

WAYNE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Wayne Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 4, 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: Visitors in attendance were Bob Cunningham, Wes Cunningham, Dennis Hall, Amanda Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Jared McElwain, Steve Vardzel, Beth Vardzel, Rose Goebel, Lisa Nardone and Tootie Welsh.

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 July 7, 2022. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dennis Hall asked for an update on Greenhouse Road closure. Supervisor Hepler said that it should be completed by the end of the year and that Taylor Engineering was currently surveying the property to put the job out for bid. Hall inquired about renting steel plates to put in place so that local traffic and emergency vehicles can still have access.

Rose Goebel requested that detour signs be put in place if the road could not be opened to local traffic. She had an incident with an emergency vehicle being unaware of the closure and is concerned if there are any future incidents. Hepler stated that we will make sure LEOC has been made aware of the closure.

Solicitor Long advised Hepler to take residents comments under consideration and to reach out to Taylor Engineering to provide them with the concerns to try to determine a solution.

Lisa Nardone inquired about the installation of street lights on Aetna Drive. Hepler said the Township is aware of the need for lights, but they are looking for a more cost-effective way to do so. The cost to install poles is estimated at \$5,000.00 a piece and that is not including the cost to run the electric.

Beth and Steve Vardzel expressed their concern with the ditches that were cleaned out on Cole Road in front of their property. Hepler explained that it needed to be done to divert the water in preparation of the road being paved. Mr. Vardzel requested that a larger pipe be installed so the ditch is not so deep. Weingartner said the Township would install the pipe but the homeowner is responsible for the cost of the pipe and stone. Township Secretary and Roadmaster will get quotes on the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hepler made a motion to approve Township Solicitor to forward the Zoning Amendment to Lawrence County for review. Weingartner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Weingartner to approve the hiring of Township Supervisor, William Hepler for the part-time Roadworker position at \$18.50 an hour. The wage was set by Township Auditors at the beginning of the year. Cunningham seconded the motion. Hepler abstained. Motion carried.

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 Hepler to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Weingartner. Motion carried.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Nothing to Report.

SECRETARYS REPORT:

There will be a Conditional Use hearing for Jason Schwartz on September 8, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. The hearing is to review the request for a motorcycle repair shop to be built on a vacant property located on Ellwood Road, Parcel ID #: 36-024700.

An ISO Audit was conducted for Wayne Township and Chewton Volunteer Fire Departments at the beginning of the year. Township Secretary has been in contact with ISO Community Hazard Mitigation Division and they said the audit was under review and the results could be an additional 2 months before they receive the final report.

POLICE REPORT: 15 Calls for Service – 0 Accidents – 0 Citations – 0 Criminal Complaints – 2 Animal Complaints – 6 Traffic Stops/Warnings

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Nothing to Report.

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



Samantha Laszlo, Secretary/Treasurer