

September 3, 2024
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting August 5, 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. Also, in attendance were Mary Ellen Reed, Tax Collector; Pam Sechrist, Water Department Secretary, Jeff Hoover, Recreation Board Chairman, representing Wayne Township. Several residents were in attendance.

Chairman Ted Reed called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Ted made the motion to approve the minutes; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted opened the floor for public comment. Ken Smith, 100 Missing Pines Drive, McVeytown, PA., asked the Supervisors several questions concerning the recently passed fire ordinance. Two items that concerned Mr. Smith was that the size of a fire allowed is 6 feet in diameter. Mr. Smith felt that would limit most farmers. The second concern was that in the ordinance's listing of allowable outside burning containers, no allowances were made for outside furnaces. The supervisors explained that the ordinance was drafted to be a document that could be changed and grow with the Township's needs. The Supervisor's told Mr. Smith they would review the concerns and recommend changes if they were needed.

The Board announced they were going to advertise Ordinance 2024-4 authorizing a Fire Tax of 1 MIL. Several members of the Newton Wayne Fire Company were present and Chad Scott, the Fire Chief, spoke in favor of the Township helping in this manner. Chad explained that the fire company's expenses are only going up and it's getting harder to keep up with less money and volunteers. Ken Smith spoke in opposition to the tax and asked the Supervisors to reconsider the tax and find alternatives if possible. Don made the motion to advertise; Chuck made the motion to approve; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board considered advertising Solar Ordinance 2024-3. The Supervisors explained a solar ordinance is needed to not only provide building requirements for those installing residential and commercial solar arrays but most importantly a plan is needed to make sure solar panels are decommissioned properly at the end of their expected life span. Don made the motion to advertise Ordinance 2024-3; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors were informed it is time to make the annual payment to the Newton Wayne Fire Company of \$15000. This amount includes a \$11,050 donation from the Township general fund and \$3950 of LST Taxes collected from July 2023 thru June 2024. Don made the motion to make the contribution; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board decided to advertise some used equipment. It was decided to advertise the 2000 John Deere Backhoe and the 1996 Wood/Chuck chipper on Municibid.com and to sell the equipment trailer by sealed bid by the Township as it was not expected to bring more than the amount required to advertise (\$2000). Don made the motion to advertise; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors informed the residents that they have not decided to hire a new Road Crew employee yet.

The Board discussed what its driveway tile policy should be. It has not been clear for sometime whether the Township would install driveway tiles if the resident purchased the materials. This would make sure the tile is installed correctly. This was always done in the past, but for the last few years, the Township policy on this has not always been clear and some residents have been required to install their own tiles or use a contractor. The Supervisors decided to look into what other Townships are doing and to possibly draft an agreement contract between all involved parties by the next meeting.

The Supervisors approved Curtis Hoover's building plans and gave Ted the authority to sign them on behalf of the Township. Don made the motion; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors were made aware that the street sign on Vineyard Road is in an awkward position on a utility pole and should be moved. Also, it was decided to install a "No Outlet" sign on the road warning large trucks. The Supervisors did not vote on this because it was considered regular road maintenance.

The Supervisors agreed to allow a group of Seniors to use the Community Center one day a week starting in September. Ted made the motion; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

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 8:50 P.M.

Wayne Township Supervisors
Respectfully submitted,
Theodore M Reed Secretary/Treasurer