

# Wayne Township

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The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly Supervisor Board Meeting, Thursday June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with the "**Pledge of Allegiance**" and a "**Moment of Silence**" lead by Chairman/Supervisor, Bill Hepler.

**Officers in attendance were** Supervisor – William Hepler, Chairman  
Supervisor – Richard Weingartner, Vice Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer – Shari D. Baney  
Attorney Ryan Long

**Absent:** Supervisor – Charles B. Hutchison

**Visitors in Attendance:** Joe Taranto, Ed Kirchel, Marilyn Kirchel, Roger Stramba, Tootie Welsh, Chase Laszlo, Lisa Czerpak, Donna Jacobs, Kathleen Lutz, Rob Magnifico and Roger Baney.

Motion was made by Hepler to approve the May 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Donna Jacobs** – here to see if any action taken on the situation at Ray's Tire. Long replied the township has been in touch with Jeff Richardson, Code Enforcement Officer. Secretary Baney said Richardson has issued a non-compliance complaint to Ray's Tire.

**Kathleen Lutz** – still being charged for the light tax on her vacant property. Lutz also questioned the water tax, Hepler answered that is for the Hydrant fee. Lutz questioned why would she have to pay that fee when the property is vacant. Hepler said you still have to pay the taxes on the property to which Lutz replied "I don't pay it on my other properties located in the same place". Hepler said will have to check with Tax Collector Gulish. Lutz said they did that last year and nothing came of it. Lutz also stated she pays more tax on her vacant property than the lot where her structure is located. Lutz questioned why she pays more Light tax on her vacant property but different rates for each parcel.

**Sam Kelly** – Baney read a letter from resident Sam Kelley requesting the tax collector come to the township building two times a year like the County Tax Collector does. Kelly does not like to deal with the dogs and inconvenience of going to the tax collectors residence. Hepler said we will send Gulish a letter requesting he come to the office.

**NEW BUSINESS: a.) New Telephone System** - Secretary is requesting a new phone system as the police are moving to a new office and the road crew's telephone does not work. They have to come to the office to receive

phone calls. Hepler said he will talk to Randy Van Horn and get pricing. Hepler motioned Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> to get pricing for a new system.

**Block Grant Application** - money is available for low income residents. Residents will need to come to the township to request and submit an application. Long suggested the supervisors check into money available from the County to assist with blighted homes. Long stated the city of New Castle is getting the majority of the money because they are completing grant applications. There was an audience discussion on the township having to pay partial costs to have homes razed from past grants. Long stated that was a different type grant, the grant he is discussing is from the Redevelopment Authority who completes the advertisement, accepts applications and makes payment to the contractor. There is no involvement by the township.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The supervisor's adjourned to Executive session at 7:34 PM returned at 7:41 PM. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss personnel and pending litigation matter.

**Maintenance Code Review** – discussion on the IPMC, Ryan will download and bring to township building for review, Long also recommended the Planning Commission review as well.

**Office Clerk** - Hepler stated Samantha Laszlo will start Monday. Welsh questioned if there was a motion to hire the clerk. Long said there needs to be a formal motion to hire. Weingartner motioned to hire Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Goebel Subdivision** – Owners had an independent consultant check the septic and there is no issue, the problem was water run-off. Motion to approve Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepler.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Financial Reports** from the following ledgers: General, Water, Light, Building/Equipment, and Liquid Fuels, Motion Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepler. Motion carried.

**Approval to Pay the Bills** – Motion Hepler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weingartner.

**Police Report** – 34 calls, 2 animal complaints and 1 accident.

**Solicitor Report:** Ordinance #1 of 2019- Non-exclusive agreement with Armstrong Utilities. Annual franchise payment. This is a fifteen year agreement. Motion Weingartner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepler. Long will forward the agreement to Joe Taylor at Armstrong.

**Supervisor Input:** Building exterior completed. Bill discussed changing the burning ordinance. There are times during the year that residents need to burn brush etc. with open burning. Hepler said he is getting complaints about smoke. Bill will write up the changes to consider and send to Long.

Welsh asked about the eight hundred dollar bill to repair the computers and would like the person who pulled up all the porn video's to pay for the bill. No known name.

Next meeting will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday falling on the meeting date.

**Motion to adjourn:** Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepler.

Submitted by

Shari D. Baney

Secretary/Treasurer