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WAYNE TOWNSHIP  
BUTLER COUNTY OHIO



## WAYNE TOWNSHIP *New Fire Truck*

**BY DANIEL HOIT**

In July, Wayne Township Fire Department took ownership of our brand new 2020 Sutphen Pumper. Custom Built for us, by Heritage Fire Equipment and Sutphen Corporation; both out of Columbus, Ohio.

A Few Truck Specs: Cummins 380 Engine, Allison 6-Speed Transmission, Mid-mount pump panel, 1000 Gallon tank, 1500 Gallon per minute Hale pump, 6 man Custom Cab

Most don't realize the hours and years it takes to build a fire truck. The Wayne Township Fire Officers started this process almost 4 years ago in Indianapolis at FDIC. Talking to vendors and seeing new ideas in the fire industry. After coming up with a wish list of what we wanted on the truck, we got specs from different manufacturers and dealers. After receiving the bids for the truck, you decide which one best fits your need, which is when we selected Sutphen Corporation. After selecting Sutphen we start meeting to discuss what exactly what we want on this truck, when it comes to equipment to get the total cost of the truck so we can go to



the voters. That's where you come in! And the residents of Wayne Township didn't let us down! After the levy is approved, we send our order in, to save our place in line. In October 2019, we had our preconstruction meeting, where the Fire Officers traveled to Urbana

to a Sutphen location to meet with our dealer and the builders to hash out the final spec sheet. It wasn't until March 2020, we

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## TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Wayne Township Trustees regular meeting dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held at the Township Hall. Every meeting is open and all township residents are encouraged to attend.

# 2020



## BY BILL JONES, WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. This will be my third year as a Trustee and I am privileged to serve our community.

We have been working hard to bring a storm water project fruition in the Heavenly Acres Subdivision and as of our September meeting, we finally have authorized Butler County to proceed with having the proposal put out for bid. We are hoping for a few bids that we can afford so we will see what happens when the bids are returned so for you that is directly affected by this, hopefully the project will start in November and be completed by December of this year.

Because of the generosity of our residents, a fire levy was passed and as a result of that, we have a brand new fire engine and is now in service. We are still working on a few items to equip the truck and the fire fighters but it is here and we are very thankful for this piece of equipment.

With terms expiring and resignation of one board member, we have a few new people on our Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Boards. We want to welcome Tony Schaefer and Matt Barnes to the Zoning Commission, Jeremy Fruth and Dwayne Hacker to the Board of Zoning Appeals along with Gary Witt and Dr. Jeff Baker as alternates.

We had a legal procedure with Seven Mile Winery located on SR.744 in Wayne Township. Some residents questioned the legal right for the winery to exist and it went to the Butler County Court of Common Pleas for a final decision. There is an agreement between Seven Mile Winery and the Butler County Building and Zoning Department about how they can operate as a winery. That is what we have to abide by along with Section 519.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

We have heard from residents about the lack of or no internet service. Some new service has been added but not enough to cover the whole township. This is important with the growing need for children to have access to the internet for school. To help with this, the MidPointe Library system has done two things to help out. One is we have a WIFI set up in the Township Hall where if you pull up in the parking lot, you can have internet access. This is fine during the warmer months but still does not meet the needs during the cold months. With that in mind, we are still working with the MidPointe Library System and Edgewood Schools to somehow provide a safe place for anyone to go so they can have internet access and kids can do their homework. Also MidPointe Library System added what is called a locker in our Township Hall where you can order materials from the library and they will deliver them

to the locker so you can go in and pick up what was ordered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you would like any more information on this, call the MidPointe Library located at 200 Edgewood Dr. in Trenton at 513-988-9050.


For anyone who would like to keep up on the Trustee meetings for Wayne Township, we live stream our meetings on Facebook and they are also stored on our website so you can view them at your leisure. We did this for the purpose of being open with our public for all meetings so if you are interested, they are available.

The Trustees, Fire Department and the EMS Department decided this year to end the contracted fire and EMS service with Seven Mile where they cover a certain portion of Wayne Township on the lower southwest area of the Township near Seven Mile. The current contract will end December 31, 2020 at 2359 hours. Also we have put our information to Seven Mile and St. Claire Township to apply with a bid package to cover a newly created area contract area. We want our citizens to have the best quality of care so certain requirements are needed to apply. If everything goes as planned, we should make a decision on who will be awarded the contract in our November 16th, 2020 meeting and the contract will begin January 1, 2021 at 0001 hours.

We all have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the Township is no different. Our meetings are now open to the public but with limitations on how many people can be in the building and precautions required. The ones that suffered the most are our kids, especially the senior class of 2019. We were able, through the help of Captain Cindy Phillips or our EMS Department and Fiscal Officer Laura Daley, to have a senior parade this year for our graduating seniors. It wasn't your typical parade but they were able to drive their own cars along an advertised route through the Township and waive to everyone, honks horns, etc. I was in the parade in a fire truck and I was amazed at how many people lined the route to give praise and well wishes to our Seniors.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also affected the budget of the Township but so far, not as bad as first predicted. We are still waiting to see the results which could be a year or more until we see the final impact. Thanks to our Fiscal Officer Laura Daley, our funds are still in good shape and we are able to continue with the operations of the Township.

The last thing we had to do was to place a moratorium on allowing the Township Buildings being rented out by the public. We had to do this because of Covid-19 and we did not want to be a vessel to spread this to others and members of our staff. Currently, there is a 6 month moratorium, around the middle of April, and we will revisit the moratorium at that time to determine if it should continue, be amended or released.

Everyone stay safe, please be active in our Township affairs and participate. 

## CHIEFSBRIEF

### By Doug Hoit, Fire Chief



Fall is here again and winter is coming. Wayne Township Fire Department has taken delivery of our new Fire Engine built right here in Ohio by Sutphen Fire Truck in Columbus. The new truck is stocked with equipment and ready to roll.

The roundabout at State /route 73 and Jacksonburg Road is finally under construction. The North leg of Jacksonburg road will be closed for over 200 days, until the roundabout opens next summer. I know this is an inconvenience for many people, we just ask you take your time and be alert on the detours if you are unfamiliar with the new route. But when the project is completed it should make it safer for everyone.


The National Fire Protection Association says that all families should have an escape plan in case of a fire in your home.

A house fire is reported every 88 seconds. Once the smoke alarm sounds, a fire can spread quickly leaving only a minute or two to escape. That's why it is important to have a home escape plan.

### MAKE AN ESCAPE PLAN

- Start by drawing a floor map for your home and following these guidelines:
  - Plan two ways to escape from each room.
  - Make sure that all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
  - Identify secondary routes; a window to an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder from upper story windows.
  - Designate a family meeting place outside the home, a safe distance from the fire where everyone knows to meet.
- Now start practicing!
- Practice getting out until you can do it with your eyes closed. Getting low to the floor, crawling, as to less smoke will be on at the ground.
- Practice closing doors behind you to help slow down the spread of the fire.
- Practice testing door handles to see if they are hot before opening the door, a hot handle indicates that fire is on the other side of that door.
- Practice how to Stop-Drop-and Roll if your clothes catch fire
- Teach children to never hide during a fire and how to escape on their own in case an adult can't help them.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe! As a reminder, make sure you change your smoke alarm batteries twice a year. When you change your clocks, change your batteries!

Everyone be safe, and going into colder months, be sure to have your chimney clean and inspected! That is the number one way to help prevent chimney fires! 



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## CAPTAINSBREIF

By Cindy Phillips

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you and your families happy and healthy! 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, and sometimes tough to navigate through this uncertain time. Regarding Emergency Medical Services, we are operating with the appropriate protocols in place to ensure our safety and yours. Please be confident that should you or your loved ones need emergency medical attention, that you will be in safe hands. Should you be experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms and need our services, please be sure to pass that information to the 911 dispatcher when placing your call to 911. This will ensure that all parties involved don the appropriate PPE. Our department is doing well with our supply of PPE and disinfectants. To date, we have had no cases within the department. Should you like to obtain further information on COVID-19, please visit the CDC webpage [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Now let's talk about some fun Fall festivities! While unfortunately many large-scale events are being cancelled or modified, there are always the tried and true Fall activities to enjoy from your home. Bonfires, roasting marshmallows, baking, decorating, and of course, pumpkin carving! We would like to share a few safety tips with you and your family to help you enjoy the Fall season injury free!

I wish you all a safe and healthy end to 2020. Please feel free to reach out to the department if you have any questions for us. 

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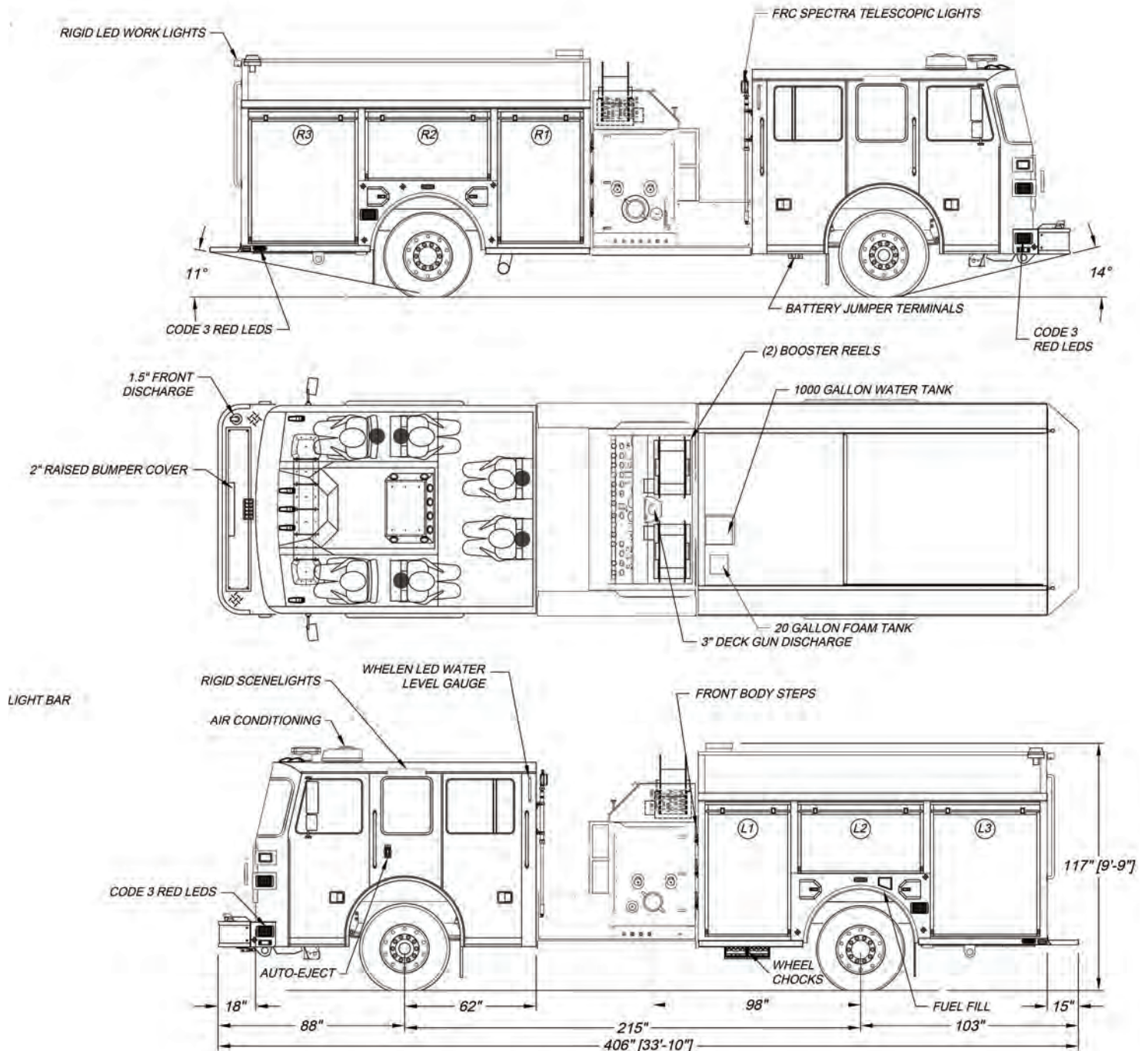
### BONFIRE SAFETY:

- **ALWAYS** be sure the fire is located in a safe location, away from any flammable items, and NEVER light a fire if conditions are very dry or windy, as a small bonfire can quickly spread to a large grass fire in dry and windy conditions.
- **ALWAYS** supervise young children and pets around a fire, especially when roasting hot dogs or making s'mores. You have to make sure they don't eat all the goodies themselves right!!
- **ALWAYS** have a way to extinguish a fire in case of emergency, such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher.
- **DO NOT** burn any materials other than wood or natural vegetation. Man made materials are against the law.

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received the first picture of any progress on our truck, a plain metal box that will one day become our cab just sitting on the ground. Between March and June, WTFD had more decisions to make, such as decal designs and equipment change orders. But in June, came time for the final inspection to go over the truck to check for any issues that didn't line up with our vision. And July 2020 WTFD had a brand new Engine sitting in our Firehouse!

Everyone is ecstatic with the new truck and we couldn't be happier with the work from Heritage and Sutphen. Wayne Township Fire Department would like to personally thank Jason Frankle with Heritage Fire and Dan Sutphen with Sutphen Corporation for all their time and hard work put into this project. And a special Thank you to you, the voters and tax payers of Wayne Township for putting your trust into YOUR Fire Department! 







Memorize your **fire department's emergency phone number** and write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan.**

This image shows a full page of blank graph paper. The grid consists of small, equal-sized squares formed by thin black lines. There are 20 columns and 20 rows of squares, creating a total of 400 square units. The paper is otherwise completely blank, with no margins, text, or other markings.

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with (SA). Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!



Check out **www.sparky.org** for fire safety games and activities.  
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**Grown-ups:** Children don't always awake when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at [www.nfpa.org/factsheets](http://www.nfpa.org/factsheets).

# TRUSTEE GREETING

By Tim Taylor

I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. The times we are living in are different than we have ever known. COVID has changed our life in every aspect. Hope all can still find peace and contentment in life as we now know it. We are all doing our part to make it through this epidemic healthy.


I want to thank all residents for supporting me in the past election. My goal is to do the best job I can for our township.

Wayne Township has many different projects going on that you may know of, there are the new water lines being put in from Jacksonburg Village to Tolbert Road.

Then there is the big project of the roundabout on St.Rt. 73 and Jacksonburg Rd. The roundabout project has taken 20 years to get to this part, with many past trustees, administrators and Butler County engineer's office. This project will be going on for at least another year depending on the weather and any unseen delays. This will make a safer place to travel in our township.

Thank you to all the firefighters, rescue squad that took time out for specing out the new fire truck. This was an enormous task that we did extremely well . The voters on this level made this all happen so thank you.

Appreciation goes out to the maintenance men for knowing there many jobs and keeping up with it for all for us.

If there is anything that any residents needs answered or help with, Please don't hesitate to call myself or the other two trustees. 

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TRIM  
YOUR TREES AROUND  
YOUR DRIVEWAY**

**TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS  
FOR FIRE AND EMS VEHICLES.**

**AND TO HAVE YOUR  
ADDRESS CLEARLY MARKED  
AT THE ROADWAY!**



## TIRE RECYCLING EVENT

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 14, 2020  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** 2 Locations:

Ross High School  
3601 Hamilton - Cleves Rd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Madison Jr./Sr. High School  
5797 W. Alexandria Rd.  
Middletown, OH 45042

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