

November 4, 2024  
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors met for a special public hearing October 7, 2024, at 7 P.M. to approve the David and Vicki Stewart Ag Security Area Modification Application submitted September 4, 2024. The meeting was held at the Country Crossroads Community Center 3055 Ferguson Valley Road, McVeytown, PA. Members of the board present were Theodore Reed, Chuck Miles and Don Gearhart. In attendance representing Wayne Township were Mary Ellen Reed, Tax Collector; Pam Sechrist, Water Department Secretary; Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board member. John Flicken, Wright Surveying, and several residents were also present. Don made the motion to approve the Ag Security Area Modification Application; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. Ted made the motion to adjourn the hearing; Don seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. The special hearing adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting at 7:03 P.M. following the Ag Security Hearing. Members of the board present were Theodore Reed, Chuck Miles and Don Gearhart. In attendance representing Wayne Township were Mary Ellen Reed, Tax Collector; Pam Sechrist, Water Department Secretary; Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board member. John Flicken, Wright Surveying, and residents were also present.

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, resident, residing at 100 Missing Pines Drive, McVeytown, informed the Township that Ferguson Valley Road needs some shoulder work and cold patch work. Also, Ken stated that Little Kansas Road also needs some shoulder work and that there is a speed limit sign down near where Jimmy Taylor lives. Ken also asked questions about the Fire Tax that was passed at September's meeting. The Supervisor's reiterated their opinions on why a Fire Tax was needed and how it will benefit not only the NWFd but the residents of Wayne Township. Walter Smith, resident, residing at 627 Loop Road, McVeytown, asked the Supervisors when or if any more mowing was going to be done by the Township. Walter was assured the Township was aware of the need and that more mowing would be done this fall.

John Flicken, Wright Surveying, presented the John and Yost Hostetler Subdivision Plan. Don made the motion to approve the Subdivision Plan in agreement with the Mifflin County Planning Commission comments; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

No one was present nor any plans were submitted for the Nittany Minit Mart or the M&J Land Acquisitions Subdivisions. No action was taken.

The Board was informed that the Townships share of the Newton Wayne Fire Department's Workers Comp Insurance for 2025 is \$8944. Don made the motion to pay the Township's share; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors agreed to adopt the revised Township Handbook. Don made the motion to adopt the revised handbook; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors set the times for the Budget workshops for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. as needed. Chuck made the motion; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisor's reviewed Municibid's online auction to sell the Township's 2000 John Deere backhoe. Chuck made the motion to accept the winning bid of \$18521 made by James Gaskill of Medford, N.J.; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to approve a letter authorizing Ted to sign titles on behalf of the Supervisors for recently sold equipment: 2000 John Deere backhoe and Eager beaver Trailor sold last month. Don made the motion to allow Ted to sign the titles on behalf of the Supervisors. Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Supervisors approved a \$100 fee to officially transfer the Wayne Township Water Authority to the Township making it the Wayne Township Water Department. Don made the motion to approve the fee; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion approving a letter authorizing Ted to sign the application to transfer the Wayne Township Water Authority to the Township as the Wayne Township Water Department. Don made the motion; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was informed by Ted that Phyllis Heidel is having problems with a culvert that she claims was modified when the storm water project was done in Cedar Crest. She claims the inlet grate is higher than the ditch line and it is causing water to back up into her yard, driveway and carport. The Supervisors agreed that the problem should be looked into.

The Board approved advertising the Fred and Debra Rhodes Ag Security Modification Hearing for November 4, 2024, at 8 P.M. proceeding the regular Township meeting. Don made the motion to advertise; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was informed the Volunteer Fire Relief amount for this year is \$14,411.21. Chuck made the motion to accept the amount and to distribute the funds to the Newton Wayne Fire Department. Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was informed the Township's Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2025 based on 38.95 miles of highway will be \$163,291. Also, the Turnback Allocation will be \$39,560 based on 9.89 miles of road.

The Board was informed that the General Municipal Pension System State Aid amount will be \$6291.55.

The Board informed the public that Executive meetings were held 9/17/24 from 4:15 to 6:30 P.M.; 9/19/24 from 9:45 to 11 A.M. and 9/24/24 from 5 to 7:30 P.M. to discuss personnel issues and policies.

Ted gave an update on the Water Department transition.

The public was informed that the Township has been approved for a CDBG grant amount of \$222,473 to replace the customers water meters in the Wayne Township Water Authority system. All other grant applications are being reviewed by their respective agencies.

Jeff Hoover gave an update on the Recreation Advisory Board's last meeting including Trunk or Treat night to be held 10/16 from 4 to 6 P.M. Jeff requested \$3000 to be included in the Township's 2025 budget for the Recreation Board's use.

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, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Wayne Township Supervisors  
Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M. Reed Secretary/Treasurer