

May 4, 2026
ATKINSON MILLS, PA

On April 6, 2026, 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 Chuck Miles, Chairman, Don Gearhart, Vice Chairman, and Ted Reed, Supervisor. Seventeen residents and visitors were also present.

Chairman Chuck Miles called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Ted gave the treasures report.

Chuck 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, spoke from the podium and asked the Supervisors about the new Code Enforcement Officer position and if there were any Ordinances the Township wasn't going to enforce? Ted informed Ken there were lots of Ordinances that were not going to be enforced. Some Ordinances are over 80 years old, repeat each other as they were updated and some are obsolete as State Law has changed. The Supervisors informed the residents that they will be reviewing all Township Ordinances in the near future and deciding which ones are relevant and need enforcing.

Dwight Aurand, resident, spoke next from the podium and commented about the proposed maintenance of the short section of Fairview Road being turned over to Wayne Township by Oliver Township. Ted explained it all came about by a phone call he received from an engineering firm asking him to sign off on a fiber optics project. The conversation led to a call to Oliver and subsequently led to the discovery that that section of Fairview Road does belong to Wayne Township. Oliver is working with Bill Wright Land Surveying to find out where the lines really are at.

The Board discussed the fire hydrants in disrepair or not working in the Shaversville Circle and Camp Ground areas. After discussion, Don made the motion to let Mike Smith repair one of the hydrants to see what kind of costs are involved to repair the known broken hydrants; Chuck seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted informed the Board that Oliver Township sent the Township Supervisors a letter informing the Supervisors that Oliver Township is pursuing the returning the maintenance and upkeep of the section of Fairview Road from the tile at Ranck's to Route 522 South back to Wayne Township. Oliver claims after research that that section of road has always been in Wayne Township and it therefore should be maintained by Wayne Township and not Oliver Township.

Ted made the motion to send Chuck, Don and Hunter to Dirt and Gravel Training; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made to motion to repass Resolution 2026-7 after it was discovered that the starting date, February 2, 2026, on the resolution passed in March would have made the resolution post facto. Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to pass Resolution 2026-8 supporting the Township's supporting GTRP grant application; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Don made the motion to approve the commitment letter of providing a 15% match (\$37,000) of the \$250,000 GTRP grant request if received; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Ted made the motion to approve Bill Gomes working with Keller Engineers to revise and clarify the present version of the GTRP grant to make it more competitive; Don seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jason Snyder could not make the meeting to express his concerns about the Jayden Stoltzfus building.

Paul Leisher and a citizens group addressed the Board about the garbage problems in the Old Methodist Campground area and McDowell Street in particular. Paul stressed that the problem is only getting worse and is also becoming a vermin problem. The Board stated they just recently found an older garbage ordinance from 1986 that may handle most of the problems within the Township without having to pass anything new.

The Board discussed reinstating the monthly workshops to talk about such issues on a more informal basis with the residents. It was stated that no decisions could be made at a workshop but could be referred to the next Board Meeting to be voted on. Don made the motion to add reinstating the monthly workshops onto the agenda; Ted seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

Chuck made the motion to reinstate and advertise the monthly workshops on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 P.M. with the first meeting starting May 20, 2026; Don seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

It was discussed and Chuck made the motion to continue receiving applications for the Code Enforcement Officer job until April 13th. At that time, the Supervisors will review the applications, interview the candidates and hire for the position at the next meeting May 4, 2026.

Ted made it record that the Supervisors met in executive sessions March 10, 2026, from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. and March 31, 2026, from 7 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. to discuss personnel issues with employees.

For Old Business, Ted said there were no Water Department updates to give. Ted gave a grant update reaffirming what had been previously mentioned in the meeting and announcing the Township had been given a \$5000 grant by PIRMA to make the front door and entrance to the office ADA compliant.

Chuck gave the Recreation Board update in place of the absent Jeff Hoover, Recreation Board Chairman, and thanked the community and especially the sponsors, volunteers, patrons and donors for a very successful Easter Egg Hunt held on March 28. Chuck updated the Community on upcoming events such as the Community Yard Sale Saturday May 23, America 250 Celebration and Community Picnic June 27, and reminded the residents of the Flags for Heros Event.

Ted reminded the community that the Keep PA Beautiful cleanup is still going on thru May, 31, and that PennDOT will provide free supplies while they last.

Chuck introduced the final comment period and reminded the residents that general comments will be taken at this time and every speaker has 3 minutes in which to speak.

Ken Smith, resident, commented from the podium and volunteered his time and equipment to repair the dry hydrants in disrepair. Ken also volunteered to learn how to operate the live streaming equipment so he could assist whenever Jeff was not available.

Don made the motion to pay the bills; Ted 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 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Theodore M. Reed, Secretary