

# Wayne Township

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The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly meeting, Thursday August 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Wayne Township Firehall in order to observe the social distance requirements mandated by the State.

Meeting opened with the " **Pledge of Allegiance**" and a "**Moment of Silence**" led 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:** David Runco, Roger Stramba, Tootie Welsh, Del McQuiston, Lisa Czerpak, Officer Matt Kennedy, Samantha Laszlo and Roger Baney.

Motion was made by Weingartner to approve the July 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Dell McQuiston asked the status of the bridge on Squaw Run Road. Hepler stated they are going to take care of it tonight. Hepler stated they were going to declare it an emergency due to the length of time it takes to get a fire truck or emergency vehicle to that part of the township.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval to advertise the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Welsh questioned if this is the same agreement the Planning Committee reviewed? Long answered in the affirmative. Welsh said the Planning Committee did not recommend approving as there are Ordinances that cover much of what is in the agreement. Hepler responded the Code Inspector, Jeff Richardson and Code Enforcement Officer, Morrie Waltz said it would be very helpful when trying to enforce violations. Long said adopting the Property Maintenance Ordinance would repeal various ordinances currently on the books. McQuiston asked if the Supervisors had read the Ordinance and stated they should as it is nasty. Czerpak questioned why the present ordinances cannot be enforced. Long replied the enforcement provisions of the present ordinances make it difficult to enforce. The fines etc. are insufficient and outdated. Long went on to say there would be a great deal more expense if he would review all the ordinances and update them as opposed to adopting the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Welsh questioned the cost to the township and why the present ordinances are non-effective. Hepler said he is just trying to get things done in the township and areas cleaned up, thus the reason for the ordinance. Long said several other townships have adopted

this ordinance and tailored it to suit their needs. Weingartner motioned to approve the advertisement of the ordinance, Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Hepler stated the township received a Covid Relief Fund Agreement from the County for reimbursement of any Covid related expenses. Long recommended checking further into it as it may permit funds for a police car. Hepler motioned to approve Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Repository sale for a Fox Street Parcel #36-025400. Weingartner motioned to approve Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Squaw Run Bridge, Hepler motioned to declare it an emergency Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

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

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

**Police Report** – 27 service calls, 3 animal complaints, 0 accidents and 7 traffic stops with warnings.

**Solicitor Report:** Geminiani needs to file for a conditional use. Supervisors do not need to take action at this time.

**Supervisor Input:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepler. All in favor.

Submitted by

Shari D. Baney

Secretary/Treasurer