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The Wayne Township Supervisors, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its regular monthly Supervisor Board Meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" lead by Chairman, Dennis Hall and a word of prayer by Supervisor, Bruce Badger. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor, Ryan Long; and Secretary/Treasurer, Shari D. Baney. Absent, Charles Hutchison.

Motion was made by Hall to "Approve the Minutes" of July 1st and July 15th meetings; 2nd By Badger. All in favor.

New Business:

Motion was made by Hall to go out to bid for 200 ton of Clear Lane Salt; 2nd by Badger. All in favor.

Motion by Hall to approve pipe and catch basins bought for the Mt. Hope and Squaw Run Road, 2nd by Badger. All in favor.

Old Business: Badger gave a road update that included work on Mile Hill, Friday Hill & Mt. Hope Road. It was as follows:

Friday Hill Road: 3 catch basins put in with connecting pipes, grading, crowning the road

Coming up this fall, Youngblood will be blacktopping the road and should be down by the end of September.

Mt. Hope Road & Squaw Run Road. Dennis will be meeting with RAR next week in hopes the Sewer Authority will grant a release so the work can be done.

West Side of Mt. Hope: 3 catch basins put in with connecting pipe. If feasible a drain will be placed along the stream near Ruth Guys home. Crowning and paving to get the water off to the side since the water seems to collect in the center of the road.

East Side of Mt. Hope Road, 4 catch basins will be put in; ditching done at the corner of Mt. Hope and Squaw Run Road, and patch paving.

Squaw Run – patch paving will be done to get us through the winter; Ditching will be done at the corner of Mt. Hope and Squaw Run to run the water along the road and down to the stream

The Bridge at Squaw Run & Mt. Hope – it was checked. They are "wooden bridges". As time allows, the township hopes to possibly put 2 culvert pipes; and paving will be done next year.

Contact Vogler, Altmire, Gibbons about: funding Squaw Run, Mt. Hope paving project. Met with Altmire in June and then no amount of monies was promised. Altmire's office contacted the township office this past week and said there may be monies available after the first of the year, 2011. Exact date and amount will not be known until the first of the year and this was in reference to all three (3) roads mentioned.

Paving of Dutch Ridge, Squaw Run, & Mt. Hope, 3 requirements before paving must be met. They are as follows:

- (1) Bond has to be lifted
- (2) Time requirements must be met
- (3) State funds are made available or if we need to we will have to borrow the money to do so.

The sewer project is nearing the end of the project, Badger read a letter indicating the sewer lines must have an install date and a deadline put in or lines will be put in for them & liens will be applied to the property. Badger also stated there is a lot of grant money available to those who qualify financially. There will be a lien put on, but after each year 20% of it will be forgiven until 5 years and it will then be totally forgiven. You must maintain your house for 5 years.

Approve the Financial Report from the printed ledger – motion made by Badger; 2nd by Hall. All in favor.

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

Solicitor’s Report: none

PUBLIC INPUT:

Supervisor Bruce Badger requested residents state their names and indicated the 3-minute rule will be enacted.

William Miles, 159 Smith – What is the “junk policy” for residents who have junk/bathtubs/garbage, etc. Mr. Miles provided the township with pictures of his neighbor/resident: Connie Wilder, from Maple Street (off of Bridge St)

- Response by Badger – there is an ordinance and needs to be signed. Hall recommended Miles put in a written request for the township to look into.

Larry Cole -- \$3,000 from Lawrence County monies was applied for in 2009. Hall said it was for Cole Road.

Marita Kelosky, Burnstown was questioning about the house that was condemned on her street. She said there are rats and other animals running around. And the roof & shingles are falling in onto her property. She is referring to Ray Evan’s house. They are burning dog feces in the burn barrel. She wants to file a complaint. The township said they will check into the ordinance and proceed if she was willing to sign it.

George Young – from Burnstown had a question about zoning. He wanted Burnstown to be residential; he has a map like ours on the wall, & it is classified industrial. He was advised to come to the Planning Commission meeting, next Thursday. It was stated by Hall that zoning is still in the planning stages and has not been turned over to the township yet. Mr. Young said he was at the last meeting at the Rod & Gun Club but this was not a meeting set up by the township. It was just an informational meeting.

Long said the process as we are at right now, Lawrence County has it and they have 45 days comment period to process it. Long asked Tootie if she knew anything and she said L. C. told her they would not do anything until they had the complete proposed ordinance and the map. L.C. will make a very extensive comment. Wayne Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider public comment, or they can schedule 2 or 3. Residents can review the plans, make comment. At the conclusion, there is an advertisement period for approval of the ordinance. So we are, at present, in the preliminary stages.

Long said he cannot answer that. He said you can adopt zoning by either the Planning Commission or by the Supervisors assisted by the Wayne Township Adhoc and Maury Waltz. Badger said this is working/starting map & can be changed 3 or 4 or 20 times, this was only a starting point. It was advised all those concerned should show up at the Planning meeting next week where this could be addressed.

Donna Cole – wanted to know who the Planning Commission was. She missed that structure. It was stated there is a Lawrence County Planning and there is a Wayne Township Planning comprised of Dave Nerti, Chairman, Tootie Welsh, secretary, Bruce Badger and Kevin Hall.

Lenore Bazzichi – Question, the map, ParkGate, Burnstown, who changed the map?, and why? There are three areas, maybe 4 areas that need to be changed. For a particular area of change, please come to the Planning Commission next week. The Supervisor meeting is not the place to address this at this time. Question, did the township have a comprehensive plan for Wayne Township for 5, 10 15 year plan on how they want the township to look, small industrial, housing. Aiken said he did not think there was a plan from the Adhoc committee. Question, did you just to go zoning without looking at a plan first? She hopes that zoning is looked at “as a whole”.

Ron Aiken – was already on the Adhoc committee before it was absolved and he feels this zoning needs to be turned back over to the Adhoc Committee to do a better job. He mentioned Ron Lutz, contractor/resident made comment that we should have more information. If we don’t zone it ourselves, the county will zone it for us. He mentioned 40’ wide, doesn’t have enough room to put a house. What kind of area do you need to build a house; what is the lot size?

Heather Metheny – (1) Complimented and thanked the Road Crew for mowing their road.

- Paving project, is Camp Allegheny included? No but the township is working with the bond company about the road conditions. Delta who did the road, the monies was released to do the road.
- Zoning, we do not want zoning. Is it a done deal? Bruce read the “zoning update” and he further stated we are going to follow the resident’s wishes. In the zoning update, it indicated that the residents will be notified by letter and it will include a self-addressed survey card that will allow all landowners one vote after the 2nd public meeting. The results will help determine the direction the supervisors will take so the process is done fairly and legally for everyone in Wayne Township, and they will be following the direction of the majority.

- She mentioned there was a lot of help to support you & we got rid of the ½-way house

Terry Stramba -- Stated the township residents voted the supervisors in that they should make the decision. Badger said we go by the democratic society, of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Brenda Stefura said your job is to protect the residents and we cannot get a straight answer. Question, who colored in the brown on the maps?

Tony Busin – Questioned the legality of sending out a letter. Long said it was legal. It is not a referendum issue. Ans: Only taxpayers will be considered and that comes & maintained from the real estate Wayne Township tax role.

- Response to H. Metheny, the help was appreciated and it was unanimous.

Bill Weis 1050 Mt. Hope Road wanted to know if the township would put a pipe in if he bought it. Township told him they were putting a catch basin right there.

Bill Hepler When the township set up Penn Vest, was there a “sinking fund”? Ans: There is a guarantee the monies would be paid back. Question: does it stay there for the life of the loan?

- Mr. Hepler said he lives in Wurtemberg and it is considered “residential”; 2 doors down there are horses and no room for them to roam. Across the road there’s a farm, when doing zoning, make it fair to the neighbors.
- Ref: H Metheny concerned down the road, question?, do they not have the right to change the status for something down the road?, housing development?

Michael Lubensky – Questioned how did this get started? Response, we advertised for the committee. There is a Lawrence County Planning -&- Wayne Township Planning and Zoning Adhoc. There is differences, Zoning designates areas formidable uses; Planning – land development/land use. What caused this was the ½-way house. With zoning, you have to have a place to put a saw mill; an adult bookstore, etc. Ques: Is there an amount of land needed. It was stated a large piece of land off of Tony Ditka Road.

Tootie Welsh – 210 acres was designated as industrial site. Transfer was done down here by “order of court” at the Old Stone Quarry. An excavating outfit bought it. It was suggested by Tootie that that site be the site to promote industry.

- Is the zoning map going to be changed before the map goes before the L.C. for review? The institutional lot is too big,. 62 acres is too big. We need to make it so small that it is not feasible for anybody to build on it. She explained a phone call was made to the committee from Mercer. An attorney was trying to buy an old house to build a house to register sex offenders.
- She questioned about setbacks: how high, etc.

Derrick & Bonnie Ray, Tony Ditka Road residents, was concerned about the industrial placement. Badger reiterated there’s going to be changes but what was planned was putting the industrial down by the RR tracks.

- Said his driveway gets washed out. Its gravel to driveway. Response, fall to be addressed.
- Rumor about the detour when the bridge goes out?

Roxanne Gwill – will we have to worry about a ½-way house if this zoning does not go through. Ans: Zoning solves problems; zoning resolves problems.

Frank Stefura disagrees with Badger; not selling my property will not resolve the problems. Badger said zoning will probably come in, are you ready to accept it?

Kevin Metcalf we appreciate all the help. We lacked the government funding that saved us.

Bruce Badger – Gave an example of the LED business from Wayne Township is going to put all the lights at the airport. Question: Where can I build? Some of the problems would we grant it? The people look at the map and say where is Ditka Road? Comment: is there money available for a great growing business.

Badger made a motion to “**Adjourn the Meeting**”. Hall 2nd it. All

Submitted by Shari D. Baney
Secretary/Treasurer