He hasn't been there that long.

Well he seemed to have ideas about internet access, but nothing has changed for me where I live in Wayne (east side south of ATR). Perhaps someone new could step in here.

Guy should run again if he wants to

He should run if he wishes to and can obtain the required signatures to appear on the ballot.

I think the only accomplishment he can hang his hat on is that he may have had a small influence on an internet company he was associated with to pursue offering services to Wayne residents that most likely inevitable even without his leverage. Sits next to the Kaneland Klub and hasn't brought anything of real significance to the DuPage side of our community.

Undecided-I don’t know much about him

The one trustee who has actually started wheels in motion to address some village issues but still has to bow to the Queen of Wayne. Not impressed with results...

yes he should run

Same answer.

No opinion

If he can make good on bringing fiber high speed internet to the WHOLE village, a second term is good.

I don’t know who this is

No answer

Guy is fine. He is clearly a friend of the the career politicians here in Wayne because their voting block got together to write him in on the last ballot. He's the only member on the board to actually challenge Pete.

Not sure about any progressive forward thinking from him.

Idk what he has done

What positive and/or negative contribution to our community has been made by Trustee Mike Dimitroff since winning a third term in 2025?

18 responses

Mike appears to make an effort, however, he was overseeing Public Works with a paid Director, which is a duplication of effort. Public Works could stand to do more maintenance of Wayne Park and the roads, including proper repair of street shoulders along Army Trail and Powis Roads, keeping public easements clean year-round, and resurfacing ATR through town. It looks run down.

I think Mike wants the best for Wayne. I think if he is going to be the Trustee in charge of Public Works, then he needs to start putting a plan in place for maintenance of the village infrastructure and not leave it to the Village Engineer's calendar.

I do not know individual contributions

It is hard to tell.

Mike is a great human and has served the community as best as he could given his colleagues in lifetime positions. I see it is difficult to make change to include the interests of people raising families and also represent the whole of Wayne when you are a minority voice.

None

He should answer this to the community.

Unfinished sidewalks and historic streetlights in the historic district while the public works part timers are all driving around in new vehicles and a freshly paved public works parking lot. Has violated the commitments for maintenance at the Dunham Forest Preserve since a 2018 agreement with the Forest Preseve District of DuPage County.

No idea, which is a problem!

no idea

Same answer.

No opinion

Unknown

I don’t know him

No answer

MIke looks out for his Honeyhill neighbors. Took him years to actually assemble something that now resembles a Public Works department. He's fine but a yes man.

No Illegal Beaver trapper

Idk

What positive and/or negative contribution to our community has been made by Trustee Emily Miller's since winning a second term in 2025?

19 responses

While Emily is involved in private organizations for community events, she has done little in her official elected capacity overseeing Administration and Parks after being handpicked to join the Board. No village website changes occurred until Guy was elected, and the parks in Wayne that are actually open to the public are not promoted as such and / or maintained to be welcoming to residents under her watch.

Emily does nothing. She is in charge of Parks and we have one park at the end of a private road that is maintained by the Park Commission. She needs to make sure that Public Works has a dedicated employee for park maintenance. She should be setting up a beautification plan for the village and work with Mike Dimitroff on how to maintain it. She is in the right position to make Wayne a lot nicer and all she is concerned about is being in the Garden Club and the Community Association of Wayne. She should dedicate more of her time to running the village.

I do not know individual contributions

It's hard to tell

She worked hard to keep improving what makes Wayne, Wayne. Eg: the Christmas tree lighting and the park behind Wayne school. I think she’s on the right track.

No

She should answer this to the community.

Heard her in a candidate's debate where she promised to work on improving the Prairie Path Parking Lot Areas. Empty promises. Wayne's contribution to Wayne's #1 tourist attraction is the same as it has been since 1963 when it first began - Zero Cents.

Same as above

no idea

Same answer.

Great liaison between the village, residents, the school, and local organizations. She has done a lot to get people interested and aware about our parks and connects people with events and resources within the village and in the community.

No opinion

Unknown

I don’t see any changes because i don’t know her

No answer

People like Emily because she's a nice lady and talks a good game, but she is a terrible trustee. I have yet to see her contribute anything to Wayne besides events that involve her church. She was appointed by Eileen because they are friends.

Nothing that I have heard of, but everyone likes her

She seems to be the most present of all of them.

What positive and/or negative contribution to our community has been made by Trustee Karen Kaluzsa's since winning her first term in 2025?

19 responses

Not sure since Chief Roberts now oversees the Admin Dept which is her assigned role.

Karen is useless. She is responsible for administration functions. The village website is awful. We now employ a Village Administrator when she should be performing those functions. She reports on nothing. I am not sure what she does as a trustee.

I do not know individual contributions

It is hard to tell.

I'd like to see Karen inject her voice more adamantly as a person who lives in the DuPage east side area of Wayne. I think she can be a voice for the underrepresented part of Wayne, but has not established herself yet. Let's go, lady. 😍

No

She should answer this to the community.

DuPage County Wayne Trustee that has done nothing for DuPage County Wayne.

Dittos. ⬆️

No comment.

no idea

Same answer.

No opinion

I have not seen much activity or involvement from her. It is unclear what she would even want to improve about Wayne because I don't recall hearing that from her.

None because i don't know her

No amswer

Karen decided she didn't want to do any work and before you know it we pay Chief Tim to do the work the board should be doing. Tim should thank Karen for his raise in pay.

Never heard her mentioned

Idk

Wayne has amassed a $1.9M budget surplus since 2012. What should Wayne be investing in that will benefit the community as a whole?

24 responses

Fix the internet, fix cell phone coverage, beautify Army Trail Road through town while also implementing measures to slow down the traffic. The shoulders and easements are so bad in town, no wonder vehicles fly by as if nothing special exists there. Finish the Comprehensive Plan that has long expired. Allow for a nice facility for the Police Department and Admin staff commensurate with the size and scope of Wayne. Proactively involve residents in impactful decision-making. Trustees should be enthusiastic about getting out and meeting more residents throughout their terms, not just the months leading up to local elections.

Wayne should either give that surplus back to the residents or they should invest in fixing the sidewalks, creating a public park, connecting the multiple walking/bike paths to each other and beautifying the Downtown area. They should also use this money to fix and maintain Village buildings. The police department has needed a new roof and parking lot for years. Just get it done already.

Extending sidewalks through town to connect to the prairie path and parking lot at the other end of town

Give the money back that they've been collecting on the vehicle stickers.

I'd love to see sidewalks on ATR and Powis, despite alleged "historical inaccuracy." People love Wayne in part because it is beautiful, but it is harrowing to walk and enjoy the beauty with dogs or small children on these roads without a sidewalk. Safety is a concern. Walkability is much desired!

Return the money to taxoayersy

Not useless police hires and equipment. You don't need to spend money just to spend money. In fact stop spending our tax dollars printing a useless magazine that people only throw away.

What percentage of the annual budget is that surplus, and what does the board have planned for it in the comprehensive and/or strategic plan? This should not be decided by a community survey without further context and details about the village financial health or policy.

A dedicated storm water system for downtown Wayne.
Emergency Storm Warning System for the downtown Wayne area.
Complete sidewalk to Powis Road
Historic streetlights of all of the Historic District.
Brick Pavers for the Shoulders of the Historic District.

Better internet services for the village residents!!!

Repaving roads. Installing guardrail along the Powis curve for resident safety. More money for the police department to have a full time department, and investing in their retirements. Eliminate the village stickers.

Community playground or splash pad or pool.

road repair, overall clean-up, historical pursuits

Park, depot museum, more inviting prarie trail bathroom, organized town events

Grants for restoration of the homes in the historic district for specific projects. Many of the homes are dilapidated and updating them is cost prohibitive because of the need to comply with historic commission regulations (which are appropriate - but not a lot of people have $50,000 to replace wood windows etc.).

Well, I think we need a fairly hearty surplus for the unexpected, but I would like to have an emergency weather siren, I would like to see that porta potty covered in an attractive way.

A town hall with functional and accessible meeting and office space. A website and communications that are modern, user-friendly, and transparent. Improved outdoor park and trail space that we all say we prize, but nobody seems to improve and maintain.

A community playground or pool or splash pad

Stores

More safe pedestrian crossings across Army Trail Road. Four-way stop at Powis road (I have heard quite a few people say they use Will Way as a detour and turn right onto Army Trail road from there) Screening for the porta potty at the depot trailhead. Please fill the grass gap between the depot and the sidewalk so it is easier to access on foot especially for people with mobility needs. A sidewalk from the trailhead parking area to the depot would be great as well. So people can park and walk to the depot more easily.

Park space, infrastructure improvements, lowering costs for residents,

All of this money has been hoarded for the police department. I just with they told us this instead of accumulating surpluses and raising our taxes whenever they can.

Clean up the sidewalks, fencing and shoulders of roadside paths. Clean up dead trees and overgrowth along roads. The ice cream parlour lamps in the village are terrible

Creating a central gathering place for Wayne. Currently the LHC is doing this but I feel it’s for members of their church. It’s not for all Wayne residents.

The Village of Wayne has budgeted $2,000,000 this fiscal year to renovate the new Wayne Police Department Building on Army Trail Road. Four years ago current elected village officials told the residents of Wayne there was a $600,000 grant to update the existing Village Hall (and former Police Dept) building on Railroad Street. At the January 2023 Town Hall, those same elected officials noted there would be 8-9 options for a new Village Hall / Police Station presented to the residents ahead of any further decision. The grant has been extended three times and is set to expire again this November. No subsequent Town Hall has been planned at this time. How do you think the village will secure the $2,000,000 budgeted for a new Village Hall / Police Station and should residents be involved in the decision?

23 responses

If they said we will have a voice I. It then they need to uphold that.

Village officials should involve residents in every step of the decision of what may be the highest expenditure ever in Wayne. They should work to secure grant monies or there will be an increase in taxes, or no money left in the bank for future obligations.

There is absolutely no need to spend this amount of money on the Wayne Police Department. The village has intentionally kept residents out of the loop on this one. Ed Hull lied about Wayne having the grant money and he lied about the 8 or 9 options. All of that was campaigning fodder. Here we are in another election year. There will be a Town Hall about this only because it is an election year. The village does not care what the residents want or need. Any Town Hall will be for show.

Residents should absolutely be involved.

No idea how they plan to secure the $$. Residents should absolutely be involved. We have ideas and input to share!

This question is worded in a way that appears to lead respondents to a specific answer and potentially leaves out information I would want before answering. This is not an unbiased survey.

$600, 000 is a complete rehab of that building with no cost to taxpayers.
I think the current plan is to zero out our existing surplus to pay for the new improvements at the new police location. I thought that the whole purpose for having this surplus was in case the town experienced some type of disaster and needed to that reserve to respond to it.

Likely the surplus, and it’s BS!

The residents should have a voice in how the elected officials proceed. All of our statements at village meetings are ignored and fall on deaf ears.

yes residents should be considered

I want to be informed throughout the process

Failing to utilize a six figure grant sounds like fiscal mismanagement to me.

I think the boardroom should be bigger and it should be accessible via sidewalk which is a benefit of the current site that, if this site will be the new village hall, should be present at this site as well.

No idea

I don't know how, but if a $600k grant is allowed to expire without using it for its intended purpose everyone who has been elected for more than a term should be fired for dereliction of their duties. That is money that taxpaying residents would have to pay if the grant does not. Residents also deserve a functional village hall. Why not make it a village complex with the hall, offices, meeting space, and the post office all in one. Police may or may not make sense to have there too, but parking could be an issue in that case.

I don’t want a new village hall and police station for a town of less than 3000 people

Yes we should be involved. That’s a lot for renovation

Yes, I think resident involvement should be encouraged and updates shared out on a regular basis.

No answer

yes. I think 2M is extreme

There is a reason this has taken this long and it's Pete Connolly has no idea what he is doing. Our career politicians have no interest in involving the community. They recently held a town hall to tell us what they are doing, not asking for any input whatsoever.

Yes, get people who care and can help involved

Obviously their original plan is dead. If the village could unite the PD and VH in one place with community rooms and open spaces for residents that would be a great way to spend the $2mil.

Police Chief Tim Roberts was appointed as the Village Administrator on March 24, 2026. This new position now gives the Chief of Police daily oversight and responsibility for Public Works, Administration, Building and Zoning and Finance. This new position comes with a salary of $43,000 annually which increases his total salary to 16% of the total property taxes collected in FY2026. How do you feel about the Chief of Police being appointed to run the day to day operations of the village.

23 responses

I think it is not appropriate. Too much authority .

Chief Roberts has done a very good job in his role since 2022. I suspect he's witnessed critical areas of improvement in the way elected and appointed officials were running Wayne. However, if elected officials did their job, there would be no need for this dual role. Perhaps elected and appointed officials should receive a nominal fee for their efforts. Certainly, a role such as Village Administrator should require a documented hiring process.

No Police Chief should ever be in charge of running the village or managing the financials. He should stick to what he knows and stop volunteering to do every job in Wayne.

That’s not a livable salary if it is the only salary collected

He should stick to being the chief of police.

I’m not sure I fully understand why he was given additional responsibility and how that looks in his day to day work on behalf of the citizens of Wayne. I do believe Tim is a quality individual and has Wayne’s interest at heart. I guess I need more information to answer this question.

Neutral

No one should be allowed AND PAID to hold multiple public offices / jobs like this. It appears, and is, a very shady situation. Conflict of interest.

What are comparable roles in similar sized villages compensated at? This sounds like a low salary for this role to me as an uneducated person in this industry.

This is a huge conflict of interest. Isn't the point of the Village Board to fulfill these needs for our community?

Nope-need different people in place to make sure things are honest and don’t well!!!

I appreciate Chief Roberts, but this is a conflict of interest and double dipping in village salaries. Not cool. I think there are plenty of able bodied residents who would gladly step up and fill this position.

not appropriate

Feels like double dipping

These should be two separate and distinct roles.

I’m going to keep my mouth shut about this one.

What matters most is having positions like the administrator selected from a slate of qualified candidates. The $43k pay for the part-time role is fair, but it would be good to know who else was considered, and how overlap of the two roles is functionally avoided.

Our property taxes are to high

I don’t think that’s a fair job for him.

Should either be an elected official or voted on to create a separate position if necessary

I credit Tim for doing a lot of work the board members should be doing. Problem is now we have to pay him to do work our "volunteer" board member work, We have a non working board for many years and now the tax payers have given Tim a raise. Tim and the police department now have very much influence for every decision in Wayne.

Don’t like it. The other positions should be filled with professional people who meet the job descriptions and history of work required

I’m not understanding why this decision was made. I wouldn’t want that job, if he’s willing to do it then problem solved. Honestly how much police work is there in Wayne.

Commissioners are appointed by the Village President to a four year term. How many consecutive terms should an appointed commissioner be allowed to remain in their seat?

22 responses

2

Two

Only 1

Three

2 is perfect in my opinion. Just like an American president. Do your job and move on!

Appointed. Say 12 years max

This should be in the bylaws of the commission.

Two 4 year terms are enough time to give your best and then give it a rest.

Two terms with one off. For everyone.

For an appointment - 2.

Each should be allowed two full consecutive terms (not counting partial terms) and then should take at least a one term break from that specific commission before applying again. The Village President could easily implement that as a matter of policy and decision criteria for appointment. Vacancies should be posted with the link to the application form, and the names of all commission applicants should be publicly listed to ensure transparency in the application process.

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Those positions should be limited to two consecutive terms.

3 to 4

3

The Village is not interested in appointing anyone outside their circle of friends and spouses.

First off all volunteer positions should be voted in not hand picked and all positions should have term limits

Should commissioners be allowed to sit on more than one commission?

20 responses

No

Yes, as long as they are not chairing more than one commission and they are productive in their roles.

Only in the event there are not others to sit on the commissions.

In a small community like this, it isn't easy to get people to volunteer. It would be preferable not to have one person on multiple commissions.

Hmmmmm

No.

no

Yes.

Yes

No. If I'm not mistaken, I don't think the law allows that anyway.

Why isn’t there a place where it is posted in public what vacancies are available? Why don’t they use the village wide email list to disseminate that sort of information so the people volunteering to sit on the commissions could be more representative of cross-section of the village, not just those who are friends with trustees and fellow commissioners.

Should commissioners seeking re-appointment be required to submit an application and be evaluated with new applicants before their next appointment?

23 responses

Yes

Yes.

yes

All commissioners should be evaluated for attendance and contributions before they are re-appointed.

Yes. How do we know they are the best person to sit in those seats? They should have a conversation with the chair and the president just like everyone else.

No

Sure

That seems excessive.

Absolutely

Yes.

Absolutely. The upcoming vacancy should be posted and the public should know how they can apply and who is being considered.

Yes

No answer

Yes absolutely

The village has very few residents apply for open commission positions. Would having a concise description of commissioner responsibilities on the village website encourage more residents to apply for open positions? If so, what elements would be most helpful to include?

22 responses

Yes

Commissioner job responsibilities and openings should be openly promoted at the village website, village social media, the Post Office, and noted at village meetings. Applications on hand should be seriously considered rather than leaving a seat open until a friend or neighbor is hand-picked.

I think not only having job descriptions laid out on the village website, but people need to know there are actually openings. Our village does a terrible job of encouraging people to apply.

Yes. Time commitment, responsibilities, any pay or perks the position may come with

Yes. Basic job description.

Yes—explain time commitments, job expectations, etc

Wouldn’t help

Yes. Full role descriptions should be clearly posted.

I think that be a wonderful idea.

Yes! Duties, time required, be transparent about responsibilities

Residents are frustrated with the current elected officials, and appointed members of boards. Gregory Richard actually asked me "Why don't you start on a committee first, instead of diving into the deep end of village politics"... And condescendingly put his hand on my shoulder.

We have to disassemble the existing political nepotism before residents will feel that they will actually be able to make a difference, instead of just bowing down and falling in line.

yes

100%. Also, have the form be fillable online.

I think anything that would give people an idea of what the position encompasses would be helpful.

Absolutely post a concise description of the duties with the meeting times and types of decisions to be made. Have the application link right there with each, and list when the next window for consideration of appointments will be.

Yes and also electing residents who have the knowledge

Yes.

No answer

It would be nice if more were involved but Eileen is only interested in appointing her friends.

Yes and fair elections

Yes absolutely

The wives of two Village Trustees hold leadership positions on two out of our four commissions. What is your view of spouses of elected officials, with voting power, being allowed to chair Commissions?

20 responses

No spouses

Spouses or others in the immediate family of an elected official with voting power should be able to sit on a commission, but they should not be able to Chair a commission due to conflict of interest.

I am fine with the spouses of trustees sitting on commissions, but I am not in favor of them being in charge of those commissions. It gives certain families too much power and can influence votes. I think we have enough people in our village to sit on commissions without tapping the spouses of elected officials.

If they are qualified, I don't have an issue with it.

I don’t think it matters.

Conflict of interest at the highest level.

Democracy. If chairs are elected, this is fine.

Should not be allowed.

Not okay

Conflict of interest. Should not be allowed. Nepotism at its finest.

probably not a good idea

Completely fine.

I wouldn’t be for it if we were able to get people to fill these positions, but I’m not sure we can. The current positions are so entrenched, few people cared to run up against them.

It's legal but not ideal. It must be handled carefully at the Trustee level to ensure they recuse themselves from anything directly initiated by their spouse in a commission.

None

I think it is fine as long as they are considered in an equal way to anyone else who is seeking the positions.

If their properly elected that is the voice of the people

This is what we get when we allow Eileen to be in charge. Same old same old so goes Wayne.

If they are voted in, meet the requirements and are fully capable why not

Obviously people don’t want to step up so if they want to serve go for it

Much of our village revenue over the past four years has gone towards upgrading administrative infrastructure which includes hiring consulting firms to provide technology, software, vehicle maintenance, inspections and accounting services. What are some upgrades the village should invest in to benefit residents directly?

23 responses

Drainage for storm water, sidewalks , basic infrastruture.

Guy hired a technology consultant that added very little effective changes to the village website. It is still archaic looking compared to other nearby small-town websites. The village needs to explore lower cost website options that are more up to date. This is where free or nominal fee resident expertise should be sought out versus paying a non-resident.

I would like to see better maintenance of our village roads and parks. Downtown Wayne is so weathered. All we do is pave roads every two decades and we do nothing else the rest of the year. How about painting the lamp posts? How about some hanging flower baskets on those lamp posts or planters underneath them? How about landscaping the Dunham Parking Lot?

INTERNET PROVIDER OPTIONS

Internet, sewer/water management, sidewalks, getting library access for all residents

Daily lives of residents are NOT the problem of the city of Wayne.

The existence of a surplus should not be the only driving factor of doing these tasks. Stop needlessly spending.

What does the comprehensive and strategic plan say?

Any type of infrastructure improvement to our downtown area.

Internet services

Still waiting on better internet. The public works department is slow in their response to snow events, and removing loose gravel from intersections, causing a hazard to motorcycle riders.

Playgrounds, community splash pad or pool, adding a left turn lane going west on army trail and at Dunham to reduce traffic

INTERNET!!!!!!!!!

Again, grants for restoration of our beautiful homes in the historic district.

Well, I don’t see any of those benefits. I certainly wouldn’t know about vehicle maintenance, but I wish we had a decent website, I wish we could see meeting items, and easily get FOIA documents, etc..

Accelerate high speed fiber internet for ALL! Have a functional and user-friendly website and communication process.

Clean up, library for kids, more things fkr us residents

Cell signal improvements!

Website organization. Please remove the item on the website and social media that says that Wayne is not an agricultural community. I think our media should be celebrating what Wayne is vs emphasizing what Wayne is not. The website is easier to navigate, but there is more that can be done.

Road maintenance invest in public works or recreational facilities such as bike paths or public areas

Wayne downtown looks like a village in disrepair. Roads and shoulders look terrible, Beautification of the village and trail heads to both paths should be a priority.

I guess i need more information to make an educated decision concerning if we save money farming out tasks over the years or would we be better off hiring someone full or part time for the jobs

It has, could have fooled me. The downtown village needs much attention. It’s looks dirty and unkempt with not curb and gutter along ATR. The sidewalks are a mess and go halfway and aren’t on both sides.
The Depot is never open and needs a paint job among other things. There’s so much more people could enjoy if the village had a vision.

What would you like the Village of Wayne to focus on over the next decade?

22 responses

Spending money on the downtown historic part of Wayne. Clean up after horses.

Traffic management and beautification of the community.

Getting the internet and cell service brought into the 21st century. Make village meetings more accessible to all residents by posting videos of the meetings. Create an indoor and outdoor community space to gather for events so we are not so reliant on the church. More traffic control. We need a revitalization plan for downtown Wayne.

Less barriers for homeowners to make improvements to their property. The regulations are a pain and too old school

Keeping the Wayne history and charm while also making necessary modern convenience upgrades to attract new residents. It can be done.

Not changing the nature of this well-hidden city

Update the comprehensive and strategic plans.

Get something of real importance done. Anything.

Make sure infrastructure can handle growing populations in the area

Transparency. Establishing honesty, ethics, and confidence back into village government. Addressing the concerns of the residents in a timely manner.

Playgrounds, community splash pad or pool

creating community spaces for residents to be able to get together

People want community and this is a town that is not very open or doesn't create those spaces for it to be built outside of events put on by the church. I'd like to see more of that

Preserving our historic homes. Completing the railway station / museum.

A superior village wide, Internet. A decent village website with access to all documents. Better road clearing services during the winter. Enforcement of the rules that are on the books, and elimination of Flock-type cameras.

Fiber internet for ALL, ASAP! Improve and connect our trails and parks for pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists alike. Build a modern village hall with spacious and functional meeting rooms and office space.

Making Wayne more affordable to live and age in place for everyone of various income ranges. Making the codes more flexible for people to build, remodel, and live in Wayne.

Making this a more fair town and not a popularity contest

Concealing the teal porta potty.

No answer

Better internet, better cell. Beautification of the village.

I would love the village to look cleaner and better maintained

See previous answer

Where do you get your information regarding village events, meetings and open positions?

20 responses

The FB website

Social media, ResidentsForWayne.com, village website for upcoming agendas.

Village website. ResidentsforWayne.com. WRC page.

My neighbors, the village website, Facebook pages, and snail mailings

Facebook

This The Wayne Residents Committee Facebook website is the only place to get honest, prompt information about what is, and going to, happen in Wayne.

Only if I look on the website, and can find info

Residents of Wayne, the lame village website, FB groups, and talking with fellow residents.

facebook

I joined facebook to get info!

Online.

Newsletter long after the fact. Internet and social media searching for more current news.

Michelle’s posts on Facebook

Facebook, usually posts by other citizens.

Social media

No answer

fliers/banners

public meetings social media

All the above

People and websites

Please list any additional comments, concerns or opinions.

9 responses

I have lived here a long time and I have seen Wayne become this old, tired weathered place. We need to have new life injected into this community and should be looking to bring younger people into Wayne who want to raise their children here.

I am tired of the constant complaints from certain residents coupled with the constant inaction from the longstanding president and trustees.

adding a left turn lane going west on army trail and at Dunham to reduce traffic

We love living in Wayne. I think preservation should be key - and that the community needs to invest in the places / homes / spaces that make our community distinct.

It would be great to see real action from our officials to try to improve things rather than the entrenched complacency that too many seem to hold. If you aren't willing to make decisions and drive improvements, then don't run or apply for a public position.

This village is ran by people who are not opened minded and have not changed a single thing in a positive way.

Why have five years gone by and the Porta potty has yet to be addressed?