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The Wayne Township Supervisors, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its Supervisor Board Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion to **Approve Meeting Minutes** for October 2, 2009 meeting was made by Chuck Hutchison and 2nd by Dennis Hall. All in favor.

Public Input:

- Mr. Ron Aiken, visitor, questioned with the new supervisor coming aboard in January and he being against Zoning, will the township back them (Zoning Adhoc Committee). Supervisor responded that all information was given to Bruce Badger for review. Supervisor Chuck Hutchison said Bruce is not totally against Zoning but there are some areas he wants to review. Dennis Hall said Maury Waltz dropped off the Zoning ordinance to the township but Hall was waiting to include the maps before distribution. Hepler mentioned we should not follow Shenango’s laws/ordinance but Hall clarified we were only looking at it as a guide for us but we would tweak our zoning preliminary draft to meet our township’s needs. Tootie Welsh said it is not the Zoning Board’s intention to hurt anyone in the process.
- Bill Hepler questioned the distribution of \$1,600 to the Chewton Firehall. Hall stated the township annually gives each of the Fire Departments \$1,500 donation. Chewton Fire Department found them in a financial crisis and asked if the township could help them. It was agreed, in writing, by both the township and the Chewton Fire Department that Wayne Twp would give \$1,600 to Chewton, as a loan to meet their insurance payments, and if they could not pay the township back, then the money they received now would be their donation money later.

Old Business:

4a -- Ken Herrmann – deferred till next month and an advertisement new ordinance has already been done.

4b – Light Tax/Water Tax – Each person pays the same amount and if we front footage is a consideration we must give a 75% discount for vacant lot. Hutchison made a motion to draft a new ordinance to: (a) drop the old style light tax and charge a flat rate of \$43/per family. Hutchison asked can we put it into place now. and would this be for all the residence who are on the light tax now. Hutchison stated there is not enough money to pay the light bills at the present time.

- Question by Aiken wanting to know how does the township handle the light tax money? Do straight uniform tax -or- we could drop the light tax and and raise the millage. Or straight increase of \$1.00 –or \$2.00 per resident. Dennis said we must make this fair for everybody. Dennis 2nd the motion. All in favor. It was mentioned the township scheduled a meeting with Allegheny Light but they would not attend because they could not get the price cheaper. It was noted Penn Power does not allow the township to put LED lights in either. Solicitor Long said he would take care of

it. In comparison, Chuck said his tax is \$48/year but his neighbor who has less front footage pays \$76/year. No one call tells how the calculation is determined.

Hutchison wanted Long to check into the Water Fund for next year. We have an over abundance there and a shortage in the Light and no one can explain the formulas. The township wants to make this fair for everybody and this would be for all the existing people who pay light tax.

4c – Piela’s Tax Refund. Hall made a motion to refund 3 years Patricia Piela’s tax money in the amount of \$23.36 for 2006; \$25.15 for 2007; and 00 for 2008 (not paid) for a grand total refund of \$48.51.

Hutchison 2nd that motion. All in favor.

4d – Employee/Police Manual – Hutchison made a motion to table another month, the employee/police manual. 2nd by Hall. All in favor.

4e – Closing 160th Anniversary Huntington Checking Account – Tootie Welsh, events coordinator, said when all the checks are in they will close the account. They were waiting for one more.

New Business:

5a – The supervisors requested Long to check into Camp Allegheny Tax on non-chargeable (non-worship) buildings. Long said he would research it and get back to the Board.

Also the township wanted Long to check into the Rock Point area to see how much acreage we do have (20+/-). We would like to get grant money to build a park.

5b – Hall made a motion to tentatively approve the Budget for 2010. It was stated the budget be on display for 30-days and must be advertised. 2nd by Hutchison. Motion carried.

5c – Regarding Committee Board Vacancies – a “Letter of Intent” form or letter must be submitted to the Board for a Committee vacancies. There is 2 openings on the Planning; 1 position on the Sewer Authority.

5d – Factory Avenue property – Pletz Benedict abandoned their property. Nat City Bank did not want to be responsible for EPA and a shed located on the property. Ellwood City Boro would like to buy the property. Owed are back taxes from `04, `05, `06, `07, and `08. Nat City reduced it to \$25,000 dividing it up three ways: school district, township and county. Everybody is on board thus far, said Long. Long’s recommendation to the Board was to approve this upset sale based on the taxes. Hall made a motion that we do NOT accept this recommendation. Hutchison 2nd, all in favor.

5e – Paul Newton subdivision – Hall made a recommendation to approve it; 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.

5f – Downing Subdivision – Hall made a motion to approved the Downing Subdivision, Hutchison 2nd it. All in favor.

5g – No action on the Maplewood Subdivision.

5h—Motion by Hall for Comcast Agreement – Ordinance 4 of 2009 - for Franchise Agreement which will include both agreements (Comcast/Armstrong). There is a 3% charge per each. 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.

5i – Hall made a motion to disband the in-house water service, i.e. Superior Water, effective January, 2010. 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.

5j – Confirmed by Penn Dot, Hall said the township will receive liquid fuel money for the Aetna Drive areas.

5k – Jaret Gibbon’s office requested the township do a study on the Chewton- Wurtemberg Road to lower the speed from 40 mph to 35 mph. Hall made a motion to move forward on this request; 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.

5l – The Township received a letter from DCBG confirming the grant money.

5m – Received was the Sewer Authority audit.

5n – Jake brake signs were installed per the new Ordinance 3 of 2009.

JFYI – Hall mentioned the Township moved \$75,000 into the savings.

JFYI – AED's were bought for the police department

JFYI -- It was mentioned a "thank you" was extended to Chuck Hutchison from resident Jody Lewis for the cleanup he did per her request.

Hall made a motion to "Pay Bills" Hutchison 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:52 p.m. 2nd by Hall. All in favor.