

July 7, 2025  
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

On June 2, 2025, The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Country Crossroads Community Center, 3055 Ferguson Valley Road, McVeytown, PA. Members of the Board present were Ted Reed, Chuck Miles and Don Gearhart. In attendance representing Wayne Township were Mary Ellen Reed, Tax Collector; Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman; Jim McClure, solicitor. Several 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; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted opened the floor for public comment on the agenda or other issues. No one made public comment.

The Board announced that it would be making changes to the on-lot septic management ordinance to eliminate any misinterpretations of what DEP requires and what the Township is currently doing to enforce the ordinance. The Board asked Jim McClure to make the following amendments: The only Authorized agent to inspect on-lot systems is the township appointed sewage enforcement officer. Inspections are to be done once every 5 years on 750-1000 gallon or larger tanks and once every 3 years on tanks smaller than 750 gallons. The sewage enforcement officer will then determine when a system needs to be pumped. The pumper is only responsible for examining the baffles and the tank system of any obvious issues. The pumper is not qualified nor appointed by the township to perform a complete inspection of the sewage system. Only the appointed sewage enforcement officer is permitted to do the actual inspection.

Chuck made the motion to advertise for bid(s) for the 2025-26 aggregate contracts; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to accept the \$9600 bid from Daniel Graybill for the 1994 International dump truck from the Municibid on-line auction; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to authorize Ted to sign all legal documents on behalf of the Township for the sale of the 1994 International dump truck; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-9 approving the Mifflin County Hazard Mitigation Plan; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to accept the resignation of Toni Latherow from the Wayne Township Recreation Advisory Board; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Latherow from the Wayne Township Recreation Advisory Board; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to appoint Amanda Sechrist to the Wayne Township Recreation Board filling the vacancy left by Toni Latherow's resignation; Don seconded the motion, motion carried.

Don made the motion to appoint Kathy Hockenberry to the Wayne Township Recreation Advisory Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kevin Latherow: Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

There were no Water Department updates.

Ted mentioned for the grant update agenda section that he was pursuing grants to fix Little Greenbriar Road. The only grant currently available and may fit the project is the DCED Multimodal Grant.

Jeff Hoover gave a brief Recreation Advisory Board update and a mention that the Recreation Advisory Board meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. He also updated the Supervisors of upcoming events reminding everyone that July 19<sup>th</sup> is the community picnic.

Ted asked for public comments. Walter Smith, 627 Loop Road, McVeytown asked to speak. Walter said he sat on this board of supervisors many years ago and his reason for speaking was he has concerns about the direction he felt the Township was headed. He asked Chuck Miles why he ran for supervisor. Chuck answered him with 3 reasons: 1. Community involvement that is moving forward with a Recreation Board and events. 2. Transparency that included a website that has been accomplished. 3. Acquiring grant money. That is something we are working on continually. Walter then asked when did the Township start providing insurance for the Supervisors? Ted stated he searched the records for Walters RTK Request and could not find a specific date it started. Ted said the old records are sketchy at best. It was obvious the Township paid for supervisor's insurance back several decades but there are no actual health insurance company invoices but only checks made out for health insurance. It's not possible to see who all received paid insurance. Walter then asked if the Board would consider having a Treasurers report every month like they used to. Ted said he would start something next month.

Tracy Holder spoke next. Tracy was concerned with her perception of discord in the Township and what she thought was a lack of communication by the Supervisors. Chuck told her he was always open to talk to anyone about any Township issue. Tracy and the Board then went back and forth about DEP regulations and the on-lot septic inspection process. It was explained, once again, what was previously discussed earlier in this meeting and other meetings.

Ken Smith, 100 Missing Pines Drive, McVeytown, commented next about how he's appalled at what has gone on in the Township the last two months and then went into his campaign issues.

The next commenter to take the podium was Todd Kauffman, 45 Wisteria Lane, who immediately started to verbally attack Jeff Hoover, Recreation Board Chairman. Todd was cut off and asked to leave the podium by the Board.

The Board again explained it is not illegal or unethical for a sitting supervisor to campaign for another candidate for supervisor as long as it is done as an individual and not representing the Township.

Toni Latherow was next up at the podium to comment and asked the Board to have integrity, honesty and transparency. Toni went on to comment to the Board that they should try to answer questions and if they don't know the answer, they should try to find out the answer. Toni then briefly mentioned some Facebook issues, DEP regulations, Fire Tax and what the Township Workshops were about. Toni then asked if emails that come into the office from other people are they public domain? Ted explained any correspondence that comes into the office is public and can be acquired through a RTK Form unless it is private or contains addresses, social security numbers bank information, etc. that can't be redacted.

Larry Latherow stepped to the podium next to comment. Larry said he appreciated how the Township took care of Ryde Road this past winter. Larry then went on to comment that the dirt portion has a lot of potholes and the road needs mowed. Don told Larry that the road was getting mowed the next day. Discussion then preceded onto how the Township used to leave a load of stone over by Ryde Road for the residents use on the road rather than have the Township workers go all the way over there to apply them. Discussion was made about looking into leaving stone over there once again.

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 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theodore M. Reed Secretary