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The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly Supervisor Board Meeting, Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with the "**Pledge of Allegiance**" and a "**Moment of Silence**" led by Chairman, Bill Hepler. Officers in attendance were Supervisors: Charles Hutchison, Richard Weingartner; Township Solicitor, Ryan Long, and Secretary/Treasurer, Shari D. Baney.

Motion was made by Hutchison to **Approve January, 2017 minutes**. 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ron Aiken, resident, reiterated his concern about the Pennsylvania American Water and Ellwood & surrounding communities' drinking water. He said PAWC plans to run their intake within 50 yards of where Ellwood's sewer system dumps its sewage water back into the creek, i.e., 50 yards from the drinking water. He said it is serious, needs to be investigated, and something needs to be done.

Renee Borselli – Receiving 28-Pages from DEP, she said they are going to "eminent domain" for water lines on her property. She said two different people from two different departments told her they can go one foot from each other and with chemicals, can make the water safe. She also said **7 miles is the average distance** from any sewage intake plan across the state.

Aiken said people should know where they are going to get their drinking water from.

Ryan Long, Township Solicitor, said the facility is not located in Wayne Township so the township cannot do anything. Renee said there is a building mapped out in Wayne Township, going to be constructed for a pump station down at Rock Point, that the township should have received information regarding it. Long recommended writing 'Letters to the Editor', writing and calling DEP, contact our State Senator, contact our State representative, file complaints.

Long told Borselli that the township wrote a letter on her behalf; but the township did not hear a response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Armstrong renewal. Supervisors authorized Solicitor Long to negotiate a new cable service agreement with Armstrong to likely include free internet service to all municipal offices including Police, Sewer Authority, and Township –and- to also include free phone service. Hutchison made a motion for Long to negotiate a contract with Armstrong; 2nd by Hepler. All in favor.

Reserve Square, Chewton landmark. Atty. Greg Fox contacted Long about writing a letter to JR Hardister, Lawrence County Assessor's Office regarding removing Reserve Square off the tax rolls. Tom Leslie, County Solicitor would like a letter from the township stating there are no objections joining in the request for taking Reserve Square off the tax rolls. Hutchison said, "We won't own the property but we can work with adjoining property owners in maintaining it for public use". Motion made by Hutchison for Long to write a letter addressing the Reserve Square tax roll; 2nd by Hepler. All in favor.

Appointment for Zoning – Motion by Hutchison to accept an application for the Zoning Board was submitted by Russ Forsythe; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor. Hutchison stated Joe Carofino & Roger Baney were appointed as Alternates; Zoning Board Members were Bruce Badger for 3 years; Sandy Busin, 2 years; and Charles Rupani for 1 year. Rupani was just reappointed last year.

Aiken – Borselli Subdivision – Motion by Hutchison to accept the Aiken Subdivision Plan as recommended by County and WT Planning; 2nd by Hepler. All in favor.

Tax Outreach Program – Lawrence County annually comes down to Wayne Township and gives the residents an opportunity to pay their taxes locally. In addition, Kalajainen's Office will come in, at that same time, and have a "Thank A Veteran". They will offer Veteran's Photo ID card which will allow the applicant to obtain discounts at various places. Date set: Monday, March 20th from 9:00 to noon.

Bernstein's Office would like to use the Conference Room for a future meeting date. Hutchison made a motion to approve the request; 2nd by Hepler. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Long said he wrote a letter to Cascccio's insurance company advising them that the township would like to demolish the house if they did not have a contractor in-place to do the work. Long also placed them on notice that the Sewer Authority has unpaid sewer bills.

*Hutchison discussed property owner Errol Perrine who was given a grant to tear down the house but has not complied for over a year. Hutchison would like a letter wrote to site the property owner. Roger Baney said the Sewer Authority had a similar situation whereby Perrine was going to cap-off the property but did not follow through on that as well.

Solicitor's Report –none

Pay the Bills – Approve the Ledgers – Motion to approve the General Ledger/Pay the Bills made by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor. Hutchison made a motion to approve paying the bills from the Building, Light, Water & Liquid Fuels Fund, 2nd by Hepler. All in favor.

Motion to Adjourn by Hepler; 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.
