

January 5, 2026
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

On December 1, 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, and fifteen residents.

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. No comments were received at this time.

Chuck made the motion to approve the Clair B Unrah and Rhonda B Marker subdivision according to the Mifflin County Planning Commission comments; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to approve the 2026 Budget; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to pay the 2026 Township Insurance bill from PIRMA for \$15,967; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to pay the 2026 Amtrust's Workers Compensation bill for \$5,301; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to transfer \$40,000 from the State Liquid Fuels Account to the General Fund Account reimbursing the Township for 2025's employee's wages charged to the 438 Road Maintenance and the 432 Snow Removal accounts; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to pass Resolution 2025-14 creating the Office of Code Enforcement Officer; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to appoint Jeff Hoover as Code Enforcement Officer at \$20/hr. and travel expenses at the current Township rate; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The Board was presented letters from Ted and Don informing the Board that they were switching insurance coverage from the Township's Health and Dental plan for themselves and their spouses to Medicare Part B and a Geisinger Gold Advantage Plan. Ted and Don requested the Township to reimburse them for the insurance supplements consisting of Medicare Part B and the a Geisinger Gold Advantage Plan for themselves and their spouses. Chuck made the motion to reimburse Ted and Don and their spouses insurance supplement expenses; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to reimburse Chuck for his purchasing of live streaming equipment for the Township meetings for \$491.77; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to purchase the HTC 1200 twelve-inch conveyer spreader from PA Municipal for \$17,676.92; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to table getting bids for a new material shed to be built in the yard until more information is acquired; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to approve the Recreation Board purchasing the Halloween blowups that they used for Trunk or Treat; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don asked if he could address the Township residents about his medical issues that occurred because of unrestrained pets. Don gave the history of his present physical state and the events that led up to his problems. Don requested that the residents keep their animals in check no matter how friendly they seem to be because it only takes seconds for a life changing event to happen.

There were no Water department updates nor grant updates to report.

Jeff Hoove gave the Recreation Board update and invited everyone to the Christmas event on December 6 from 2 – 6 P.M.

Ted introduced the second comment period by reemphasizing that this comment period is for general comment, each speaker has five minutes and the speaker must be either a resident or tax payer of Wayne Township.

Dan Walker, resident, commented from the podium and made comment about the plow crew last winter running over his uncle's tile and gave advice about how that section of Sechrist Road should be plowed. Don and the Board agreed they would look into the problems and take care of them. Dan then questioned why can't the expenses be listed every month for what was spent on the credit card instead of having to do a Right to Know Request Form to get the information? Ted explained he didn't really know how to make things clearer on the expense reports. They are abbreviated and condensed on both the Quick Books reports and the credit card bills.

Dwight Aurand, resident, spoke from the podium next and asked why October's meeting minutes where the chaos happened was "sugar coated" and that he would like them to be amended? Ted explained the minutes are only a written summary of what happens in a meeting and not a word for word transcription of what was said or discussed and that he is not putting anything in the comment part of the minutes that was said by someone who did not come to the podium to speak. Ted also explained that the whole situation that happened at October's meeting was an embarrassment to the municipality and should not be preserved. Ted also explained that the minutes are given to each Supervisor in advance with plenty of time for any modifications to be made before the meeting and that no Supervisor made suggestions nor comments on the way November's minutes were written before the meeting nor during the meeting.

Lavonda Runk commented next from the podium and asked if the Supervisors advertised for the Code Enforcement Officer job before making the decision to hire Jeff Hoover? Ted explained that this has been an ongoing search to hire someone to fill this position and when Jeff volunteered, the Supervisor's decided to act. The question was asked about how many times will the Code Enforcement officer be expected to be used a year? Ted explained most complaints are for burning violations usually 4-5 a year but lately most calls coming into the office are about garbage. Ted mentioned the Township has no garbage ordinances. Ted explained the whole purpose of the Officer is not to drive around looking for violations but only to check out calls that come into the office. Ted said he didn't expect more than 10-15 calls per year but there may be more now that there is a Code Enforcement Officer.

Kathy Louer, resident, commented next from the podium and commented that she gets lost on the Treasures report based on what is reported compared to what is printed out. Ted explained the Treasures report is something new and has not been done for a very long time. Ted said he would try to correct the confusion. Ted also explained that not every transaction that the Township makes in every account can be listed or announced during the meeting or we would be here all night. Kathy also asked about the Supervisor's insurance and that she was confused about the \$60,000 number given earlier. She asked if that was the number the Township was paying or the amount being saved? It was explained that was the amount being saved. Kathy said that was a big deal. Discussion ensued about Dog leash laws and what can happen when animals are not restrained.

Chuck made the motion to pay the bills; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore M. Reed, Secretary