

July 1, 2024  
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting June 3, 2024 at the Wayne Township Country Crossroads Community Center at 7:00 P.M. Members of the board present were Theodore Reed, Chuck Miles and Don Gearhart. In attendance representing Wayne Township were Pam Sechrist, Water Department Secretary; Mary Ellen Reed, Tax Collector; Jeff Hoover, Recreational Advisory Board Chairman. Also present were Chad Scott and Justin Creitz representing the Newton Wayne Fire Company. Residents present were: Gerald Gearhart and Daniel Walker.

Chairman Ted Reed called the meeting to order.

Ted made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

Ted opened the floor for public comment. No public was made.

The Board agreed to advertise for bids for 2024-2025 Aggregates and Heating and Diesel Fuel contracts. Don made the motion to advertise; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor motion carried.

The Board agreed to advertise Burning Ordinance 2024-2 with changes recommended by Don. The changes are: Section 7A will have a clause stating if any costs are associated with unlawful burning the resident can be billed. Don made the motion to advertise; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board listened to Chad Scott and Justin Creitz representing the Newton Wayne Fire Company give a presentation explaining the financial condition of the fire company and the likely outcomes if more financial relief is not given by the township. Financial statements were given to the Board for review and it was obvious that income is declining while expenses are going up. The Board and the fire company representatives discussed fire tax options and what the Township is presently providing for the fire company. The Supervisors made no decisions but agreed to research the issue further.

The Township was informed that during the flushing of the fire hydrants in the camp ground area, two hydrants broke. The Supervisors talked with representative for the Newton Wayne Fire Company about the possibility of buying two used hydrants the Fire Company has stored. The supervisors made no decisions but are going to look into possible CDBG funding and if the Township is eligible.

The Board approved the Mifflin County Tax Exonerations list. Don made the motion to exonerate; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The revealed it conducted executive meetings 6/6, 6/8 and 6/22 to discuss personnel issues.

The Board agreed to dismiss Cody Laky as a Township employee. Chuck made the motion; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board announced it was hiring Kyle Burket as a new Road Crew Employee. Ted made the motion; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was informed the 2024 CDGB grant applications are due at the County by 7/18.

The Board was informed Pam is retiring as the Water Department Secretary as of July 1. Pam said she would stay on to help in the transition.

The Board discussed with Ted his willingness to assume Pam's position. Ted said he would at the same pay rate as Pam (\$2940.64/yr.) and that he would start work at 8 to make up for the extra time devoted to the Water Department increasing his time in the office to 24 and a half hours a week. Don made the motion to hire Ted as the new Water Department Secretary; Chuck seconded the motion; Ted abstained from voting (see attached documentation), motion carried.

The Board agreed to change the internet and phone service from Zito to Upward Broadband. Don made the motion; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board agreed to change the Community Center rental fee to \$100 plus a refundable \$50 security deposit. Don made the motion; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman, gave an update of the Advisory Boards last meeting. Jeff announced the walking club is now meeting every Wednesday at 10 A.M. and all are invited. The Board is shooting for October 26th and December 7th Youth events.

The Board gave updates on where the Township stands with several of their grant applications.

Don made the motion to pay the bills; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Chuck seconded the motion, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Wayne Township Supervisors  
Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M Reed Secretary/Treasurer