

Wayne Township

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The Wayne Township Supervisors, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly Supervisor Board Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 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 Hepler; 2nd by Hutchison. All in favor.

Public Input: **Tootie Welsh** wanted to thank Chase Laszlo for putting on a fantastic fireworks show over the weekend.

Wes Cunningham – In order to keep the fire department open with a \$25,000 budget, W. T. Vol. Fire Dept. Chief requested the township institute a millage tax increase to be used exclusively for fire equipment. He wanted to get a new vehicle. Long wanted to know if there was a low-interest loan agreement he could look into. Cunningham shared information from other local Fire Depts. and how they handled similar situations, for instance, Perry Twp. pulls a 1.79 mil. Hepler said they have a higher tax base than Wayne Twp. Cunningham wanted the township to consider a whole mil tax increase and at last month’s meeting he suggested/requested a \$25.00 per Capita Tax for equipment.

A Fire Dept. volunteer representative suggested this could possibly lower our insurance premium.

Hutchison said the township budget operates off of a 1.5 mil budget; there have been no increases since he’s been onboard. Hutchison told the Fire Dept to get their figures together and come in and talk with the township; show us what you have for the last 5 years and what you need. He also wanted the Fire Dept to realize that we already give them close to \$25,000 with monies from Fire Tax Relief; donation; Hydrant Maint., etc.

Sandy Busin, after realizing the Fire Dept’s need, suggested with the 250 people the Fire Dept. send fliers out to for donation, maybe the residents would be willing to donate more. She wanted to thank the Fire Dept for their work.

Lenore Bazzichi – called 911 about the police on duty. Hutchison said we have 5 PT officers that work mostly between the hours of 6 to 11 or 5 to 10, 1 day a week. No nighttime hours, if there’s an emergency, call State Police (911). Hutchison explained that it would cost the township approx. \$150,000 to patrol us, we cannot afford that.

New Business –

- **\$1,500 Donation** approved for each of our Fire Departments, motion by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.
- **Stormwater Fee** -- for Morrie Waltz to review the Stormwater and Floodplain, a fee of \$75.00 per ea will be implemented, motion by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner.
- **Legal Channel** – how we notify residents legally needs to be changed. Long said we could change the service to “*certify*”; send it to them certified AND regular mail. Hutchison asked if we could put a lien on people’s property, for example mowing a resident’s high grass? Long said you cannot, but you can file an action with the Magistrates Office.
- **Salt Bid** – Hutchison made a motion to put out to bid 800-tons of White Salt and 800-tons of ClearLane. Bid to be opened at the September 4th meeting. 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.
- **Resolution #4 of 2014 -- Act 13 monies** being distributed from the gas wells will be listed in the General Fund, Line #8888. This money will be used for the Linden Avenue and Smiley Stop Road drains. Hutchison made a motion and 2nd by Heplerr. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS—

- **Blight Ordinance #1 of 2014** – motion to adopt the Ordinance by Hutchison; 2nd Weingartner. All in favor.
- **Aiken Subdivision**—motion to accept the Aiken subdivision as submitted by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.
- **Peddler’s Ordinance** – Long will advertise and have this Ordinance ready for September’s meeting. It will be #2 of 2014. Approved by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.
- **Tax Abatement** – Hutchison tabled the tax abatement; Weingartner 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Due to the comments discussed during the evening, a motion to table the Zoning Ordinance was made by Hutchison; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

Approval of the Financial Report (Ledgers: Water, Light, Bldg/Equip., Liquid Fuels, & General) was made by Hutchison; 2nd by Hepler. All in favor. Motion by Hutchison to “**Pay the Bills**”; 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

Solicitor’s Report – Long said, relative to the Zoning Ordinance, if there is any potential amendments being substantive, then the process may have to be restarted.

- Long addressed a “rumor” going around about Ellwood City annexing Wayne Township. Long said annexation requires the approval of Ellwood City and Wayne Township and it would take a ballot vote and a need of 75% vote to pass. The rumor started with Mt. Vernon Drive and Meadowbrook—a portion of the road sits in an unusual spot. Wayne Township has no interest in annexing.

Hutchison said the new 2015 Ford truck is here, getting new equipment put on it before it arrives.

Hutchison also said, the township is in need of a “camera”. Road signs are being stolen on a regular basis and we would like to purchase a camera. We need to look into it; then we can prosecute.

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

