

# **Wayne Township**

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The Wayne Township Supervisors 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117 held its monthly meeting, Thursday October 1, 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:** Bob Cunningham, Roger Stramba, Tootie Welsh, Del McQuiston, Lisa Czerpak, Bill Cunningham, Wes Cunningham, Ron Baker, Paul and Jessica Geminiani, Samantha Laszlo and Roger Baney.

Motion was made by Hepler to approve the September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Weingartner. All in favor.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Bill Cunningham questioned if the township still has a tax collector. Cunningham said he has been to the tax collectors house to pay his taxes two weeks ago and met two other people there to pay their taxes during the office hours. The tax collector left in his vehicle without speaking to any of the people waiting. Cunningham said he has called tax collector Gulish several times to get his receipts. Cunningham also questioned if Gulish's wife is bonded to collect money. Hepler replied there are other people that have issues with the tax collector as well. Hepler said Gulish is an elected official and the township has no jurisdiction there. Hepler did call PSATS and they referred him to the Association of Township Tax Collectors. Long interjected the concerns are valid and he will check into what can be done. Hepler and Long encouraged anyone with an issue to contact the Association at 717-697-1294.

Dell McQuiston asked why the police are working 8 hours now. Several people chimed in on the discussion. Hepler said the officers work 20 – 40 hours per month as the Chief sets the schedule.

Ron Baker question if there is any action being taken concerning the blight in Burnstown. Laszlo responded: The Hill property has been purchased. George and Ray Evans received citations and the Code Enforcement Officer is attempting to find an address for Perrine. Long said this is the very reason we are working on adopting the International Property Maintenance Code as it will make it easier to control these situations when taken to Court.

Dell McQuiston questioned if Oliastro Excavation received a permit to install a pipe in a driveway on Squaw Run. The consensus was that would be a DEP Permit and would have nothing to do with the Township.

Paul Geminiani questioned if the lot next to his is large enough to build a house on. Long replied Geminiani may want to seek legal advice on the matter as the township does not give legal advice to residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wayne Township Halloween will be Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 PM.

Hepler said they received \$13,157.95 relief money for the Fire Department. Motion to approve Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hepler. All in favor.

Clothing allowance tabled.

Hepler led a discussion on the Demolition Permit saying the cost is \$10.00 and he would like to increase it to \$400.00. Baney interjected Richardson charges \$99.00 to inspect. Long said he recommends setting the cost and use Supervisor discretion to refund some of the money once administration fees are covered. Long advised to do a Resolution for approval at next meeting. Hepler motioned to do a resolution with a fee of \$400.00 for a Demolition Permit, Weingartner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Budget Workshop Meeting will be 10 a.m. October 14th at the township building.

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the township clean up day 8 to 12. \$10 per truckload.

Hepler gave an update on the Squaw Run bridge. The paperwork is complete and now we are seeking the money from the County in the amount of \$169,000.

**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 Hepler 2<sup>nd</sup> Weingartner. All in favor.

**Police Report:** None

**Solicitor Report:** Long presented the International Property Maintenance Code and the Ordinance approving adoption. Long is seeking approval from the Supervisors to advertise in the November meeting after everyone has had opportunity to review.

Long discussed the Conditional Use Application from Paul Geminiani. Long stated he is not convinced this is the proper way to pursue this issue and wants to discuss with Mourice Waltz before proceeding. The township has 45 days from the date of application to reply.

**Supervisor Input:** None

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

Submitted by

Shari D. Baney

Secretary/Treasurer