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The Wayne Township Supervisors, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its Monthly Supervisor Board Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Melinda Cappello, Assistant, opened the meeting with the “**Pledge of Allegiance**” and a “**Moment of Silence**”. Officers in attendance were Supervisors, Chuck Hutchison, Bill Hepler, Rick Weingartner; Township Solicitor, Ryan C. Long; and Secretary/Treasurer, Shari D. Baney.

Motion to “**Approve the Minutes**” made by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

Public Input: **Tootie Welsh** shared regarding a Zoning Class she and other Planning members attended on April 21st. She said the instructor said the County was empowered to enact Zoning for any municipality if the township did not have one. Her question, does the County follow the same rules? Long said they must follow the same in that they advertise, hold public hearings, work sessions, etc. She brought up about “non-conforming use”, that you could get a certificate permit to extend the one-year permit. Example: with a 1 year permit and went out of business—could we extend it—grandfathered in because of “lack of use”. This instructor cited cases. If they wanted to sell they could advertise it for that use, could they extend it? Yes? Class instructor cited case laws. Sandy Busin wanted to know if there was a time limit on it. There would have to be intent of actual use.

Keith Foley – talked about the “speed trap” on Mt. Hope Road, he thanked the township for that. And Foley praised the township road crew for an excellent job they did this past winter.

Sandy Busin commented on the speed of the cars and the trucks on the Wampum Road, could the township set up speed traps. She said somebody is going to get hurt. She said she knows this is a State road but is there anything the township could do to slow the traffic down? Hutchison said there has to be two people working at the same time to catch the speeders.

New Business:

Fire Tax for \$25.00. Hutchison wanted to know could we set up a base tax. Long said we could do this by Ordinance and we could do this anytime. Hutchison instructed Ryan Long to draft up an ordinance. Hutchison asked if we could divide the money 50/50. Hutchison asked about Wurtemberg? Do we have to give them this? Long said it all depends on the Board of Supervisors. Long said he’d propose an Ordinance and have it ready for consideration next month’s June meeting. He said this does not have to coincide with the Budget. It was, however, recommended doing this when the other taxes go out, saving on mailing, etc.

Animal Control: We will interview tomorrow and put on board an Animal Control Officer. Her name is Jennifer George, of Wampum, and she currently works for the Human Society. She will work on an “as-needed basis”. She will be paid \$25/call and .56 cents per mile.

Hutchison wants to make a “**Resolution to Destroy Records**”. At the PSATS Hershey Convention it was stated there are certain records you have to keep for 3 years; certain records you have to keep for 5 years; and certain records you have to keep for 7 years. Hutchison said the township is going to implement this. Long said he would look into this so we could follow up on this resolution, including the recorded tapes. If the minutes are done, the tape will be destroyed even prior to the approval.

Also noted at the Hershey Convention, the townships must give the audience **"Time to Speak"** once a motion has been made so we will be doing that from here on.

Old Business:

New Truck: Per Hutchison, the new truck has been ordered and it will take a few months to come in. The township is still negotiating on the accessory items such as what plow we are going to put on it.

Motion to **"Approve the Financial Report"** Ledgers: Water, Light, Bldg-Equip, Liquid Fuels, General approved by Hutchison, 2nd by Hepler; and **"Bills to be Approved"** was made by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

Solicitor's Report: Ryan Long mentioned Chewton's Reserve Square Subdivision, a complaint of quiet title was filed on behalf of the township and done by Resolution. This entitles the township to receive various governmental and state grants. In order to establish our right to the property, every property owner surrounding this property, by reasonable search, will be notified of the township's intention. There was concern about how the notification was going to be done: by certified mail & costs. The township shall contact Rosina Betz and see how many property owners there are in the Chewton Plan. Long's concern was posting/advertising in the papers in order to receive a reasonable search. No motion necessary right now. The township may be challenged.

Tootie question, if communities want to regionalize, how do we go about it? Do we have to go on the ballot?

"Motion to Adjourn" was made by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

Submitted by Shari D. Baney
Secretary/Treasurer