

Wayne Township,

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

1418 Wampum Road
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Telephone 724.752.1361
Fax 724.752.8539

Dennis E. Hall, Chairman/Supervisor
Robert E. Abraham, Supervisor
Charles Hutchison, Supervisor
Shari D. Baney, Secretary/Treasurer

The Wayne Township Supervisors, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its Supervisor Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" lead by Chairman, Dennis Hall. In attendance were Supervisors Charles Hutchison, Township Solicitor Ryan Long; and Secretary/Treasurer, Shari D. Baney. Absent, Robert Abraham.

Motion to approve both meeting minutes: August 6th meeting and special meeting, August 14th was made by Chuck Hutchison and 2nd by Dennis Hall. All in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tootie Welsh, 160th Anniversary Coordinator, spoke about the upcoming Wayne Township picnic. She mentioned the reservations were not coming in as hoped, making the planning process difficult.

Joshua Lamancusa –Lawrence County District Attorney Candidate introduced himself to the Board. He briefed the Board on his background, history, and what his political intentions are should he win the election.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Office rent for the Sewer Authority was discussed. Chuck Hutchison stated he contacted real estate agencies R.W. Powell and Joan Straw about what they would charge for office space rental. An amount of \$250.00 was mentioned or whatever the township deemed appropriate.
- Approval of using Hei-man Equipment/material to do the Volpes Way area (1/2 Ellwood City/1/2 Wayne Twp). Long stated there was a signed contract to share the costs. Wayne Twp offered Ellwood to drop \$800 towards the total charge, if Ellwood would sweep first.
- Hall made a motion to table the Police Procedures and Employee/Supervisor's Manual for another month. 2nd by Hall. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hall made a motion to put out for bid, 700-ton Anti-skid road material to be opened next meeting, October 1, 2009. Hutchison 2nd the motion. All in favor.

- Light and Water Bill Combination – Ryan Long, Solicitor, said we cannot combine the two utilities. He gave options as to 1) change the way we assess the tax; 2) abolish one and pay it out of the General Fund (but the township would have to pay it back); maintain the other; 3) maintain both and assess the state rate. Chuck Hutchison asked Long to look into the matter. It was emphasized if the monies are borrowed out of the General Fund, those monies would have to be paid back.
- Mr. Ron Baker questioned the light bill tax payment he's making. He told the Supervisors he was writing a letter to the township about the light bill tax he pays for his property. Mr. Baker will be contacted by Long on this. Hutchison made a motion for Long to look into the matter. Hall 2nd it. All in favor.
- Pat Piela – Wayne Township received a letter from Pat Piela, Florida regarding property taxes paid. Long addressed this matter. He stated Mrs. Piela was requesting 10 years reimbursement for taxes she paid, plus interest. She wants reimbursed from the school district and the township. Long said he's researched this, statutes find that funds improperly paid will be for 3 years only, together with interest. This was not a problem till recently. Depending on the value of the case, this could be significant, were it not paid at discount or at face. The taxes were paid for two years but they were late and this year's tax still is not paid. The Piela property is in reference to 21 acres on Hollow Road. The mineral rights were reserved by the prior owner with its own parcel #. Both mineral rights and parcel were assigned parcel numbers. Mrs. Piela owned only the mineral rights. County made a mistake; and it is not on the county plot map because it does not exist. Long has checked out the deed. Hall/Long suggested we table this till we know what everybody else does, and do the same. But it appears School District, Mr. Jerome and County, Mr. Leslie (Bs. Mgr) say 3-years plus interest (prime). We are going to be consistent with the other tax agencies. We are not going back 10 years. There was no motion made, just wait and see. Long is going to contact Phillip Clark, Piela's attorney, to see what else is needed. Hall made a motion for Long represent the township on the repayment of taxes plus interest to Mrs. Piela for the last 3 years, 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.
- Salt Shed, construction/deconstruction bid. Long recommended we advertise a bid for the construction of a used shed. The existing shed was used with faulty material, gauge of the material was not the 10 gauge required. Hall made a motion to put out to bid, one salt shed; 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.
- Hall made a motion to hire Brandy Fullmer as the part-time file clerk for the township. Hutchison 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Fall clean up will be October 3, 2009 from 8 to noon. Residents are to use the vouchers mailed to them, and there will be \$5.00 pickup truckload fee.
- Hall requested Long to write a letter to Atty. Greg Fox on the following items:
 1. Minutes every month from the Sewer Authority, the township is not getting them as requested in the Open Records request (2nd request).
 2. Residents are paying \$50.00 for an inspection fee in addition to a \$3,000 tap-in fee. Hall disagreed with that Sewer Authority inspection fee, said there should not be a fee of \$50.00.

3. The township is requesting that the S.A. pay half of the PA 1-calls because most of the bills are for the Sewer Authority. If we received a 1-call, they receive one.
 4. Hall requested the Sewer Authority Chairman meet with the Township Supervisors once a week. Long said Cornell Jerome has agreed to meet with the Township Supervisors and give a report.
- Hall wanted to know from Long how the township was making out with the Public Hearing for Land Development Ordinance. Long is planning on scheduling that in October.
 - Township received a credit of \$7,400 from Armstrong franchise. Hall made an agreement with Armstrong to not receive a phone service/bill for the next 5 years in exchange for the \$7,400 credit.

Hall made a motion to “**Pay Bills**”. Hutchison 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Solicitor’s Report:

- Engine Brake Retardant. Noise ordinance as a consideration but it was recommended by Long. The advertised ordinance, effective October 1, 2009, will permit noise from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and NOT permit tractor trailer brake noise between 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. between the 2nd and 3rd bridge.
- Ordained **Plum Way** and the Township got the original back. Does Ellwood get paid for 14th Street, we call Volpes way?
- It was stated the speed trailer did not deter the speeding traffic along Wampum Road even with an officer was on duty, in uniform, standing near the trailer.

Hall made a motion to **Adjourn the Meeting**; Hutchison 2nd the motion. All in favor.