

## **Wayne Township**

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Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

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Shari D. Baney, Secretary/Treasurer

The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly and annual Reorganizational meeting, Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting opened with the "**Pledge of Allegiance**" and a "**Moment of Silence**" lead by Bill Hepler. Officers in attendance were Supervisors: Charles Hutchison, & Rich Weingartner; Township Solicitor, Ryan Long, and Assistant Secretary, Melinda Cappello.

Vacancy Appointment to **Planning Position** – Ron Aiken, Motion by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner.

Vacancy Appointment to **Sewer Authority** – no nominations, Seth Michaels is still interested.

Motion by Weingartner to appoint Bill Hepler, **Chairman**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison, All in favor.

Motion by Hutchison to appoint Rick Weingartner, **Vice Chairman**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

**Roadmaster** – Hutchison made a motion to make all three Supervisors, Roadmasters, No 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion failed. Bill Hepler made a motion to put Roger Stramba on as Roadmaster; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Motion by Hepler to appoint Rick Weingartner Supervisor – **Agriculture liaison**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. All in favor.

Motion by Hepler to appoint Chuck Hutchison Supervisor – **Police liaison**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

Motion by Hutchison to appoint Bill Hepler Supervisor – **Sewer Authority liaison**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

Motion by Weingartner to appoint Hepler Supervisor – **Planning Commission**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. All in favor.

**Lawrence County COG** was tabled till more information.

Motion by Hepler to use **WesBanco Bank**, with Resolution 1 of 2018 as the Bank of Repository; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Secretary/Treasurer – will advertise for secretary made by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Motion by Weingartner to retain **Ryan Long** Attorney with no increase in rate; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. All in favor.

Motion by Hutchison: retain **Taylor Engineering** with 2% increase; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

Motion by Weingartner to retain **Waltz Consultants** as Sewage Enforcement Officer; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. All in favor.

Motion by Weingartner to retain Code Enforcement, **Richardson Inspection Services**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

**Animal Control Officer**: Wendi Wiegand, retainer rate same (\$100/mo) -, motion by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. \$40/per call-out motioned by Weingartner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. Passed

Motion by Weingartner to increase the **police officers rate**: 50 cents/hr.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

Motion by Weingartner to approve "**clothing allowance**" for Police Officers & Road Workers in the amount of \$200/ea.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison, All in favor.

Motion by Hepler to hold the **Supervisor Board Meeting Dates**, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of ea. mo. @ 7:00 p.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

Annual **PSATS convention**: tabled; Convention Voting Delegate; tabled

**Open Records RTK Delegate**: Cappello declined; Hutchison declined. Hepler offered to fill-in temporarily. Motion by Weingartner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hutchison. Passed

Motion by Hutchison to nominate Harold Hooker – **Vacancy Board**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed.

Motion by Weingartner appoint Bruce Badger – **Member/Agriculture Board**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed

Motion by Hutchison to appoint Bill Hepler – **Member/Sewer Authority**; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Hepler, affirmed by Long, **Member/Planning Commission** addressed at beginning in Vacancy Position.

**Emergency Management Coordinator**: Wes Cunningham declined; Jackie Biega unavailable. Hepler asked Cappello to post brochure to the website for the EM Pod for volunteers. Hepler asked for volunteers, Lisa Czerpak would take that into consideration.

**2018 Roadmaster**: Stramba 50-cents hour increase; Motioned by Weingartner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed

**Road Department** employee: 50-cent hour increase made by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Motion by Hepler to make 2018 **mileage** 54.5 cents/mile, per IRS/State; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Motion by Weingartner to accept the **Lawrence County vacation** (based on yrs of svc.) & **holiday** schedule; plus 1 floater; 1 birthday; 3 sick & 3 personal; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed

#### **TAXES – No Changes**

- **Mileage**: Real Estate Tax Rate: **.89**. Equipment/Building Fund Tax Rate: **.61**. Motion by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed. As follows--
- **Street Light Tax Rate**: \$50.00 per resident for the following Street Light Residents: Aetna, Bridge St, Burnstown,, Chewton, Joffrey St, Park Gate, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Wurtemberg
- **Fire Hydrant Tax Rate**: Burnstown: 3.75; Lundy Lane: 5.; ParkGate: 5.25; 12<sup>th</sup> Street Ext. 6.5; Wampum Rd: 5.5; Woodside Ave; Wurtemberg: 5.5

**Miscellaneous Fees**: **Driveway Permits & Building Pemits (set by Sq. Footage)**: \$25.00; Motion by Weingartner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed. **Accident Reports**: \$20.00; Weingartner motioned; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed, \$150.00. - **Junkyard** Permits includes inspection ; **Lien Letters**: \$20.00; **Road Opening**: \$150.00. Repairs: as needed **Copies**: 25 cents/pg+postage; Motion by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

Motion to **Accept the Minutes** made by Weingartner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. Passed

**Donations of \$1,600 to each Volunteer Fire Department.** Hutchison said, "We usually give the departments donations in June or July out of Water Department, but this one is taken out of General". For Maintenance on the hydrants, the donation given in June/July, Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. has not been holding up its end up. Hutchison made a motion to give the departments their \$1,600.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed.

Barb Bohizic asked if the Fire Departments have turned in their reports. Hutchison said "no, why should they?" He also said they take care of their own reports for Fire Relief.

**Junkyard License**-- Hutchison made a motion to donate Chase Laszlo's JY license. 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Weingartner. Passed

**Public Input – Shari Baney** thanked the township for the privilege of working at the township for 10 years.

**Tootie Welsh** – Question to Chuck Hutchison and Melinda Cappello, have you ever, on township time, gone to get deer feed and taken it to your place? Hutchison responded, "never"! Hutchison told her, "Don't you **ever** drive on my property again, or I'm going to call the cops." Welsh provided pictures dated November 6 & 13, 2017. Pictures passed around, revealed roadworkers at Hutchison residence on company time. Question, was this done on Roadmaster or Supervisor time. Hutchison said it was "Roadmaster".

**Lisa Czerpak** – Budget showed \$7,000.00 County Grant Allocation for Slippery Rock Drive; income amount was "0". Hutchison said we have not received that money yet.

Ques: #2 – On **Blanks** check, dated Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, in the amount of \$490 memo shows a "fee changes", what is that all about?, do we have a contract with them? Cutting the check, Cappello could not explain the memo note. Bohizic said the question should be answered in polite way.

**Czerpak** explained when she was in the office, Chuck was in the office, as well. She noted, when he was out campaigning; and when he went up to his house to let his dog out, she wanted to know if that time was charged as Supervisor or Roadmaster time. She said that that was **not** noted on timesheet.

**Tootie Welsh** – Moorie Waltz was at the office with Melinda & Chuck; Welsh wanted to know if the time, on timesheet, was charged to "Roadmaster" time"; also Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, Pratt's paperwork taken to the courthouse, time was charged to truck/parts. Welsh explained when Chuck & Melinda go out together, the township is charged \$35.50/hr; O/T; \$52.75/hr.

**Wes Cunningham** gave an example call-out. Chuck was called out for assistance with backhoe; Chuck then called-out Melinda to assist.

**Roger Baney** – Joe Toranto, last month, talked about the break-in over Beatrice's and the State Police response vs. local police. Baney said he did some research on HB959 fee set at \$100/per person – approx. \$300,000. Baney called State Police in Harrisburg, and was referred to local. State Police said there is no municipal charge for the police. In order to be assured, Baney would like some local accountability. He wanted the township give an account of what the police do, mileage, investigations, etc. Baney said when he hires an attorney, for example, attorney gives a bill and itemizes his time. Baney would like the same type of accountability and reports. Officer Magnifico explained he does a report & accounts for what he does and everything shows on his timesheet or is in the computer. Magnifico said if there are no township police on duty, the State will respond.

Baney also wanted to know what is the township policy, and who is it extended to for "**Bereavement**". Baney said many people were given flowers, throws, or donations for death in families, but when his wife's mother, brother, died, there was nothing! Long thought it to be "case-by-case". Hutchison explained, "it could be 'case-by-case' supervisors, or wives, etc". My brother-in-law died, Baney said Chuck gave the comforting words to his wife, "Shit happens, then you die". Chuck said, "I don't think I said that..." Baney wanted to know by next month's meeting, what is the Bereavement Policy. Shari Baney named off several people the township sent flowers to, but with her family, there was nothing!

Barb Bohizic asked Hutchison if he had a **Retirement Plan** in place. Response: no

**NEW BUSINESS: Letter for Wireless Broadband.** Hepler explained he had a Resolution for the township to put in place for small cell towers; wanted Long to look at this and see if this would be something for the township.

Township received a **DEP approval letter for Wyszomierski** small flow treatment system.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Check on the Blank concrete.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT** for Water, Light, Bldg., Liquid Fuels, and General. Made by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

**BILLS TO BE APPROVED** – motion by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. Passed

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** made by Hepler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

***Submitted by Shari D. Baney***