

Wayne Township

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The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly Supervisor Board Meeting, Thursday September 5, 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: Ron Baker, Roger Stramba, Tootie Welsh, Lisa Czerpak, Dell McQuiston, Bob Cunningham, Ron Aiken, Rob Magnifico, Michael and Biba Lubenski, Sandy Busin, Bob Woodworth, Jerry Cortez, Joe Santillo, Debbie Ryhal and Roger Baney.

Motion was made by Hepler to approve the August 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes. 2nd by Weingartner. All in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jerry Cortez - Requested the township contact the state to make repairs on the Cutoff. Cortez stated he thinks the yield sign was on Lundy Lane not Northwestern and thinks it should be changed back. Cortez also stated the section of Northwestern Drive is getting bad and needs repaired.

Dell McQuiston – Questioned the bill from Posey's by Patty for \$202.00, Hepler replied we had three people pass away that were family members of employee's.

Bob Cunningham - Brought up an article in the paper where County Commissioners gave Liquid Fuel monies to ten individual townships in the amount of \$15,000. Cunningham questioned if the township applied for the county money. Hepler said he doesn't know what happened in years gone by. Stramba injected the road could be repaired with Liquid Fuel money but the road would have to be widened to 18' and there may be a garage in the right of way. Cunningham reiterated the township can apply to the county for money next year.

Michael Lubinski – lives in Burnstown and has many questions concerning the drug activity and what is the police presence in the area. Lubinski also indicated there are issues with boarded up houses, the tires stored from the tire shop and many junk cars etc. in the area. Long and Hepler explained the Code Enforcement Officer has been there, issued warnings, and the residents have a time frame from that point to make improvements. Hepler stated DEP allows up to 1,000 tires on the property. Lubinski referred back to the drug activity issue and the police

presence. Hepler deferred to Chief Magnifico. Magnifico stated the Police are aware of the situation and working on the issues.

Lisa Czerpak – wanted to know if the township adopted Smith Street, Hepler responded we cannot as there is not a cul-de-sac. Long stated it is a private road and the residents need to bring it to code before the township can take it over. Czerpak questioned if the street is still being plowed? Hepler said it has been plowed for a long time. Decision will be made as to continuation.

Roger Baney – brought up the cost of a zoning appeal application versus the actual cost. Baney said the application is \$500 but the actual cost is closer to \$1,000. Baney stated there is a cost to having zoning and the township needs to raise the fees to cover the actual cost. Long stated the fee can be changed legally at any time. Baney also brought up the TIP issue discussed at the COG meeting. TIP is the acronym for Transportation Improvement Plan with the county. The county has money available if townships apply and are approved. Baney said Neshannock Township was awarded \$400,000 this year for assistance.

Debra Ryhal – stated the issue with Northwestern Drive is affecting her property with water running into her yard. Ryhal does not know but thinks something has changed with the road. Ryhal requested some action. Hepler said he will have the Roadmaster take a look at the situation

Joe Santillo – stated he has lived there two years and has had to replace his lawn three times and would like some relief on the road as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Development Discussion - Morrie Waltz recommended approving a modification change from 1" = 20' to 1" = 10'. Motion to approve Weingartner 2nd Hepler. Ratify denial memo to SESI. Motion Hepler 2nd Weingartner. Letter should be sent to Mike Swank from DG showing the change approved.

Revised Zoning Hearing Board Forms – Zoning section 808 H: 1-5 variances. Busin recommended a \$500 increase to the cost of zoning variance. Long recommended tabling the change. Long okay with changing the application form to include a signature and date. Hepler motioned to approve the form change 2nd Weingartner.

Annual clean-up day is set for Saturday October 12, 2019. Items not accepted are electronics, tires, and freon products. The fee is \$10.00 per pickup truck.

Annual Budget Workshop scheduled for 9 am October 8, 2019 at the township building.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 Salt Bid – Costar price \$69.59 per ton delivered by Cargill. Motion to approve Weingartner 2nd Hepler.

Police Office – award of contract to Pagley Construction \$3525. Motion Hepler 2nd Weingartner.

Pension Administrator Plan – Hepler motioned to advertise for the township Pension Plan Administrator. Motion Hepler 2nd Weingartner.

International Property Maintenance Code Review – Long stated this will repeal or revise many of the old ordinances if written into modifying the Code. There was a concern of the Code being too picky or enforceable. Long

recommended having Jeff Richardson attend a meeting to clarify his position. Welsh brought up this will require another board and there is enough problems getting volunteers now.

Telephone System – The Verizon telephone system is approved at a cost of \$284 monthly to include purchase of equipment. Roger Baney said the WTMA will share a portion of the cost. The cost will reduce to \$162 a month.
Motion Hepler 2nd Weingartner

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

Approval to Pay the Bills – Motion Weingartner, 2nd Hepler. Motion carried.

Police Report – 21 calls, 2 citations issued and 2 arrest warrants served. Sandy Busin brought up the increase in traffic on Wampum Road due to the Koppel Bridge closure and the dangerous speeds on the road. Chief Magnifico said the ESP unit is up and running and he plans on using it on this road sometime in the future.

Solicitor Report: Nothing

Supervisor Input: Nothing

Motion to Adjourn: Weingartner 2nd Hepler.

Submitted by

Shari D. Baney

Secretary/Treasurer