

October 6, 2025
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

On September 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 Lavonda Runk, Township Auditor; Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman. Fourteen residents were also present.

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

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

Ted gave the Treasurers Report.

Ted stated before the public comment period that there will be two public comment periods. The first one is for comment on the agenda and the second comment session will follow after the agenda items and will be a general comment period. Ted stated that everyone will be given five minutes in which to speak, and please give name and address and only Wayne Township residents and/or Wayne Township tax-payers will be recognized to speak.

Ted opened the floor for public comment on the agenda. No public comment was made at this time.

The first item on the agenda to be discussed was the purchasing of Zoom meeting equipment. Chuck explained the initial cost would be approximately \$3800. This system would make the township meetings accessible to anyone to view live or at a later date at their convenience. Zoom would make the meetings transparent and eliminate any misinformation. Chuck also stated the live stream that was attempted at the last meeting had technical difficulties and shut down early but still had over 200 hits. Ted commented that he was impressed at the number of hits in that short of a period of time. Don commented that he was not in favor of purchasing anything at this time because of not being sure how many people will actually use it. Ted made the motion to table the purchasing of the Zoom meeting equipment until next month; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to hire Heath Foster as the full time Roadmaster at a salary of \$24/hr.; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to hire Hunter Roles full time after completing his probationary period at a salary of \$22/hr.; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted then brought up proposed changes to the May and June 2025 minutes. The first change Ted wanted to make in the May minutes was to change "Mitzi Miller, Crystal Lane," to "Renee Miller, 20 Crystal Lane," and in the next paragraph "Renee Miller, 10 Rail Road Alley," to "Renee Miller, 20 Crystal Lane, McVeytown". Next Ted wanted to change "Todd Kauffman, 33 Hysteria Lane," to "Todd Kauffman, 33 Wysteria Lane, McVeytown". Lastly, in the May minutes Ted wanted to change the phrase, "executive meeting held April 1, 2025" to "executive meeting/interview held May 1, 2025". Ted then asked to change a part of June's minutes that reads "Todd Kauffman, 45 Wysteria 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" to read "Todd Kauffman, 33 Wysteria Lane, who made comment about "personal stuff being said" and got into a heated exchange with Jeff Hoover, Recreation Board Member, and was asked to calm down and have a seat by the Board". Chuck made the motion to make the changes to May and Junes minutes; Ted seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the buying and changing out of the Township's road signs that are worn out. It was decided to do it gradually over a period of time starting with Ferguson Valley Road which has the most signs, approximately 55, that need changed out. Don made the motion to start replacing the Township road signs starting with Ferguson Valley Road; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Dwight Aurand, resident, who asked to be on the agenda spoke next and explained the inspection process of his septic system in 2009, 2012 and 2020. Discussion ensued between Dwight and Chuck concerning the length of time between Dwight's 2020 inspection and his next scheduled inspection date -2028. Discussion also was made reiterating what Ordinance 2025-2 was clarifying about the whole sewage inspection process. Discussion also went back and forth between Dwight and the Supervisors concerning tank size and inspection intervals and the compensation of the SEO and the future costs to have only a SEO make inspections.

Ted made the announcement that PA CleanWays will be having their annual Tire Recycle Challenge at the Lewistown Borough Public Works Facility Yard, 207 Washington Avenue, Lewistown, Saturday September 20, 2025, from 8 AM to 12 PM. Prices vary from \$2 to \$15. Oversize tires are \$10 extra and tires with rims are an extra \$3.

Ted made the motion to table the purchasing of a new shed indefinitely; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

There were no Water Department or Grant updates at this time.

Jeff Hoover gave the Recreation Board update and reminded everyone of the October 25, 2025, Trunk or Treat Event from 4-6 PM. Jeff asked for volunteers to help and if anyone knew of any good ghost stories about the area. Jeff said there would be hot dogs and drinks at the election to get rid of excess inventory from the Community Picnic. The Christmas event will be on December 6 and that September 15th will be the 1st anniversary of the Young at Heart group.

Ted opened the floor to the second Public Comment session:

Todd Kauffman, resident, next commented and wanted to know why his name and address was put in the minutes. His concern was for the safety of the residents who speak and their addresses being made public in the minutes. It was explained by Chuck that PSATS recommends names and addresses be given by any resident that comments in a public meeting.

Danny Moore, resident, commented about the Township not being clear where money is being spent. Amounts are being spent but he felt it was not specific where the money was being spent. Danny then reminded the supervisors that they took an oath and that they should keep it and not do anything unethical for political advantage.

Rose Walker, resident, commented next and asked the Supervisors if they got Tracie Holders email? Chuck said the Supervisors got the email but the Township is not a research department and the answers to her questions can mostly be answered by the courthouse. Rose then accused Ted of lying because he claimed not to know if Chuck was reading from a letter or notes at last month's meeting. Ted tried assuring her that he didn't know then or now what Chuck read from and it was Chuck's own personal material and not public material anyway.

Dwight Aurand, resident, commented next on the new pipe that was installed on Ryde Road, new delineators lying on the ground, the general road pothole conditions and road side mowing conditions. Dwight then commented that he thought the Young at Heart Group should be paying their own way instead of the Township donating them the space, heat and electric. He suggested that they go to the Mount Union Senior Center instead. Chuck answered Dwight that he thought it was funny Dwight didn't want to provide for the community but that's something Chuck ran on and believes in. Chuck also stated a lot of the problems with the roads the Township is now facing is from years of neglect that is just now surfacing. Irving Ridge and Little Greenbriar according to PennDot were never installed right in the first place. Chuck then explained the Township's plan for sign replacement and why legally they need to be replaced.

Dan Walker, resident, next commented on potholes that need to be repaired, He rides a motorcycle and he said he will be suing if he crashes and a bad pothole is to blame. Dan then asked why the Township had a \$700 electric bill. Ted explained that was \$700 for five light bills that the Township pays. Dan then asked why the Township had six light bills? Ted explained where they were all at.

Walter Smith, resident commented next and expressed his concerns for the condition of the meetings and the attitudes of the supervisors while listening to the residents. Walter then commented on the new pipe on Ryde Road and the way the tree was cut on Bice Lane. It was explained by Don that the tree was left as it was because the property owner said they would clean it up.

Don made the motion to pay the bills; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. Chuck made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M. Reed Secretary