

WAYNE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Wayne Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wayne Township building, 1418 Wampum Road, Ellwood City, PA. Supervisors in attendance were William Hepler, Marc Cunningham, and Richard Weingartner. Solicitor, Ryan Long attended via teleconference. Secretary/Treasurer, Samantha Laszlo was also in attendance.

VISITORS: Robert Cunningham, Tootie Welsh, Roger Stramba, Scott Waitlevertch – Columbia Gas, Cory Cerone – Columbia Gas, and Dante Greco – Columbia Gas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, William Hepler beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tootie Welsh concerned with Burnstown. Feels that it is in worse shape than before. Supervisor Hepler advised that we are working on getting it cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Columbia Gas representative, Dante Greco spoke about a large gas line project that will be taking place on Mount Hope, Dutch Ridge, and Squaw Run Road. They will be starting near 466 Dutch Ridge Road and will continue north 500 feet past Mount Hope. Most of the work will be taking place on the side of the roadway in the grass. Supervisor Weingartner and Hepler were concerned that the roads would be put back in the condition they were prior to the project. Columbia Gas guaranteed they would be and stated if there were any problems afterwards, they would take care of it. Columbia Gas, Wayne Township Supervisors, Sewer Authority, and Roadmaster will schedule an on-site visit to go over the route of where the work is to be completed.

Wayne Township received County Grant reimbursement for 2021 Paving Project in the amount of \$42,900.00.

Wayne Township received 2022 Liquid Fuels allocation in the amount of \$126,773.51.

A motion was made by Weingartner to sell a Police radio to Ellwood City Police Department for \$2000.00. Motion seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Weingartner to accept the application from Joe Carofino for vacancy on the Zoning Board. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hepler made a motion to accept the resignation of Bob Cunningham from the Auditor position. Motion was seconded by Weingartner. The Board of Supervisors have 30 days to appoint a new Auditor.

A motion was made by Hepler to purchase a new aluminum flag pole. Motion was seconded by Weingartner. Motion carried.

The paving of Lundy's Lane and Northwestern was discussed. Hepler, Weingartner, and Cunningham were all in agreement to have Roadmaster, Roger Stramba get the specs together for all roads to be paved and repaired this year before putting anything out for bid. This would allow us to put them all out for bid at once.

Taylor Engineering reviewed PennDOT's study of the bridge on River Road. Taylor Engineering suggested that we apply for a grant that would cover all cost except 5% of the total. The grant program will take up to 5 years to be approved. A motion was made by Hepler to have Taylor Engineering apply for the grant on our behalf. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The discussion of permitted uses for the American Rescue Plan funds was addressed. According to the Treasury Departments final ruling, you must file for a one-time standard allowance. This would let you use the money for more array of items. Ex: Roads, Infrastructure, Donations, Employee Compensation; Police Protection; Buildings.

A motion was made by Hepler to distribute a donation from American Rescue Plan funds to Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department and Chewton Volunteer Fire Department. Each Department will receive a check for \$10,000.00 with the condition that the money could only be used for equipment and training. Motion was seconded by Weingartner. Motion carried.

Weingartner made a motion to use American Rescue Plan funds to purchase a new police vehicle. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ellwood City School District is approving a Resolution to initiate ACT 511 Per Capita Tax. Supervisors agreed to the Resolution. Township Secretary will follow up with Ellwood City School District on how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hepler made a motion to advertise for two vacancies on the Zoning Appeal Board. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Weingartner to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED: Hepler made a motion to approve to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Weingartner. Motion carried.

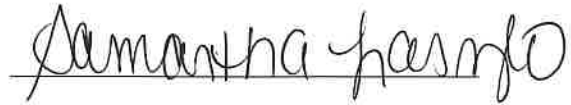
SOLICITORS REPORT: Nothing to Report

POLICE REPORT: 24 Calls for Service – 0 Accidents – 0 Citations – 0 Criminal Complaints – 2 Animal Complaints – 12 Traffic Stops

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Advantage Homes Real Estate will be sponsoring an Earth Day Roadside Cleanup of Route 65. The event will be held April 23, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers will meet at the Wayne Township Fire Hall.

Applications for the Blight Removal Program are available for pickup at the Wayne Township building, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Hepler to adjourn. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Laszlo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Samantha Laszlo, Secretary/Treasurer