

November 3, 2025
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

On October 6, 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; Jeff Hoover, Recreation Advisory Board Chairman. Nineteen 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 opened the floor for public comment on the agenda and reminded those present that each speaker will have five minutes to comment and must be a resident or tax payer in Wayne Township. Ken Smith, resident, asked several questions concerning the proposed purchasing of equipment to record and stream the Township meetings.

After explanation by Chuck that he still was not sure exactly what equipment the Township would need or what would be the best way to stream and record the meetings, Chuck made the motion to table the purchasing of the equipment; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

No one was at the meeting to present the M&J Subdivision. No action was taken.

Rick Grissenger, resident, presented the Rick Grissinger Subdivision Plan. Don made motion to approve the plan according to Mifflin County comment; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to award the 2025 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation of \$15,244.60 to the Newton Wayne Fire Company; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was informed by Ted that the Township's share of the Newton Wayne Fire Company's workers compensation is \$8,158. Don made the motion to pay the workers compensation; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to spend the County Liquid Fuels Aid amount of \$4919 on road salt. Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor motion carried.

Ted informed the Board that the Liquid Fuels audit is now complete and available to view.

Chuck made the motion to move \$100,000 from the General Fund to The MMA account; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to enact Resolution 2025-11 revising the RTK policy to inform inquiries that any RTK requests may be posted on the Township's website; Don seconded the motion; all in favor. Motion carried.

The Board was informed that Kathy Hackenberry resigned from the Recreation Advisory Board for health reasons. Chuck made the motion to accept her resignation; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to appoint Cathy Louer to the Recreation Advisory Board; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Dwight Aurand, resident, who asked to be on the agenda made comment about Irving Ridge Road and any inferences that he was responsible for the substandard paving job in places on the road. Dwight mentioned that the whole project had to be approved according to PennDOT specifications and Ted agreed with him. Dwight also made comment about the AS2 pile. Dwight also made mention that part of Irving Ridge Road has Geotech fabric as part of the subbase. The Board thanked Dwight for that information. Dwight went on to explain the process of PennDOT's involvement in the use of Liquid Fuels money for road projects. Don showed samples of the pavement that were only one inch thick and it was aged upon that substandard work was done by the paving company.

Brenda Marker, resident, who was on the agenda spoke next about the condition of the dirt portion of Irving Ridge Road. She advocated for that portion to be paved. Brenda then complained of the dust and the potential health hazards of breathing that particular dust. Conversation went back and forth about what could be done to calm the dust down.

The Board was informed that Trick or Treat is Wednesday 10/29 from 6-8 PM to coincide with Mount Union's Trick or Treat night.

There were no Water Department or grant updates.

Jeff Hoover gave the Recreation Advisory Board update. Jeff made mention of the Trunk or Treat event 2/25 and gave an update on the Home Town Heroes banners project. Jeff then spoke about the Christmas Event which will be held 12/6 and about the activities planned.

Ted then opened the floor for the second comment period that he explained was for comments other than what was on the agenda. Ted again reminded everyone that there was a 5 minute speaking time period and the comment period was only open to comments from residents and tax payers. Rose Walker, resident, commented from the podium that if the Township posted RTK requests on the website, why couldn't the responses be posted? Rose commented that the solicitor is never at any meetings. Rose then commented about the Township spending money on the AmericaPA250 membership and about the Supervisors all going to flagger training.

Some heated discussion then ensued between the supervisors and a number of the residents present. Ted called to have the meeting closed and made a motion to pay the bills. No second was given. Don then recognized Holly Peck Kenepp who commented on Irving Ridge Road and wanted to know what the procedure was to obtain the grant to have the road repaired and paved? Ted explained that the Penn DOT representative has already inspected the road and submitted an estimate for the grant application which is due November 30. Ted then went on to explain that the Township will try do what is necessary to get the road in better condition to make it through the winter. Holly expressed her concerns about school bus traffic and the inability to avoid the large bad places on the road when meeting a bus coming the opposite direction.

Walter Smith, resident, next commented from the podium on social media issues and whether or not the Township Solicitor attended the meetings to explain the on-lot sewage ordinance. Walter then expressed his views of the road conditions and in particular Little Kansas Road.

Tracy Holder commented next from the podium and asked how to get in touch with the SEO. She commented that her uncle had been trying and can't reach anyone. Ted gave her the SEO's cell phone number.

Chuck asked to speak and apologized to those present for using profanity earlier in the meeting.

Jeff Hoover, resident commented from the podium next and addressed the flagger issue and commented about the two meetings the solicitor was at the monthly meeting and gave his opinion about the sewage ordinance issue.

Katlyn Stringer commented from the podium next and said Gilliam Road was not plowed several times last winter. Don disagreed and said he plowed the dirt roads last year and did not miss Gilliam Road not once. Katlyn then made reference to the junk and junk vehicles at the end of Gilliam Road and how difficult they make navigating the road when the weather is bad.

Dwight Aurand, resident, commented from the podium about the correspondence being sent to the Township and not being responded to. Specifically, Dwight mentioned the letters being sent by Ken Smith. Chuck explained that Ken does not accept the decision of the Board concerning the On Lot Septic Ordinance and he keeps asking questions about things that are already settled. Discussion also ensued concerning the information being recorded on the sewage pumper slips. Dwight claimed the ordinance said certain things had to be on the pumper slips. Ted said those things were never on the pumper slips and were never enforced to be even when Dwight was Supervisor.

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 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore M. Reed Secretary