

# Wayne Township

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

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

Motion was made by Hutchison to **Approve the February, 2017 Minutes**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

## PUBLIC INPUT:

**Debbie Mohr** of Chewton, along with St. Clair residents, Yarzebinski, Miller, & Biega, spoke concerning a letter from their attorney regarding their neighbors, Harry & Deborah Altmans with regard to the Wayne Township Zoning Ordinance Enforcement off of, to & from St. Clair Lane. Long said he received that and forwarded it on to the Code Enforcement Officer, Mourice Waltz. Long said he wasn't sure if the tree that restricts visibility there or the floodlight that shines right into the neighbor's house that was complained about, was before the Zoning Code Enforcement or not.

\*Hutchison explained PennDot said if you kneel down and can see 100' down under the tree, it is good. He also said the guy was there and while they were doing their study, they took the guy over and **he** showed them what to do. Hutchison said the residents could fight it. Mohr asked if she could see the study and Hutchison said yes. Hutchison explained you walk until you can't see somebody again. He added the trees and fences were not in the road. The trees and the fence **is** off the state property, off state right-of-way.

\*Long said this is not our jurisdiction and **if** these conditions existed before the Zoning Ordinance then he would not be able to enforce that. Long said this is a civil action and needs to be dealt with by the property owners as a nuisance action. He advised if they had photos, etc., that would be helpful.

\*Long asked Chief Betz about this situation since he has visited this complaint before. Hutchison said he and Bill went out there about 6 years ago and took pictures. It has been going on this long.

**Ron Aiken** – Ellwood-Wampum Rod and Gun Club would like to thank the supervisors for putting the lights up down there. It was greatly appreciated.

**Tootie Welsh** – On behalf of the township taxpayers, the question was, what was the justification for having two people in the township truck at all times costing the taxpayers \$35/hour. She said roadworkers, Hutchison and Cappello go shopping together for parts/supplies/clothing; plow & spread salt together, etc. She felt the time could have been better spent and utilized by cleaning/detailing our own vehicles and mowing our own grass, which totaled \$400.00 in mowing grass last year & over \$3,000.00 in past 3 years for detailing vehicles.

\*Another question, referencing timesheet 'start time', what work is being done at 5:30 a.m.? She suggested a "time study", and she would volunteer her services. No response/no answer. Long said he has advised the Board that

they generally are under no obligation to answer specific questions posed by the public. She said she has a right to know.

**Renee Borselli** – received documentation from the EPA and was unsure why she received it and not Wayne Township. She said it was a permit for industrial waste in Wayne Township at Rock Point Park. Also included in the doc. was reference to a new intake plant, one on the Beaver River side and one on the Connequenessing River. Her question was should she not pass this on to the township to post it?

- Also Northwestern Office of the Clean Water Program has a form letter to send to us to protest to appeal. She cannot understand why Wayne Township is letting a historical site like Rock Point go.
- This paperwork is being sent to Borselli but it is addressed to Mr. David Kauffman. Long said the plant is not even into Wayne Township. Borselli disagreed, said it is a pump station coming into to take “intake” from Connequenessing. It is to remove the boat dock; etc. Long said we have not received anything. Long also said he represents another municipality and DEP has permitted it; the Clean Water folks has permitted it.

In response to Long’s comment, **Ron Aiken** said that is New Beaver Boro, across from the Beaver River. Aiken was referring to the intake for our drinking water is in the Connequenessing within a few 100 feet of where the sewage plant discards its water. EPA says it has to be 7 miles from where it is discharged! Long recommended an appeal.

**Borselli** said the sewage discharge is 1,500’ downstream from where you are going to pick up the drinking water and send it to our homes.

Hutchison said leave a copy of her document to the township and we will post it. He asked if the document was being sent to the township. There was no “cc to the township”.

**Tony Biega** – wanted to know if there was any way we could stop Amerikohl from putting so many nitrates in. He said they cannot afford to put a new system in or a new well and was looking for some help. It was said they are regulated by DEP. The mine comes in and takes water samples. Long asked if they received nitrate test results to see if there was any elevation? Jackie Biega said they were within the limits but they are rising.

**Bob Cunningham** – Referencing Northwestern – Lundy’s Lane. Cunningham wanted the Board to know the property’s original name was named Northwestern but a stretch of the road is now named Lundy’s Lane. He said Allen Miller said the township could change it by resolution. Cunningham wanted to know if the township could send letters. There was no action. Long said he references property by their Parcel #'s.

**Wes Cunningham** –Referencing the structural fire suppression delivery system, W.T. Volunteer Fire Chief said they got their ISO readings back and everything looks good. This affects the homeowner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Application for “**fireworks**”. **Mitchell Steffler** wants to shoot off fireworks down at Bruce Badger’s house. He needs license and Hutchison approves the application providing he gets insurance for a 1-day use of fireworks. Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup> that. All in favor.

**Bruce Badger** submitted a “**Letter of Resignation**” on the Zoning Appeal Board, effective today. He cannot hold any other office while being an Auditor for the township. Hutchison motioned to accept the resignation and have the secretary advertise for the position; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. all in favor.

**Ford F550** – from Co-Stars. Hutchison made a motion to get rid of ‘Big Red’ and consider buying the truck in the amount of \$78,000. All other vehicles are paid for, would like consideration into buying the new truck. They would be removing the plow/spreader from the F350 and use it to run-around in. They have 60 days to hold the quote.

**Lindy Paving** – Informational: Paving Hillside Ave. to 388 from March 13 through November 23, 2017.

**DOT:** Informational: **Bridge Replacement** – Chewton Wurtemberg Road, right below Vinegar Valley.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Tax Outreach Program and Veterans ID Program:** March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**PAVING BID:** Two bids: (1) 2,300' Old Pittsburgh Rd. + 3,000' of Camp Allegheny Rd starting from the bridge coming up past Metheny's house; and (2) 5,300' Camp Allegheny. Long suggested the township do a "Road Study". Hutchison said we used to do one.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Hutchison made a motion to pay the bills from the **General Ledger**; Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All in favor.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:** from the Water, Light, Building-Equipment and Liquid Fuels Fund made by Hutchison; Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All in favor.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Nothing. Hutchison asked if anything come from the Armstrong agreement. Long said he reached out to them a couple of days after our last meeting, for discussion. Have not heard anything from them.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Hutchison; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

Submitted by,

Shari D. Baney